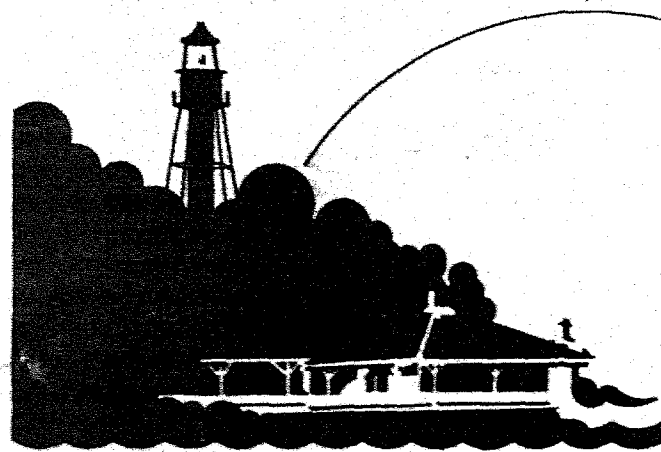


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Shimmering waters reflect the outline of the Lazy Bones, a Florida version of the riverboat -- an exciting, yet restful boyaage upon the waters of the Orange and Caloosahatchee Rivers. Story starts on page 16.



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hook-up ban to continue for at least a month

South Florida Water District grants existing use permit to IWA

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) voted unanimously last Thursday to give the Island Water Association (IWA) a five-year permit for daily water withdrawals of 1.6 million gallons.

The permit met with a somewhat negative reaction from IWA general manager Larry Snell who said that the 1.6 million gallons of water per day constituted the Islands' water use as of the date of the original permit application of May 24, 1976. Snell contends that 1.6 million gallons will not satisfy the current needs of Island Water users which he estimates have grown 20-25 per cent since that time.

The IWA imposed a ban on all new water hook-ups effective June 1, 1977 as a result of a decision by SFWMD restricting the IWA water withdrawals to those of previous years, pending the completion of further study. Last week's action would appear to indicate that the ban will remain in effect.

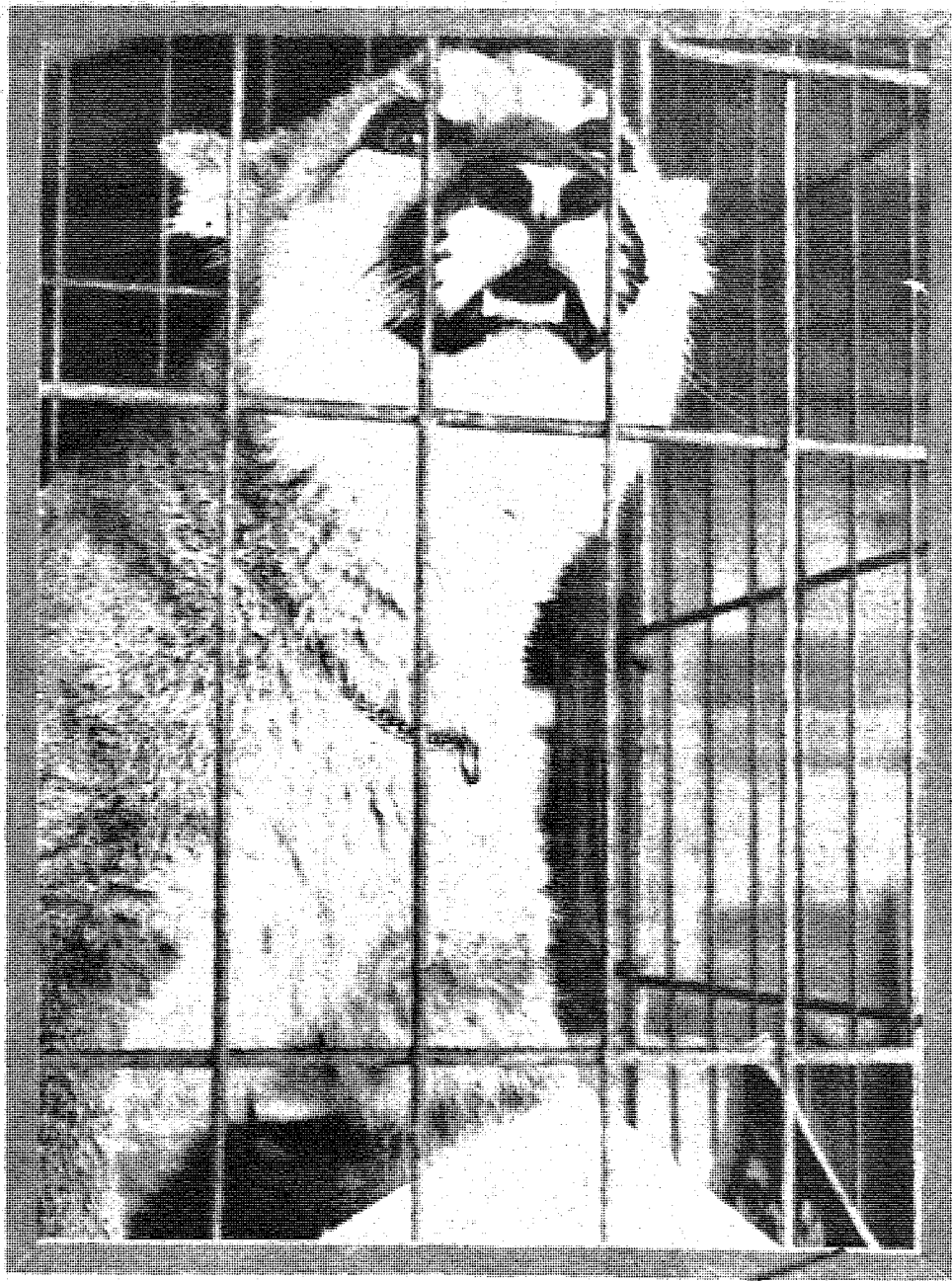
"We've said all along that we will lift the moratorium when we get permission for increased water withdrawals," Snell told a group of Island developers.

Other provisions in the motion included the necessity for the IWA to design a long-term plan for the Islands' water supply within 12 months and implement it within three years.

Snell asked for agenda time at SFWMD Board of Governors meeting to outline his long-term proposal which he plans to unveil at a special meeting of the IWA general membership slated for February 8. In making its decision, the Board adopted the recommendations of its executive director, John Maloy, who met with Lee County and City of Sanibel officials last week. Maloy's recommendations to the Board differed in some respects from those prepared by his own staff who had requested that the IWA only be permitted to withdraw water at a rate of 1.4 million gallons a day for three years and that they not be permitted to tap the Lower Hawthorne for their long-term supply.

"The IWA can't solve its problem if we hold a gun to their head," Maloy said. "The water problems on Sanibel will not be cleared up this afternoon. Until we get some further answers on the Lower Hawthorne Aquifer," Maloy continued, "major changes are premature."

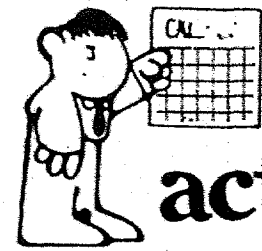
The IWA ran more pumping tests on the Lower Hawthorne last week and Snell told the ISLANDER yesterday that the preliminary reports look encouraging. "We are guardedly optimistic," said Snell, who added that he expects the first draft of the report this Thursday.



Rare animal breeder and wildlife conservationist Robert Baudy spoke at Conservation Center last Wednesday on the plight of the rapidly disappearing Florida panther. Those who attended the presentation were treated to a look at two young cats born at Baudy's Rare Feline Breeding Com-

pound near Bushnell, Florida.

This Western puma was one of Baudy's visual aids. Native to British Columbia, this four-month old specimen can weigh as much as 180 pounds by the time he is full grown, said Baudy.



activities

things to do

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

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ELLIE MY'S MUSEUM - By appointment. Call 472-2121.

NATIONAL HISTORY FIELD TRIPS - to Sanibel's wildlife habitats. For reservations, information, times and fees, call 472-2180.

SAILING (lessons and - or charter) - Southwind, 472-2531; Paul Taylor, 472-1551; Chic Kennedy, 472-4087; Mike Fuery, 'Tween Waters, 472-1784; Ft. Myers Yacht Charters, Roger Nodruff, 463-2320, Twin Palms Marina; Pap Nui, 332-1200; Off-Shore Sailing School, S.S.P., 472-1551, ext. 4141. Capt. Hugh Alexander, Island Boat Rentals, 472-2228.

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

WATER SKIING - Herb Purdy, 472-1849.

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

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how to get there

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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 West Wind Inn. 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.

fraternal groups

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP NO. 88 meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the school.

LIONS CLUB of Sanibel-Captiva meets at 6:30 p.m. the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at the American Legion. Sanibel-Captiva Road.

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - St. Michael's and All Angels Church, Periwinkle Way, Fridays, 8 p.m. For information call 332-1300.

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letters to the editor

a citizen's view of the road bond issue

To the editor:

If the bond issue is passed the roads with the least traffic will be built first and the roads with the greatest amount of traffic will receive no improvements at all.

U.S. 41, McGregor Blvd. and Palm Beach Blvd. have the greatest levels of traffic, yet these roads will receive no improvements at all.

Total repayment costs will be \$63,365,000 over a 30 year period at 6 percent interest rate.

Note regarding the Fact Sheet. A.D.T. (refers to average daily trips). These figures are from the official figures of the Lee County Department of Transportation for year 1976. The figures for McGregor Blvd. and Palm Beach Blvd. are for 1977.

After reviewing the fact sheet and the cost of the bond issue, plus the fact that there is no mention of the millage to be levied (taxes that we will pay each year), I urge you to vote against this bond issue.

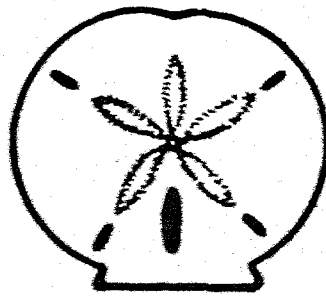
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McGregor Blvd.	College Pkwy.	Miners Plaza	15,032 at Cypress Lake	4 laning
			17,378 at College Pkwy. (1977)	
Palm Beach Blvd.	New York Orange River	Ortiz U.S.31	17,648	
			16,079 (1977)	

Yours sincerely,
 Paulette Burton
 Legislative Chairman
 Sanibel Island Taxpayers Association

Fact Sheet for \$30 million Road Bond Issue

Roads ON the Bond Issue

- 1) Six Mile Parkway 10,000 at Colonial Extension
- 2) Daniels Road. Six Mile Pkwy. U.S. 41 1,200
- 3) Cypress Lake Dr. 6,839
- 4) S.R. 869 Cypress Lake Gladiolus presently undeveloped (small segment)
- 5) Daniels Rd. Six Mile Pkwy. I-75 less than 1,200
- 6) Del Prado
- 7) Bayshore Road 13,899
- 8) Estero Blvd. 12,146
- 9) Six Mile Pkwy. (other half of No. 1 priority-funds probably insufficient to complete) 5,718
- 10- Gladiolus Dr.



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commentary

the right and privilege of voting

This time, a week from today, many Lee County residents — in fact, most Lee County residents — will, we hope, be voting either for or against the road bond issue. This is not a commentary designed to promote one side or the other. For those who are still undecided or those who wish more information on the issue, there are forums scheduled on this week in Fort Myers and Naples.

The purpose of this particular editorial is to remind you that next Tuesday is January 31 and that is the day to vote, if you can.

If you can.

We often take that particular right and privilege very much for granted, for few of us have known otherwise. But it is probably a rarer privilege than it ought to be in this year of our Lord,

1978.

Have you ever lived abroad? Did you serve overseas with the American Forces or diplomatic corps? Perhaps you felt, as I did once, that I was very close to a foreign country and yet I had no power, no say in the outcome of, not one, but several elections that were to have a decided bearing on my life, and those dear to me.

There was simply no chance of that happening and so, when you can't vote, you come to realize how very precious that right and privilege is. The Constitution guarantees the right; our actions give us the privilege. I sometimes think that one of the most frightening aspects of being incarcerated would be the loss of the right to vote.

There are some countries that regard it as a privilege accorded only to those who dwell there daily — including our neighbor to the north, Canada. There is no such thing as an absentee ballot in Canada, except for troops stationed outside the country. Not even the Canadian ambassador to the United States can vote while he is in Washington. Not without cheating. Canada tends to feel that once outside her borders, somehow a Canadian's citizenship is suspect, no matter how valid is the reason for the "exile".

And yet, Canada is certainly classified as a democracy.

The ability to vote is one that cannot be taken lightly. It is a right, but it is also a privilege because it can be revoked for "bad" behaviour.

We, of the fourth estate, are charged

with reporting all sides fairly. If a newspaper favors a candidate or cause, their position is stated on the editorial page, according to the rules. And most do play by the rules.

Voting is like flexing a seldom-used muscle. You may not need it very often; let it lapse entirely and it will be atrophy; but when you really need it, boy, is it good to know it is there; after all.

Democracy isn't perfect because humans aren't perfect. But given all in all, it has proven to be both the fairest, most workable and enduring system of government yet conceived. Its strength lies in the ability of us, all of us, to express our opinion and know that it will not be subverted.

Don't weaken us. Vote next Tuesday.

county commissioners disagree with water moratorium

In a registered letter sent by County Attorney James G. Yaeger to Island Water Association (IWA) President Jim Robson last week, Yaeger outlined several points where the Board of Lee County Commissioners apparently feel that the IWA has not complied with the rules of its exclusive franchise agreement with Lee County.

Yaeger lists four reasons for the county's interpretation for the failure on the part of the IWA to comply with the franchise agreement:

1. The Board did not give its approval to the June 1, 1977 water service moratorium.

2. The moratorium is not a reasonable rule and regulation in light of the exclusive right given to the IWA by the franchise agreement.

3. The IWA, in the opinion of the Board of County Commissioners, does not at this time have valid reasons for denying water service to its franchise area of Sanibel and Captiva Islands.

4. The IWA has not, according to Yaeger's letter, taken reasonable action to alleviate the need for a water service moratorium, including the taking of reasonable steps to seek other sources of water supply.

"Your action in refusing to grant connections and provide service within your franchise area amounts to failure on your part to comply in a substantial respect to the franchise agreement", the letter concludes.

The county has given the IWA 90 days to rectify the situation or to show cause to the Board of County Commissioners for failure to do so.

A group of Island builders still plan to file suit against the IWA for similar reasons. The suit has been delayed due to the illness of the group's attorney.

IWA general manager Larry Snell has indicated that he will present a plan for serving Island water needs to the general membership in a special meeting called for February 8.

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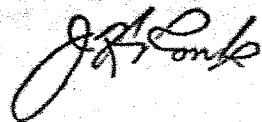
NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE ISLAND WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of the by-laws of the corporation, that a special meeting of the members of The Island Water Association, Inc. will be held at the Sanibel Community Association building, Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, Florida, on Wednesday, February 8, 1978, at 9:30 A.M. The only business to be taken up is as follows:

1. Approval of the Association's plans to augment and insure the water supply.
2. Approval of revised rate structure to replace the present rate structure which became effective on December 3, 1975.

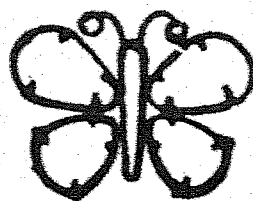
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legal update for sanibel

Three conservation organizations have petitioned the court to intervene in the Wulfert Point suit on behalf of the City of Sanibel: The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, the National Wildlife Federation and the Florida Wildlife Federation have all requested intervention as defendants.

The owners of the 415 acre tract were originally permitted zoning by Lee County of 3600 units. Although they reduced this request to 1600 units, the Sanibel comprehensive land use plan allows only 46 units in the environmentally fragile area. The owners claim that this downgrading of density constitutes a condemnation of the property without due compensation.

In the motion to intervene filed by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, the Foundation claims that the development density allowed under the plan does not deny the owners "reasonable utilization" of the land. The Foundation will be represented in this suit by former county attorney Jim Humphrey, now affiliated with the Fort Myers law firm of Goldberg, Rubenstein and Buckley.

In another suit pending before the City of Sanibel, known variously as the Nationwide suit, the Blind Pass suit or, officially, as the Brodeur suit, Florida's state attorney Robert Shevin has intervened as a result of a motion granted by the court. The suit involves

a claim for the land between the end of Bowman's Beach Road and the beach access footbridge.

A January 31 trial date has been set for this case. The City of Sanibel will be represented by city attorney Neal Bowen and Ross, Hardies, et al of Chicago who will act as co-counsel.

In other legal action, the City of Sanibel has filed for a summary judgement in the Porto-Grazier case. The plaintiff, Porto-Grazier, contends that their Lee County building permit gives them a vested right in their property; while the City maintains that the Lee County permit had expired and there were no grounds for vested rights. This case is slated to be heard on February 20, at 1:30 p.m., before Judge Wallace R. Pack.

In the case between Robert Horack and the City regarding the refusal of the city of allow development permits for those areas requiring Donax St. access, the city has filed a motion with the Court to dismiss the suit on the grounds that Horack lacks standing and has not exhausted his administrative remedies.

In a hearing before Judge Shands on January 5, the Judge declared that, while he thought the city's emergency ordinance prohibiting the issuance of development permits in that area was unsound, he also failed to see how Horack, who does not yet have full title to the land, was a valid plaintiff.

anti-solicitation ordinance introduced

Sanibel city councilmen heard a first reading last week of a proposed ordinance geared to regulating the activities of certain types of solicitors on the Island.

Among other provisions, the proposed legislation would require all persons wishing to solicit donations of funds on the Island to register in city hall and submit to an investigation of their background, while prohibiting door-to-door solicitation at private

residences on Sanibel without the owner's consent.

Unpaid members of civic and charitable organizations on the Island are to be exempt from the provisions of the ordinance upon registering with the city manager.

The ordinance calls for a small fee to be charged of those registering under the provisions of the ordinance to recover the city's administrative costs.

"too soon for daisies"

"Too Soon for Daisies" which opened Saturday at the Pirate Playhouse to a most enthusiastic audience has been scheduled for two February performances, Friday February 10th and Friday Feb. 24th. These are in addition to the January dates already listed.

The fine cast consists of Pamela Toomer, Duane White, Margaret Krueger, Allen Mainard, Terry Weinberg, William Krueger, John Sparkes and Ruth Hunter. Curtain at 8:15 - Box Office 472-2121



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7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Tuesday, January 31, 1978

WHERE? Community Association Building, Periwinkle Way, Sanibel.

WHO MAY VOTE? Any Registered Voter of Lee County, Florida.

WHAT IS THE ISSUE? To approve or deny issuance of \$30,000,000. in General Obligation Bonds at interest rates not to exceed maximum legal rate at the time of issuance. The purpose of raising money from these bonds is to finance road construction and / or improvement as follows:

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| (1) SIX MILE PARKWAY
Colonial to Daniels | (6) DEL PRADO (Cape Coral)
Cape Coral Pkwy. to Pine Island Road |
| (2) DANIELS ROAD
Six Mile Parkway to U.S. 41 | (7) BAYSHORE ROAD
U.S. 41 to I-75 — I-75 to S.R. 31 |
| (3) CYPRESS LAKE DRIVE
U.S. 41 to 'S.R. 869 | (8) ESTERO BOULEVARD
Center St. to Big Carlos Pass |
| (4) S.R. 869
Cypress Lake to Gladiolus | (9) SIX MILE PARKWAY
Daniels Road to U.S. 41 |
| (5) DANIELS ROAD
Six Mile Pkwy. to I-75 | (10) GLADIOLUS DRIVE
U.S. 41 at "Six Mile" Pkwy. to S.R. 869 |

WHATEVER YOUR WISHES — MAKE THEM KNOWN ! — VOTE TUESDAY, JANUARY 31 !!!

This Message Placed By
The Committee of The Islands

lee county spill concerns local environmentalists

Lee County environmentalists have expressed concern lately over the long-range impact of a recent chemical spill in the Orange River by Lee County Mosquito Control on more than the 150 rare and endangered manatees that inhabit the placid waters.

The oil and baytex mixture concentration in the River was apparently the result of a spill at the Buckingham complex. The spill was followed by heavy rains that evidently washed the pesticide into the drainage ditches and from there into the Orange River.

Samples scanned for baytex in the Orange River following the December accident were found to contain con-

centrations ranging from .38 g-1 to 25,583 g-1, according to Department of Environmental Regulation (DER) official Kevin Edwards.

County Environmental Education Director Bill Hammond said that a recent inspection of the Orange River area showed the presence of several fish kills apparently caused by the oil-pesticide spill.

"There is real concern that whatever it was that killed those fish could show up eventually as heavy concentrations in the liver and could threaten the endangered manatees", he said.

Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation director Dick Workman

concurred saying, "There are many, many unanswered questions about baytex. It wouldn't leave the manatees floating dead in the water. It might weaken them and make them vulnerable to something else."

"When there is such a high concentration of an endangered species, of course you have to be concerned," Workman continued. "It would be tragic if an accident wiped out one of the world's largest concentrations of this gentle mammal."

Baytex is used by Lee County Mosquito Control in their ongoing battle to control the Islands' adult mosquito population but in decreasing

frequency primarily due to cost.

"It is not usually used over water," commented Workman, "so we really don't know the long-range effects of the spill." After the spill, no one could tell DER about the exact toxicity of baytex.

We know, however, that it is toxic to aquatic plants; it says so on the label.

Hammond pointed out that since river bottom aquatic plants form the majority of the manatees' diet, the spill could have detrimental effects.

Mosquito control officials have thus far refuted claims that the chemical spill contained dangerous pesticides. State and Federal DER officials are still awaiting final reports on the spill.

where were you when the lights went out?

by kay pratt

Last Thursday a considerable section of center Sanibel, including City Hall, was blacked out for about 35 minutes at noontime. Fortunately, a Lee County Electric Co-Op crew from Fort Myers was working on the Island at the time, otherwise it might have taken many more hours to restore electricity to the

area involved.

This newspaper was among those afflicted. Along one hall in Baywind Plaza, Dr. Robert Lesage, D.D. was in the middle of an eye examination that he managed to finish outside the front door, but Dr. William Shorack, D.D.S., had to complete a complicated extraction by flashlight; Virginia Lee,

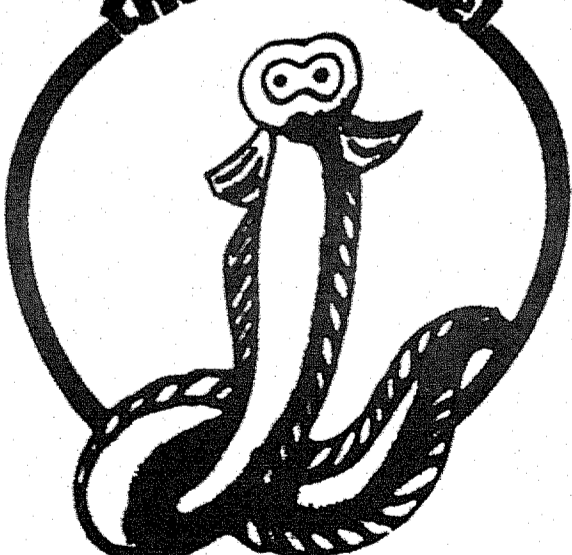
tax authority who works for the Irene J. Lowe Accountant firm was on a long distance phone call trying to read off vital data to an anxious customer; islander staff member, Rich Arthurs, was developing film. It is disconcerting to come out of a darkroom into another darkroom when you're anxious to see how the negatives turned out.

Similar occurrences happened in all the affected buildings. Sorry, Audubon Society, no one is particularly fond of that Osprey couple who continue to defy all discouragement and keep right on making their nests on top of a telephone pole near Rabbit Road causing the power outages.

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karate meeting scheduled

There will be an organizational meeting this Sunday, January 29, at 7 p.m. at the Signal Inn handball court for all those who are interested in learning karate. All ages are welcome. Lew Phillips, who will be conducting

the classes will explain the philosophy behind karate following Sunday night.

All those who are interested in learning karate are invited to attend.

Fort Myers ski club

The Fort Myers Ski Association is now forming for anyone in this area who is interested in snow skiing. An organizational meeting will be held on Sunday afternoon, January 29, 1978 at two o'clock at the First Federal Savings & Loan building on College Parkway. Ski movies will be shown and plans for future ski trips will be discussed.

The association is being formed to give skiers a chance to meet and qualify for group discounts on travel, lodging, lift tickets, ski packages, and

equipment. There are plans for programs from various ski resorts to be presented at future meetings.

There are already over fifteen ski clubs in Florida, from the Naples club, Snow Seekers, with 200 members, to the Miami club with over 2,000 members.

Anyone interested in skiing, regardless of age or experience, is urged to attend the meeting on January 29. For more information, please call Fort Myers Travel Agency, Inc. at 334-1276.

girl scouts

The key to camping fun for Girl Scouts is COOKIES. The annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale begins this Friday Jan. 27. Buy 'em, Eat 'em, Freeze 'em.

The Gulfcoast Girl Scout Council of which our three Sanibel troops are members, has four campsites, with the Lee County facility being at Camp Caloosa, a beautiful 80 acres for primitive camping northeast of Fort Myers. All campgrounds and major equipment are paid for from the sale of Girl Scout Cookies. Five varieties plus a Cheddarette cracker are available. Approximately one-half covers the cost of the cookies. The remaining half goes to the Gulfcoast Council with 15 cents of each box being individual troop profit.

The Sanibel Junior troop is planning three outdoor camping activities in March, April and May, in which each of the 19 girls participating will learn new skills to earn the five proficiency badges: Outdoor Cook, Health Aid, Backyard Fun, Observer, and Troop Camper. Sanibel adult Leaders spent the past weekend at Camp Caloosa being trained to teach girls these skills.

The Junior troop also is making plans to participate in the yearly Junior Event of the Gulfcoast Council. This year's event is "Circus Time" in Sarasota March 11.

The two Brownie troops have also been busy with their activities. They have spent time studying and practicing what to do in case of an emergency, including the use of the telephone, and the DO's and Don't's of a fire. Tuesday Brownies have been to Bowmans Beach learning more about their island and the weather, and leaving the area cleaner than they found it—a Girl Scout Rule. Other fun activities include making shell collages, Christmas tree ornaments form dough, and vegetable stamp prints. Plans are being made now for Brownies to spend a Day in the Out-of-Doors at Camp Caloosa to begin learning camping skills and safety.

Don't forget, the key to camping fun for Girl Scouts is COOKIES. Please welcome the girls when they knock at your door.

shell club

The purpose of the meeting held at the Community House on Jan. 18, 1978 was to show people what a good time they could have by joining the Shell

Workshops which are held every Monday and Friday at the Community House from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Those attending these workshops are asked to

bring their own scissors, pliers and a sandwich. Coffee is always served.

At that meeting a demonstration of Shell Craft was given by Ann Joffe who did mirrors, Kay Ford who did miniature shell flowers, and Art Ford making shell animals. Fay Muller demonstrated large shell flowers. Over 100 people attended the meeting.

President Ann Joffe was the only judge in the artistic division at the Fort Myers Shell Club Show held the weekend of January 14th. As announced by Bill Von Eiff, Sanibel can be very proud of the many awards won by Islanders at that Show.

Kay McRae won a 1st award, a 2nd, and the People's award. Joyce Johnson won 1st in the Judge's award. Joan

Adams won a 1st on her first try. Rolland McMurphy won a 1st and Charlene McMurphy won a 2nd.

Audrey Richie won a 1st, a 2nd, and two 3rd awards. Gladys Anderson won a 1st and the Judge's award. Ginger Von Eiff won a 2nd award, and Bill Von Eiff won two 2nd awards. The Black Pearl in the Commercial division won three 1st awards.

Anyone who would like to donate shells for the upcoming Shell Club Show on February 2 through February 5 for a Sanibel-Captiva booth may bring them to the Community House. Generous donors are again urged to have the shells CLEANED and DRIED, please.

st. michael's and all angels episcopal church

The annual meeting held by the Episcopal Church will take place at the Community House, Thursday, January 26 at 6 p.m. The usual delicious covered-dish supper will be in charge of Mrs. William Haggerup.

Three new members will be elected

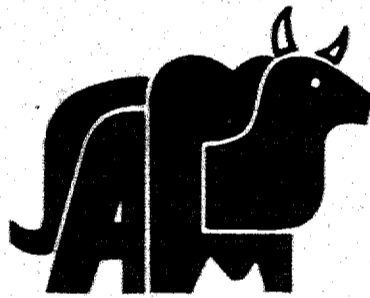
to the Vestry, reports will be read from the various committees, including a special report from the Building Committee who are investigating the possibility of building a new Parish Hall.

orchid society

The Sanibel-Captiva Orchid Society will sponsor a course entitled "How to Know and Grow Orchids". It will be taught by Tom Tucker, a well known orchid grower in Fort Myers. The classes will run for eight weeks and will begin January 25, 1978. They will be held at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Center on Wednesday

evenings at 7:30 p.m. and will cost \$15.00 for the course.

Members and non-members who are interested may get in touch with Dottie Wakefield at 472-1470 or George Christensen at 472-2086. Applications may also be made at the Conservation Center. Get them early because the class must be limited to 30 people.



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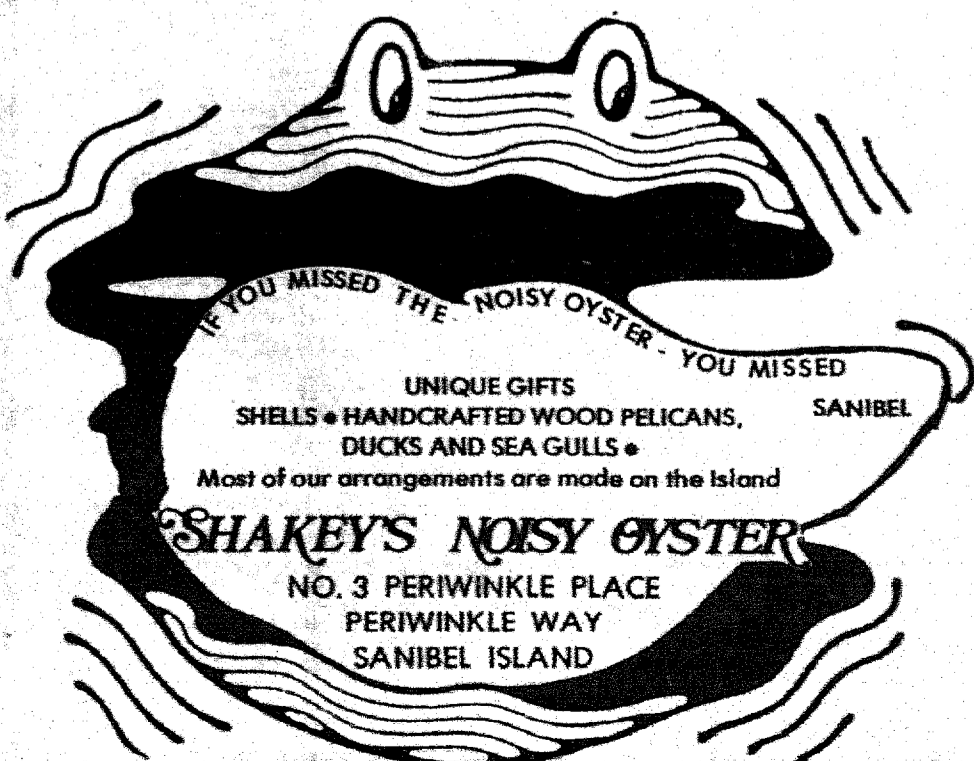
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sanibel-captiva audubon society

Dr. James N. Layne, Archbold Curator in the Department of Mammalogy of the American Museum of Natural History, will be the speaker at the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society. He will speak on "Ecology and Behavior of Audubon's Caracara." The meeting will be held at the Community House at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 26, 1978.

Dr. Layne is Executive Director of Archbold Biological Station at Lake Placid, Florida, which is one of the several Biological Stations affiliated with the American Museum of Natural History. Interesting paths in ecology and wildlife have resulted in Dr. Layne being elected a director of the Florida Audubon Society and Florida Defenders of the Environment.

He has done extensive work with mammals in South America, Puerto, and in various parts of the United States. He has done studies on the

fresh-water dolphins on the upper Amazon River area. The Caracara, about which he will speak, is often referred to as "The Mexican Eagle". It has a wing spread of four feet and is twenty-five inches in length. It is often seen setting on fence posts, along prairie range land. It is a vulture-like member of the falcon family. Dr. Layne's experience with this large bird should provide an exciting evening's entertainment.

Tickets for the bus trip to Corkscrew Swamp Audubon Sanctuary will be sold at the meeting. Transportation costs will not include the entrance fee to the Sanctuary.

Membership in the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society will be available from Virginia Loomis, Membership secretary, an embroidered shoulder patch, will be given to each new member.

society of symphony women

The Society of Symphony Women will again sponsor an Open House at the former Henry Ford Winter Home on McGregor Boulevard, during the week of the Pageant of Light festivities this year, from Saturday, February 11th, through Saturday, February 18th.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Biggar, the present owners and residents of the Home, have given the Symphony Women their gracious permission to

hold this Open House again where Henry and Clara Ford used to walk together on the attractive grounds sloping to the Caloosahatchie River.

The Annual Open House at the Ford Home is sponsored by the Society of Symphony Women for the benefit of the Fort Myers Symphony Orchestra and Chorus Association, and all profits from the project go to the Orchestra and Chorus.

episcopal church boasts new organ

Sanibel's first and only pipe organ is now playing every Sunday in St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church. It was fine-tuned last week by its makers, Klug and Schumacher, pipe organ craftsmen, of Lakeland. The new instrument, which has been more than a year in the making, was purchased and installed under the direction of Lawrence Brunke, organist and choirmaster, at a cost of approximately \$24,000.

The new St. Michael's organ is a baroque type with over 500 pipes in 4 1/2 ranks. A baroque organ is basically a German design with brighter and sharper tones than the romantic type instrument perfected during the last three centuries by English and American organ designers. The simplest organ is one with a single rank of 61 pipes corresponding to the 61 notes of the typical organ keyboard. However, the smallest instruments manufactured today have a minimum of three ranks and a massive Cathedral organ may have as many as 500 ranks. Each rank has its own wind chest and the organist can at will let wind into all pipes of a given note or can change the number of pipes by means of stops.

Pipe organs are hand made, and Klug and Schumacher, who hand-crafted the St. Michael's instrument, are third generation organ-builders in this country whose forebears learned organ-making in Germany and later emigrated to the U.S.

The new organ has two keyboards or manuals with a total of 13 stops for varying the tone. The stops are electro-pneumatically operated as contrasted to mechanical types whose stops are controlled by manually operated levers called trackers. A fine example of

tracker type organ is the one in St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Fort Myers which has 30 ranks of pipes. Some of the older tracker organs in Europe have been playing for more than 300 years.

Volume of an organ can be varied by means of shutters on a box containing one or more ranks of pipes. The shutters are opened or closed with a foot pedal. These are called "swell boxes" and there is one on the St. Michael's organ.

The 500 hand-crafted pipes are made of either wood or metal and are of two different types—flue or reed. The flue pipes operate on the same principle as a whistle, while the reed pipes contain a metal reed which vibrates in the same manner as the reed in an orchestral musical instrument.

Although the general principles of the organ were known to the early Egyptians, Greeks and Romans, the first important developments came during the Renaissance in Italy, Spain and Portugal. Great progress was made by the Germans between 1600 and 1800 when the massive baroque Cathedral instruments were developed with their great diapason chorus effects. During the same period the English perfected the softer and less resonant romantic type organ, the tones of which are called "schmaltzie" today because they are sentimental and showy.

Organ music was lacking in many American churches during the early days in this country because the Pilgrims refused to permit them in their Puritan religious edifices. The first church organs were brought to

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feeding the drop-ins

By JULIE GRAY
Breeze Food Editor

If you have lived in Florida more than a few weeks you've been a part of the following drama...

It's a Sunday afternoon after lunch, or a Monday afternoon and you've just come home from work and kicked your sandals off.

The phone rings. If you're lucky, the caller is as far north as Sarasota or over in Miami. If you're not the caller is in Cape Coral or Miner's Corner, calling from a local phone booth.

"Guess what folks? Sue, and I and all the kids thought we'd drop in on you for a few days to visit. It's been awful cold up north and we knew you wouldn't mind if we just came on down."

Sometimes it seems people Up North and Out West think Floridians live the life of perpetual vacation. We never work, have unlimited means, and always have a fully stocked freezer and pantry ready to entertain a party of 16 on a moment's notice.

Almost total strangers suddenly call up with a hearty "let's get together and talk over old times, buddy."

Translated into common language this usually means "Can we pull our rig into your driveway and live there for a few days while we tour the area?" Or "you wouldn't find us in the way at all if we just threw our sleeping bags on your living room floor for a few days."

Even if you are of faint heart or newly arrived here yourself, you have to at least invite them for dinner.

That's when panic sets in, as you discover there are no stores open, there is nothing at all to eat in the refrigerator, the pantry is bare of everything—even peanut butter—and your freezer is stuffed with frozen food.

Before the age of microwave, when I was not as properly prepared as you will be after reading this article, I once took a frozen chicken out to the driveway and hurled it to the ground to crack it open. (Cracked

chickens cook quicker than solidly frozen whole bird).

Included here are items to keep in stock at all times and religiously replenish. They will keep whatever reputation you may have as a flawless host or hostess, while preserving your sanity and sense of humor.

Anyone who drops in this way also deserves the honor of taking you out to dinner, which is an option too.

LISTS OF MUST HAVES FOR YOUR PANTRY

1 pizza cutter
1 frozen pizza
peanut butter
bacon or bacon bits
bread of some variety or crackers
spaghetti
tomato sauce
butter or margarine
box of frozen broccoli or spinach
grated cheese
sour cream or yogurt
flour
frozen pound cake
rum
sugar
hamburger

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1 frozen pizza
Bake pizza as per package directions; remove from oven and let cool slightly. Cut into one inch squares with a pizza cutter or knife and serve.

Everyone will think you are just the slyest person and chances are soon everyone up north will be treated to this Florida trick.

BACON-PEANUT BUTTER CRUMBLES

some bread (fresh, stale, rolls etc.)

peanut butter (enough to spread)
crumbled bacon or imitation bacon bits

Spread bread with peanut butter and sprinkle top with crumbled bacon bits. Pop under broiler for a few seconds til peanut butter starts to bubble. Cut into small squares with your trusty pizza cutter.

I have even made this one on crackers and had it devoured.

BAKED SPAGHETTI

1 box spaghetti
2 small cans tomato sauce or prepared spaghetti sauce
 $\frac{1}{2}$ pound margarine or butter.

Boil spaghetti, drain and toss with butter and tomato sauce. Place in buttered casserole and cook uncovered about 45 minutes or until crusty on top.

In my family we don't wait for northern friends. This is an all time favorite.

FAVORITE VEGETABLE

1 package either cut up broccoli or spinach
 $\frac{1}{4}$ pound margarine or butter

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup sour cream or yogurt

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup grated cheese

flour to thicken slightly.

Cook broccoli or spinach according to package directions. Add margarine, sour cream or yogurt, cheese and flour. Cook until slightly thickened.

Add seasonings to taste...if you want your guests to leave quickly add lots of pepper. Smile demurely when they rave about how delicious your "au gratin vegetable" is.

INSTANT BABA AU RHUM

1 frozen pound cake

1 cup sugar

1 tsp. rum extract or $\frac{1}{2}$ cup rum (real rum is better!)

1 cup water.

Bring water and sugar mixture to boil. Simmer for about 10 minutes, turn off heat and add rum. Immediately pour over pound cake. Let sit for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour. Cut into slices and watch your guests get that mellow look on their faces.

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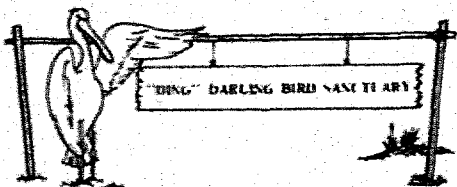


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- 1 T. sugar
- 1 t. salt
- 1 t. celery seed
- 4 pounds pork loin back ribs

In bowl, combine all ingredients except ribs. Cook, uncovered, at medium for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Set aside.

Cut ribs in serving size pieces, arrange in rectangular casserole dish. Cover with waxed paper. Cook at medium high for 10 minutes. Rearrange; cook, covered with waxed paper, at medium high for 10 minutes more.

Pour barbecue sauce over ribs. Cook on grill over hot coals for 10-15 minutes, basting often, until ribs are browned and barbecue sauce has cooked on. Serves 4-6.

PERFECT SIRLOIN STEAK

- 1/2 cup clear French salad dressing
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 2 T. sliced green onion
- 1 T. Worcestershire sauce, dash pepper
- 2 1/2-3 1/2 lb. beef sirloin steak

Combine all ingredients; pour over steak. Marinate, covered, several hours or overnight, turning at least once. Drain, reserving marinade. Broil on grill over hot coals, turning once or till well-browned, brushing with marinade occasionally. Place steak in shallow baking dish; cook covered, in microwave oven at medium high for 5-8 minutes, rare; 8-10 minutes, medium. Brush again with marinade before serving 6-8 servings.

Next time you're cooking hamburgers on the grill, try barbecuing an extra pound. Freeze the extra burgers until some chilly rainy day, then defrost and reheat them in the microwave for an indoor picnic. Four 4-oz. ground beef patties take only 6-7 minutes to defrost at the medium low setting. Short notice barbecues are easy to arrange, when you have a microwave oven for defrosting: a 2-lb. beef sirloin steak defrosts in 12-15 minutes at the medium low setting, with 5 minutes standing time afterwards.



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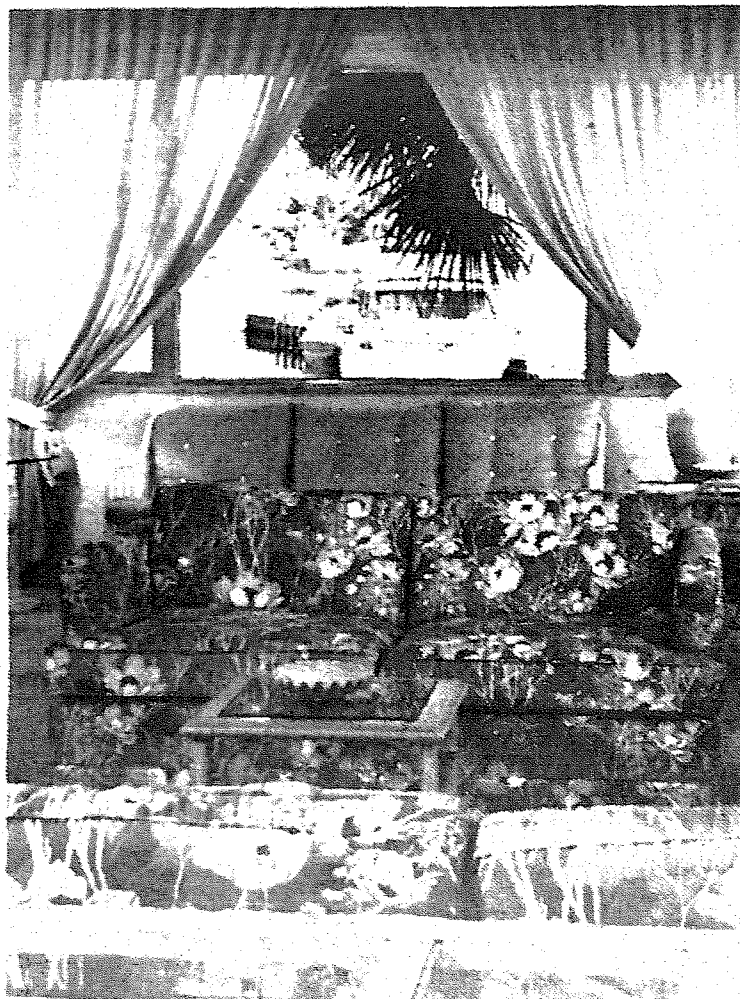
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united way kicks off

Bolstered by Island businessmen, the 1978 United Way drive on Sanibel Island was kicked off at a cocktail party meeting held at the Bank of the Islands Tuesday evening, January 17.

The campaign lasted one week and concluded today, Tuesday, January 24, when a good portion of the \$14,000 Sanibel goal, hopefully, will be reached.

The drive, part of the Lee County United Way campaign, will be divided into two sectors. The residential drive will begin this Saturday, January 28 with a breakfast meeting scheduled for 10:00 a.m. at the Ramada Inn.

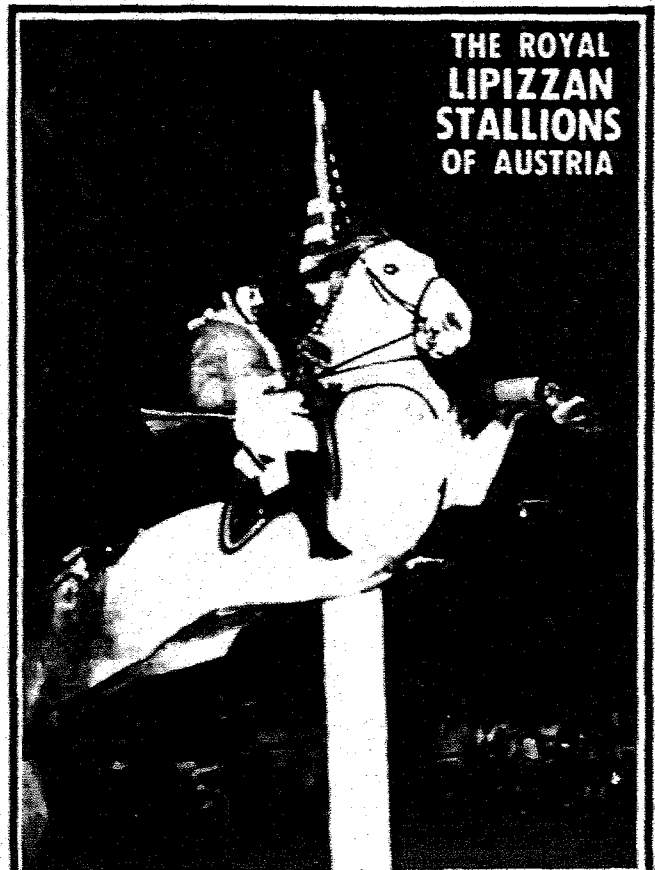
David Sherman, executive director of Lee County United Way spoke at the Tuesday evening meeting and explained United Way activities in Lee County to prospective solicitors. "Lee County United Way is unique in retaining a low overhead in all of its 13 social service organizations of only 13 per cent." Sherman also stated that all monies donated to Lee County United Way remain in the County to benefit the local organizations.

The 13 social service organizations who benefit from the Sanibel Island drive include Salvation Army, St.

Vincent dePaul Society, Voluntary Action Center, the Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Legal Aid Society, Y.M.C.A., L.A.R.C., (Lee County Association for Retarded Citizens), Big Brothers-Big Sisters, the Community Coordinating Council, and the Childrens' Home Society. Keith Trowbridge is chairman of the United Way Sanibel drive. He is being assisted by Jim Dvorin as vice-chairman, and business co-chairman, Amy Lampert., Wilbur Shannon is chairman of the Residential sector, and Anne Marsh is assisting Trowbridge in coordinating the campaign. United Way Headquarters for both the residential and business solicitor returns is Interval (formerly Aladdin) Travel Agency in the heart of the islands shopping center at 1618 Periwinkle Way.

Trowbridge urged island business people to support the solicitors when they make their calls this week and urged volunteer residential solicitors to attend the breakfast a week from Saturday. "Let's give meaning to the Lee County United Way slogan, "Isn't it important to know that someone needs you?" he said.

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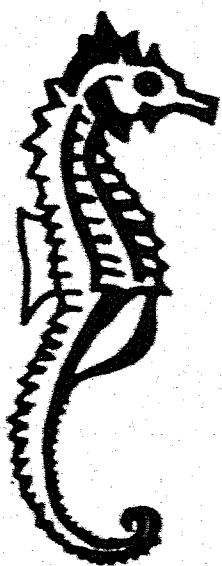
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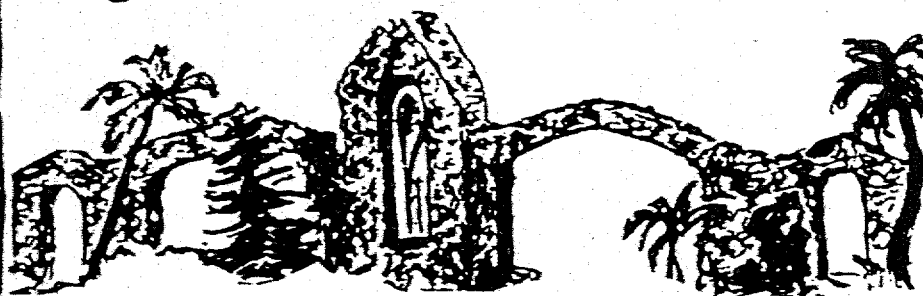
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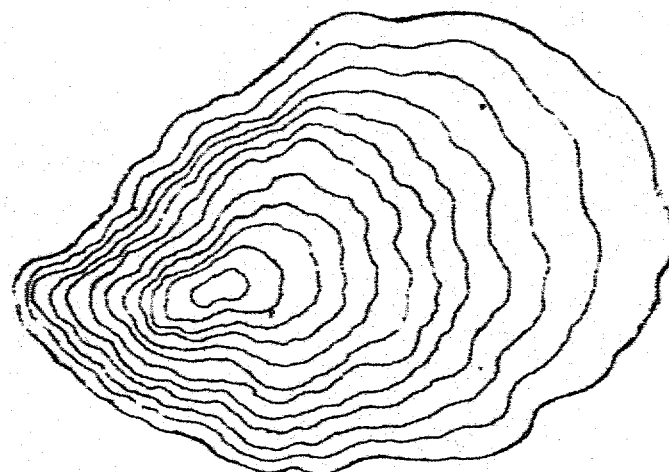
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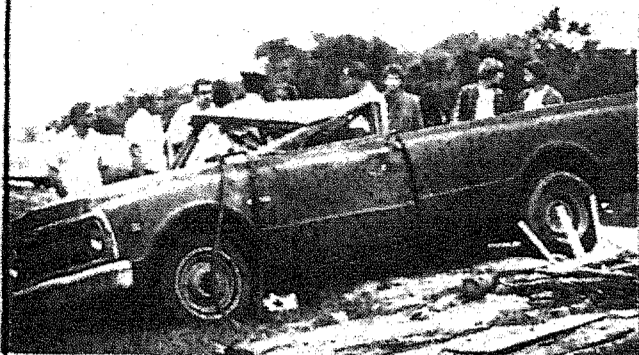
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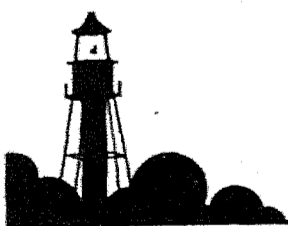
truck overturns on sanibel-captiva road



A 1970 Chevrolet pick-up truck travelling west on Sanibel-Captiva Road went off the road just past Jamaica Drive Tuesday, January 17. According to the accident report the truck went 150 feet on the berm before re-entering roadway where it turned over twice, coming to rest finally on the opposite side of the Islands' main thoroughfare.

When police arrived at the scene about 5:15 p.m. there was no sign of the occupants of the vehicle. A search of the dense underbrush along the roadway was undertaken by the jet chopper air ambulance and officer Ray Rhodes with Conrad, the Sanibel Police Department's K-9, to no avail.

Charges were filed later in the week against Martin Jude Foye for careless driving. Neither he, nor his passenger, Jarry Brown, sustained substantial injuries in the mishap.



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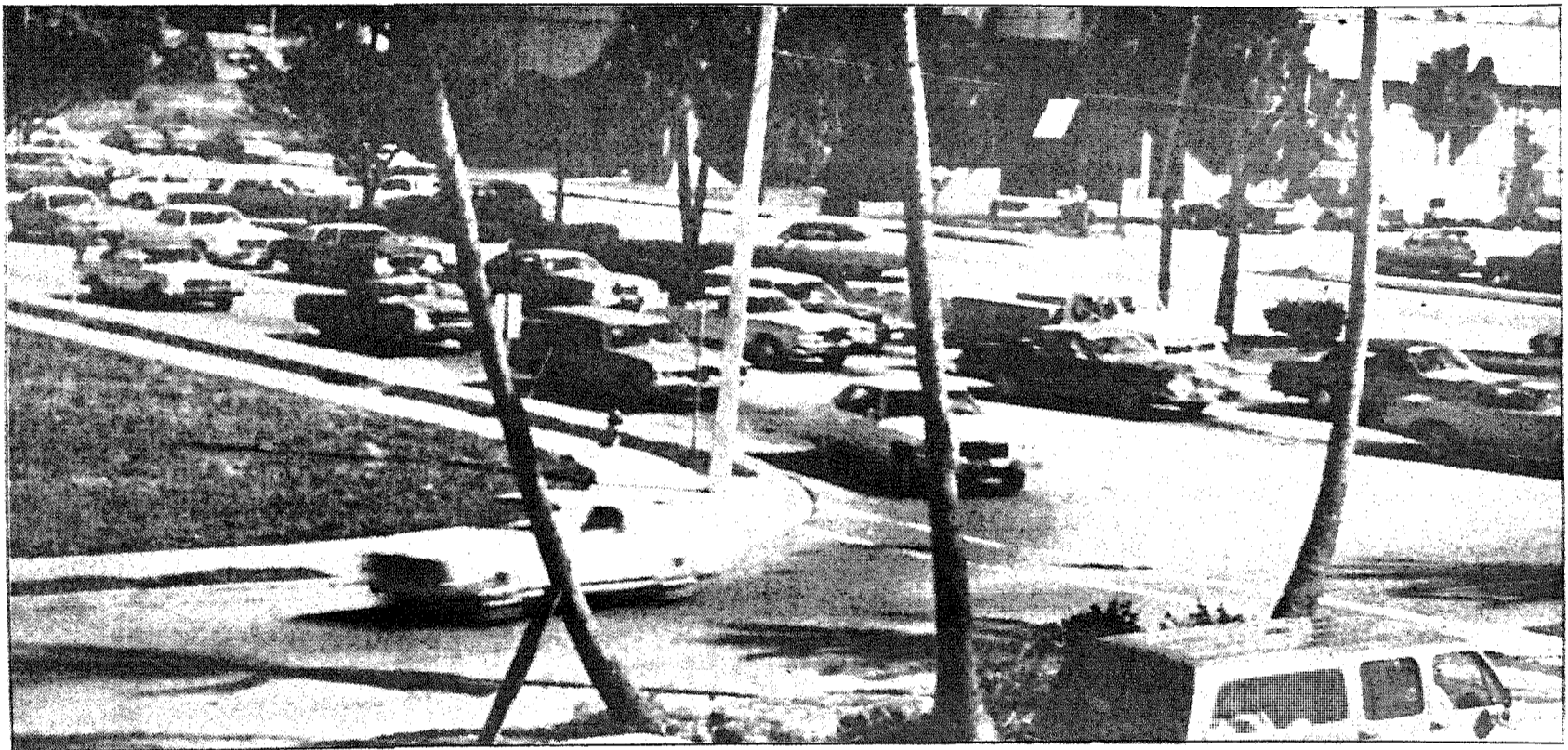
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a voyage through Florida's interior

The sun is already well up in the sky by the time the Lazy Bones pulls away from its home dock on the Orange River east of Fort Myers, taking the bite out of the morning air and highlighting the dense tropical vegetation which lines the river's banks.

A small group of passengers gathers on the upper deck of the Lazy Bones, scanning the beautiful vistas which surround them in evident excitement. Wading birds are abundant along the banks of the Orange River, and the Lazy Bones' passengers have come to learn about the remote expanses of inland Florida which so few visitors have seen.

"That's a Louisiana heron," points out the Lazy Bones' skipper, Milton Kniebes, anticipating the interest of his human cargo. The skipper doubles as a jovial tour-guide and host for the five-day cruise to Lake Okeechobee and back.

A few hundred yards downstream, Milt's wife Elsie, hostess for the cruise, spies undulations in the water created by a lazy manatee lolling just beneath the river's surface. Manatees commonly come up the river during the winter months to escape the colder waters of the open Gulf, she explains.

Owned by Captain Stan Maurer who skippered the boat himself until recently, the Lazy Bones is a craft as unique as the five-day voyage which it makes every week between mid-December and early May.

Captain Stan and Sally Maurer, originally from Erie, Pennsylvania, bought the Lazy Bones from former owners Jim and Dorothy Nisbet in the early 1960's. The Nisbets were responsible for transforming the old Tampa Bay oil barge, built in the

1940's, into a sort of Mississippi shanty boat capable of accommodating up to sixteen passengers as well as crew for the weekly run to Lake Okeechobee. The custom dates back to 1933, when the old sternwheelers began plying the waters of the Caloosa hatchee between Fort Myers and Lake Okeechobee.

Few who have sailed aboard the Lazy Bones fail to note the remarkable features of the vessel, which measures 50 feet from bow to stern and 20 feet across the beam.

Within this small space, however, passengers are delighted to find almost all of the comforts of home provided for them. The lower deck of the boat contains eight cozy cabins with double bunks for the maximum capacity of sixteen passengers, as well as two heads (toilets, for landlubbers), a galley and mess hall capable of seating all passengers aboard the lazy Bones at one time. The starboard head even boasts a shower which can be served by cold water when the Lazy Bones pulls ashore to dock for the night.

Few travellers who sign on for the cruise expect the culinary delights produced by the Lazy Bones' cook, Mary Guthrie, in the vessel's tiny galley, which is equipped with an ancient Sears stove modified to burn kerosene. Assisted by her husband Ralph, who doubles as first mate, Mary serves the passengers three squares a day, with the typical dinner menus for the cruise including everything from seafood to roast beef to turkey, not to mention homemade pecan and key lime pie. The coffee pot is always on in the galley, while fresh grapefruit and oranges are available in two large crates on deck.

The boat's upper deck is comprised of two cabins for the four-man crew

and a spacious, partially canopied observation deck equipped with lounge chairs for sunbathing and relaxation, and affording a magnificent view of the passing scenery.

And the scenery passes very slowly aboard the Lazy Bones. Powered by a 45 hp engine from an old Army Jeep, the Lazy Bones crawls along at an average speed of about 5 mph, a pace popularly known among its passengers as the "Caloosahatchee crawl."

Despite its 38-ton weight, the unusual shanty boat draws only 18 inches of water aft, making navigation of the river's shoals a routine business.

Weekly cruises aboard the Lazy Bones feature the most varied look at Florida's interior imaginable, as well as the only overnight charter cruise offered in the Fort Myers area, according to Captain Maurer.

The boat embarks from Captain Stan's dock on the Orange River a few miles east of Tice promptly at 9:30 every Monday morning between December and April. After following the meandering thread of the scenic Orange River for six miles, the Lazy Bones emerges upon the Caloosahatchee and Milton Kniebes turns toward the east for the 58-mile cruise to Lake Okeechobee, the second largest natural lake in the continental United States.

A few miles upriver at Olga, the Lazy Bones passes through the first of three locks it must negotiate to reach Lake Okeechobee, the surface of which is 16 feet higher than the lower Caloosahatchee.

The remainder of the first day out from port is spent in crawling along the Caloosahatchee toward LaBelle, where the Lazy Bones is docked for the night.

Birders and wildlife enthusiasts are



Smiling skipper Milton Kniebes guides the boat carefully up the river. Navigating the river's shoals is no problem, as the 38-ton shanty boat draws only 18 inches of water aft.

common passengers aboard the Lazy Bones, as the river's banks abound with birdlife and occasionally a sleepy alligator basking along the shore. Bird species frequently sighted during the cruise include the great blue heron, the

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the caloosahatchee crawl

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American egret, giant wood ibis, great white heron, limpkin, anhinga, cattle egret and Louisiana heron, among others.

The second day of the journey is perhaps the most interesting. After a leisurely breakfast in the galley, passengers embark for a day-long swamp buggy ride in a converted ten-wheel Army truck owned by Captain Maurer.

After a visit to Tom Gaskins' Cypress Knee Museum near Palmdale, the travellers enjoy a picnic lunch of swamp cabbage and other "cracker" delicacies at Fisheating Creek. The swamp buggy ride ends that night at Moore Haven, where the weary travellers rendezvous with the Lazy Bones.

On the morning of the third day, the Lazy Bones finally arrives at Lake Okeechobee for a cruise along the Rim Canal which circles the edge of the lake. Later that day, the group is treated to an airboat ride on Lake Hicpochee for a closer look at the seldom-seen Florida wilderness.

The fourth day of the cruise finds the Lazy Bones and her crew wending their way back down the river toward home. The highlight of this segment of the trip is the traditional captain's supper prepared by Skipper Kniebes, followed by a group songfest led by the skipper for the passengers' last night aboard.

The Lazy Bones arrives at her home port on the Orange River by noon of the fifth day, leaving her passengers thoroughly relaxed as well as initiated into a mysteriously beautiful side of Florida only rarely glimpsed from the

highways.

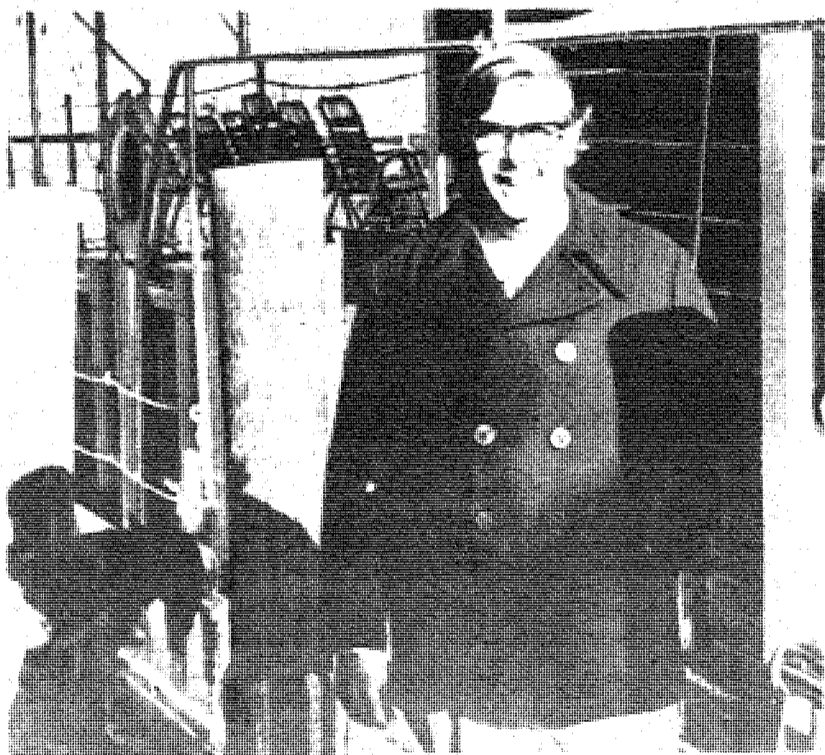
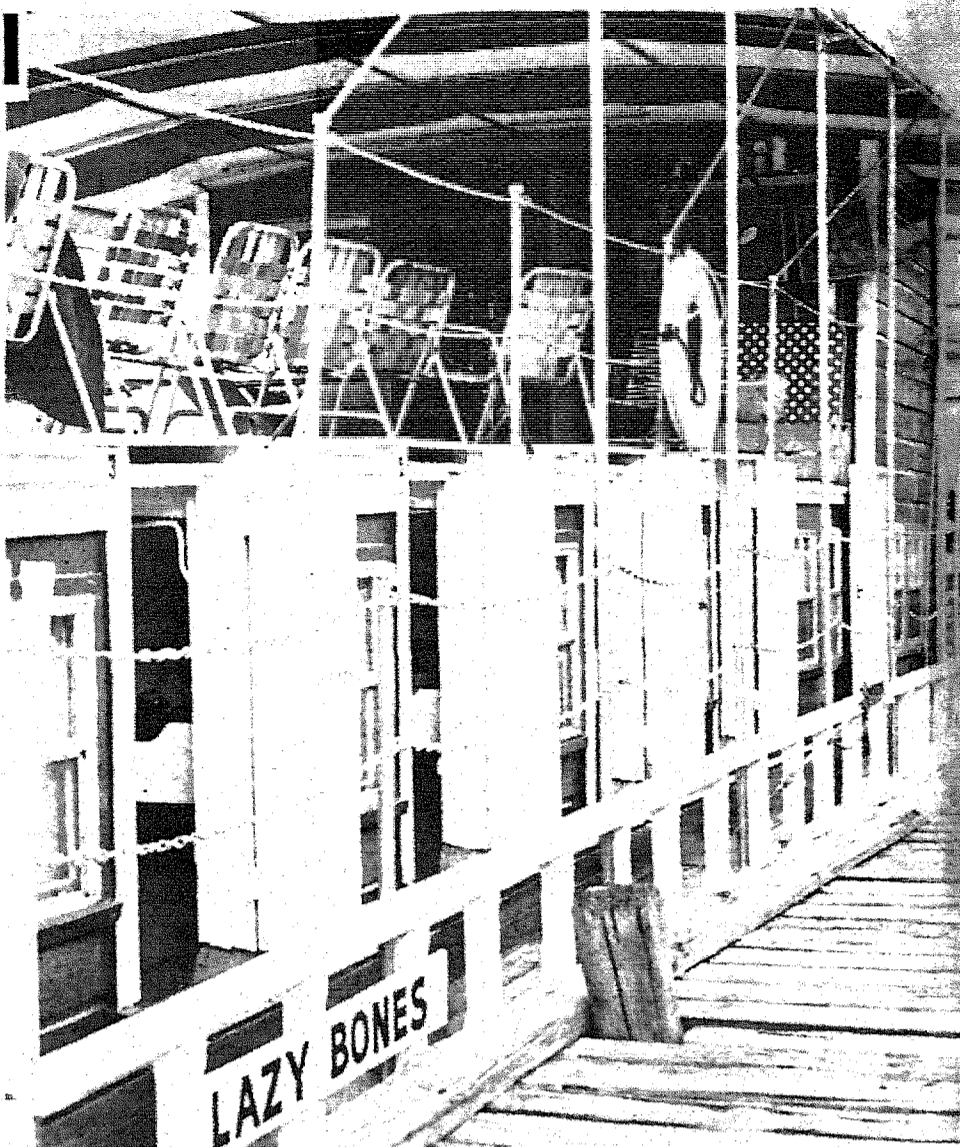
For most, the rustic shanty boat has by this time become a lifelong friend, as have many of one's fellow passengers. Perhaps the most delightful part of the excursion is the spirit of camaraderie which reigns aboard the Lazy Bones—a feeling which is nurtured and highly prized by the ship's affable and competent crew.

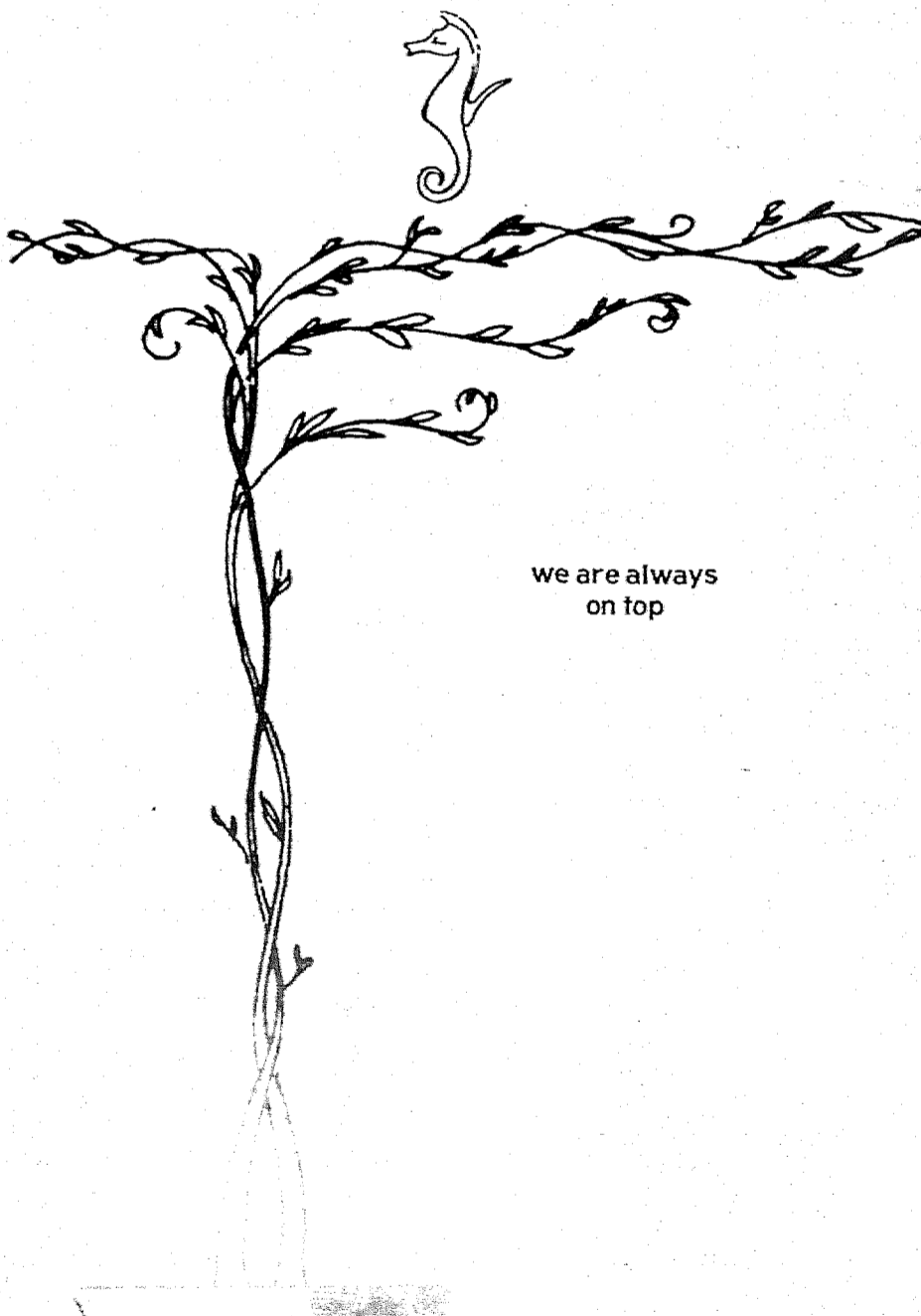
The total cost of the cruise, including all meals and side-trips, is \$217 per person. Inquiries should be addressed to: Shanty Boat Cruises, Route 14, Box 434, Fort Myers, Florida 33905. Telephone reservations can be made by calling Captain Stan Maurer at 694-3401.

Surprisingly, few Lee County residents have heard about the Lazy Bones and its remarkable five-day cruised during the winter season. Most of the boat's passengers are northern visitors who come specifically for the trip, Captain Stan explained. Hitherto virtually ignored by the local press, the Lazy Bones has been the subject of major feature articles in publications from the Chicago Tribune to the New York Daily News and throughout the northeast.

This year, on the anniversary of the Lazy Bones' twenty-fifth year of operation between Fort Myers and Lake Okeechobee, Captain Maurer has decided to reveal his secret to his neighbors in the Lee County area.

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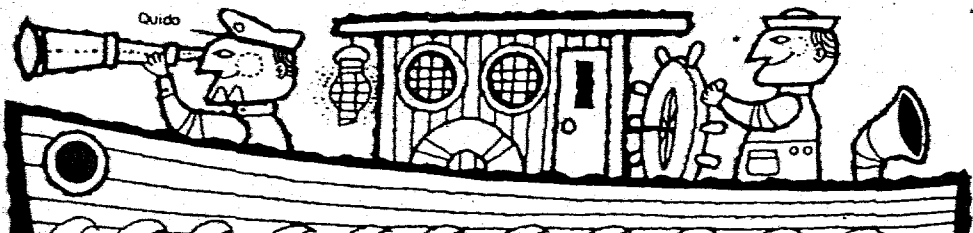
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Th	26	*12:28 AM	**8:19 AM	2:15 PM	7:45 PM
F	27	1:10 AM	**8:48 AM	2:41 PM	8:37 PM
Sa	28	1:52 AM	*9:16 AM	3:10 PM	9:38 PM
Su	29	2:48 AM	9:48 AM	3:45 PM	10:46 PM
M	30	3:51 AM	10:20 AM	4:24 PM	H

Tides courtesy of THE REAL EEL - Herb (Skip) Purdy

Conversion table: The above tides are for the lighthouse point of Sanibel only. To convert for Redfish Pass (north tip of Captiva), add 55 minutes to the time shown for every hi tide, subtract two (2) minutes for every low tide. (NO, we don't know know why, but it works. Instructions following are even less sense-sical but as we stated, they do work.)
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Islanders had a few warm days last week between fronts when the normal Island pursuits of sailing, fishing golf and tennis were attacked vigorously. We hope the fronts will all stay north of us for the rest of the winter and leave us to enjoy these pastimes. Now for storytelling time.

The following is a story of Lake Michigan. Whether or not there is a lesson or a moral to the tale, I don't know, but maybe there is.

Those who are not familiar with the Great Lakes often do not comprehend their size. They are truly inland seas. The whole State of Hawaii in its conformation could fit into Lake Michigan, and still be surrounded by water. The big Island of Hawaii with its 14,000 foot Mauna Kea and Mauna Loa would be in the Chicago end of the lake while the garden island of Kauai would be nestled among the bays and reaches of the north end of the lake. Thousand-foot ore boats ply the lake from the iron mines of northern Minnesota to the steel mills of Chicago and Cleveland. Lake Michigan is over 300 miles long and 100 miles at its widest point. Its deepest sounding is over 900 feet. It truly is an inland sea!

It also was a dead sea!

Fishing was one of my earliest pastimes. It did not require anything but a pole and some bait. Fellow fishermen were welcome, but not essential. The excitement of catching a fish is lifelong, and when you are young, even more exciting.

I used to fish the inland lakes and streams by myself and if I could persuade an older person to go along, I could go out on the pier and fish in Lake Michigan. Perch, bass and an occasional sheephead were the Lake

Michigan fish while Muskies, Northern Pike, Walleyed Pike, the best eating and pan fish were in the connecting lakes to Lake Michigan.

As I grew older, I was allowed to go out with the commercial fishermen on their "fish tugs". This was a super thing to do as I could see fish caught that I had never seen before. Lake trout, white fish, chubs, which were later smoked and very delicious, and, while I never say one, they would catch an occasional sturgeon. On the inland lakes, all kinds of underwater plants grew in abundance, in fact, even to the point where they were an annoyance to fishermen. Lake Michigan had some underwater plants, but nothing below the thermocline at about 30 feet. But plenty of fish, nevertheless.

During my later school years, I became interested in sailing and neglected the fishing. The reports were that the inland lakes were "fished out", and I suppose that subconsciously I decided that fishing was not worth the trouble. It never occurred to me that maybe something else was causing the fish to depart or not spawn in the areas where I had fished not too many years before. As the years passed, even the commercial fishermen were quitting, and those who remained were netting perch and chubs. The lake trout and white fish were rapidly disappearing. Again, the story as we were told was that the lake was fished out. The lampreys were the final scapegoats. These eel-like fish came in through the waterways from the ocean and quickly adopted themselves to the fresh water. Their method of nourishment was to attach themselves to the nearest fish and slowly drain sustenance from its host until the fish eventually died.

The lake trout and the white fish were affected most by the lampreys. Eventually, to all intents and purposes there were no more fish in Lake Michigan! Small perch could be caught close in to shore, but even these were not worth the effort.

Then many unrelated things happened almost simultaneously. The St. Lawrence Seaway opened up, and at the same time ecologists were starting their campaign against pollution of the Great Lakes. Up until this time, these beautiful fresh water oceans were thought to be so immense that it was impossible to contaminate them. Cities, with the exception of Chicago, thought nothing of dumping all of their sewage into the "Big Lake". Most of it had only primary treatment, which meant that some of the solids had been removed, but nothing else. Industrial concerns emptied their waste products into the lake, and even had barges to take the worst out far into the lake so that it wouldn't contaminate the drinking water intakes. Yes, almost all of the cities on the lake got their drinking water from the same lake into which they dumped their sewage.

As people became more aware of the troubles caused by this pollution and particularly when it affected their own tap water, the pollution of the lakes was reversed. It will take a long time from now for the lakes to be as clean as we would like them, but it is started and the Great Lakes are again able to sustain life.

Simultaneously a new fish to the Great Lakes came through the St. Lawrence Seaway. This fish was the alewife. It is a herring-like fish and is very prolific. It found the fresh water of the Great Lakes much to its liking

and found the food it needed. The only thing missing from their normal life in the ocean was the fact that in the Great Lakes they had no natural enemies. So they would grow to an adult size of about ten to twelve inches and die of old age. This soon became untenable.

The shores and beaches of Lake Michigan became lined with dead alewives. Swimming was impossible and the stench was unbelievable. Even the seagulls were surfeited. Trucks were driven to the beaches and loaded with the offending dead fish. There was nothing they could do with them except bury them. It was an impossible situation.

Then someone had an idea.

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Consulting with government sources indicated that the salmon could probably live in the fresh water environment. Small salmon were brought in from the Pacific Northwest and placed in the waters of the Pere Marquette River in Northern Michigan. The Coho Salmon was the first to be brought in, and they were followed by the Chinook and the King Salmon. The experiment was a success. The salmon thrived and apparently thought that the alewives were the most delicious of all fish foods.

Today, Lake Michigan is alive with salmon, white fish and Lake trout. Yes, even the traditional fish are back in abundance. The ability of the fish to thrive in waters that are not as polluted as they once were is an indication of a forgiving nature.

The registration of boats in the Chicago area up to the Wisconsin border is over 45,000. It is not unusual

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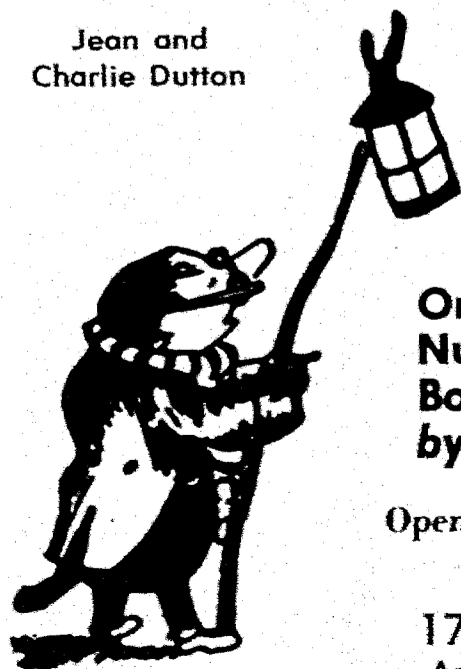
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The past week was filled with last minute tests, semester exams, and due dates for notebooks and final projects. Halls and classes were much quieter because students were worried about tests and projects that would determine their quarter and semester grades. When the final bell rang on Thursday, everyone wandered out of class, mentally drained and thankful that they had a three-day weekend ahead to help them recuperate. Most could not help but worry about how they had done during the previous week.

The National Honor Society held the induction for members of the Junior National Honor Society on Tuesday. To become eligible for membership, a student must have attended the school for at least one year, and have a three point five or higher grade point average. In addition, a panel of teachers must approve the student as qualifying for membership. Parents were invited to the induction held in the gym at 12:30. Honor Society President,

Mary Schmitt, lead the ceremonies. Inductees were pledged to the honor society and then were presented membership cards.

Wednesday the student body learned that Mrs. Stanley, a physical education teacher, had died. She had taught at the school for several years but had been absent during the past month. Those who knew Mrs. Stanley were distressed to hear this announcement.

The National Honor Society held another of their bi-monthly meetings on Thursday. Progress in the candy sale was reported to the members. To-date sales have been slow but it is hoped now that we are further from the holidays, candy interest among students and community residents will increase. Committees were appointed to plan several bake sales and car washes.

The girls' basketball team has been difficult to contact this week due to this reporter's busy schedule. Their coach Mrs. Klineman devotes much time and effort to the girls. This year they are working on more teamwork rather



Chari Brosins cheers on the team from the sideline.

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on the water

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The Pine Island Chapter of the Organized Fishermen of Florida has worked with the state to produce a warning flag system that every recreational boater in the Sanibel-Captiva area should know about.

I've seen it happen many times. There will be a powerboat speeding along on the gulf side of the islands, say two hundred yards out. Perhaps the skipper will spot a small, low profile fishing boat near shore. There is no apparent danger because the two boats are not on a collision course and probably the other boat is stopped anyway. So the pleasure boater speeds on past. But suddenly he notices something, a line, directly in his way. It's the submerged net of a commercial fisherman.

Often a sharp skipper will make a turn and avoid running his prop into the net, damaging both of them. Too often, the powerboater never sees that line of corks holding up the net and charges into it. If you knew the cost of one of those nets to the commercial fisherman, combined with the lost fish and the time to mend it, you would carefully watch the water next time.

The problem grew over the years as more and more netters came up against similarly rising numbers of recreational boaters. This happened not only along the coast lines, but in canals, back bays and in Pine Island Sound.

It nearly happened to me this spring when I was watching for fish and not nets and almost ran into a net reaching

out into the gulf for a couple of hundred yards.

That Pine Island Chapter of the fishing association became concerned enough to get the state's cooperation in bringing a new flag into use as a warning device.

The flag is bright orange in the shape of a pennant (sideways triangle) with a white circle. It doesn't look like a diver's flag or any other flag which might confuse a boater.

There are a few rules on its use you should keep in mind. First, the flag will be flying from the commercial boat or from a float on the net in the water. It will only be posted when the fisherman is actually netting.

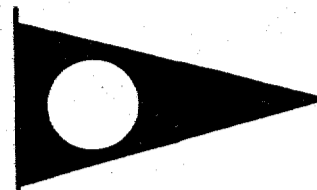
The Florida Cooperative Extension Service, working from the University of Gainesville, Gainesville, Florida is in charge of preparing the booklet which is free and available at most marinas.

In that booklet, it is advised that the boater pass the commercial netter on the open water side of the net sets. In other words, if you see a netter, turn the boat towards the deeper water, away from land.

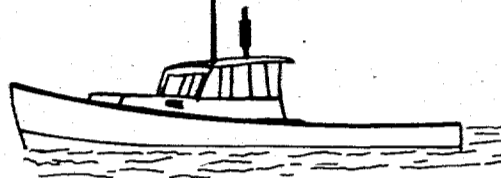
So far, it's a voluntary program. That is, commercial netters aren't required to display the flag or even have one on board. There can be more than one flag in use at the same time. The state is advising netters to have one flag on the highest part of the boat, in addition to a flag on one or possibly two ends of the nets in use.

I feel it's a good program, but so far I

This Flag is Important!



Both commercial fishermen and recreational boaters should learn to recognize this flag. This pamphlet explains why and contains important information about the Net Signal Flag Program.



have to admit that I haven't seen very many flags in use by commercial netters. As the tourist season picks up and the waters get crowded, perhaps more professional fishermen will adopt the use of the flag.

I have said in another column that I would like to see a flag designed for charter boats and other fishing boats engaged in trolling where there is a chance that another boater will cut

over the trolled lines.

Anyway, keep an eye out for that orange pennant with the white circle. you commercial netters can purchase the flags for \$1.50 each. Contact Mary Barnes, Organized Fishermen of Florida Secretary, in Bokeelia by calling 283-0794, according to the state's publication on the Net Signal Flag Program.

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island gardening

Florida soils are almost all sand. There are exceptions. North Florida has some clay, the Everglades has peat, and Dade County has marl. Nevertheless, the majority of the soil in which plants are grown is nothing more than varying types of sand. Because of the porosity of sand, it does need some form of amendment, says Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association (FNGA).

Soil amendments are numerous. Peat is frequently used. Inert materials such as perlite and vermiculite are also incorporated. Even styrofoam has been used under certain conditions. However, one material readily available is right in your own backyard. It is compost.

Nearly every home owner fills plastic bags with grass clippings every

week during the summer months. This is then placed at the garbage pick-up area and carried to a sanitary landfill. Why throw away something that can be very useful? Generally lawns are heavily fertilized. The grass clippings contain a high amount of nitrogen that could be returned to the soil if time were taken to compost it.

Compost has many advantages. It is readily available. It can be composted without any exerted effort. It contains many trace elements that should be returned to the soil. Good compost aids water holding as well as helping to hold fertilizer for plant use. It can also supply a certain amount of nitrogen and other elements for plant growth. It will encourage the beneficial activity of bacterial and fungi growth. Many plants grow better when certain fungi

and bacteria are present. Compost will make the soil accept moisture more easily.

Almost anything will decay into good organic compost. Leaves, branches, grass clippings and kitchen refuse soon break down in a good compost pile.

How do you begin a compost bed? There are several ways, all of which are very easy and simple. The most convenient one is nothing more than some concrete blocks made into a square. They can be stacked three or four feet high without mortar. When the material is to be removed, remove one end of blocks. Actually two bins would be better, as the compost should be turned once or twice during the cycle of decomposition.

Standard woven fence wire made into a cylinder works great, says

Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association (FNGA). More can be learned about composting in Your Living Garden which is available for one dollar postpaid from The Nurserymen's Organization, 6535 Hillsborough Ave., Tampa, FL 33610. Wire is easy to handle as it is light and flexible. It can easily be lifted from the pile when the material is to be used.

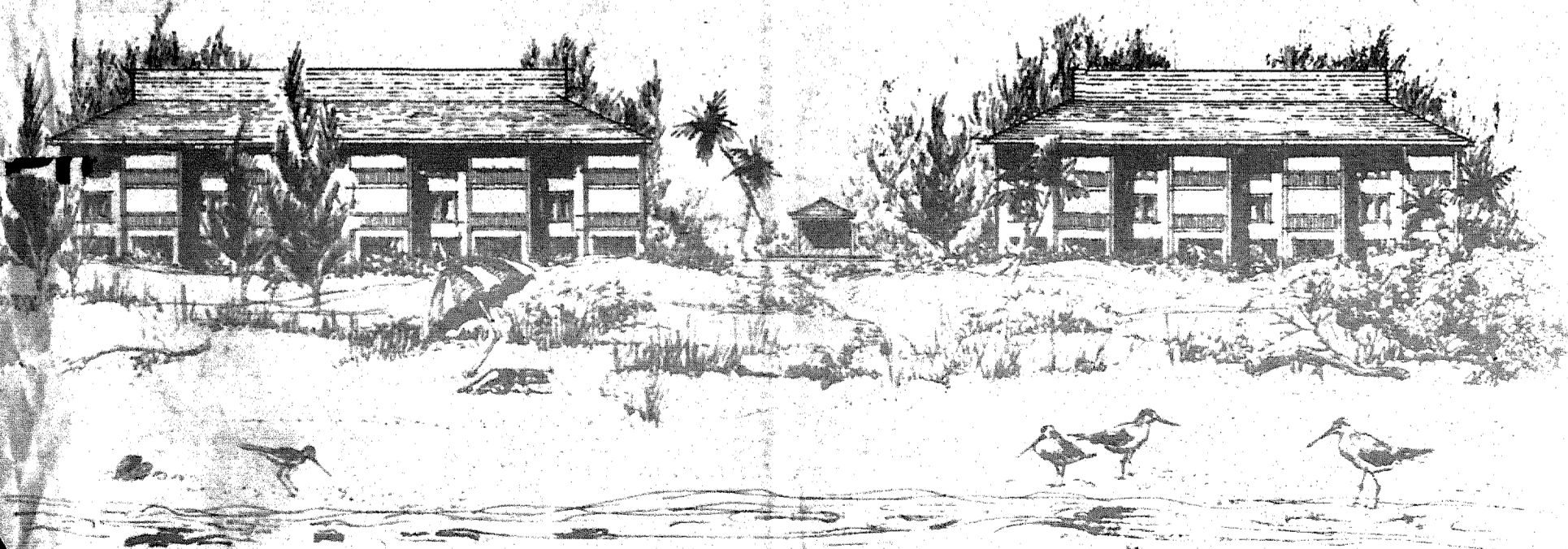
One company manufactures PVC compost cylinder. This one has air vents and can be assembled in sections. It is attractive and very durable. It is available from many garden supply stores and nurseries.

Don't throw away materials that can be used to improve your planting sites and your garden. Take advantage of something that is free and will save you money.

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Greg Pacl reverses direction.

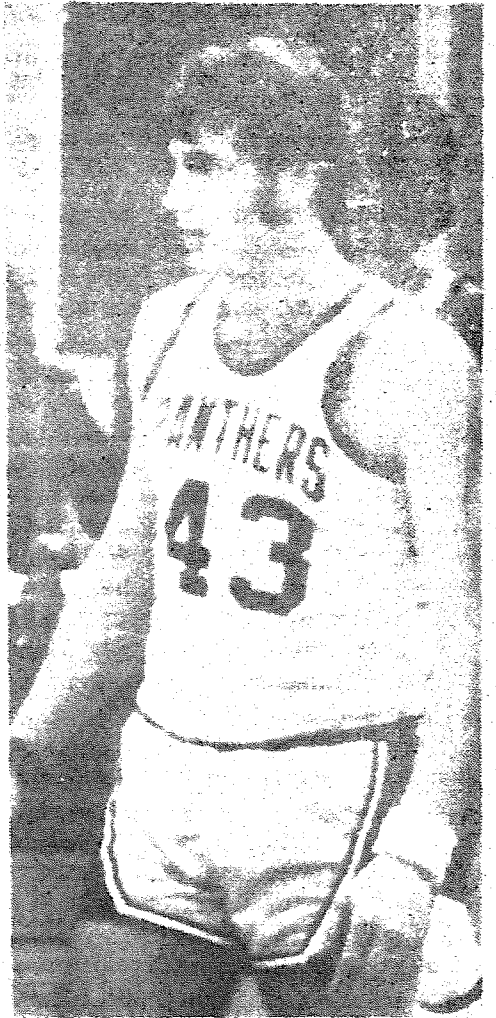
than the single "Superstar" approach and the team thinks they are getting results. On Thursday, they defeated Naples but then on Monday they were whopped 62-31 by the Lely team. However on Wednesday they came back and beat Immokalee by a score of 51-42. Linda Goude lead the team with fourteen points.

In wrestling this week, Stan Gavin upheld his record of only one loss. On Friday night Cypress played Naples. The match was a close one and when Stan entered the ring, the score was dead locked 26-26. Stan won his match giving the team three points and the match. Cypress took an early 14-5 lead against Lely on Tuesday. But Lely persevered and won by a score of 29-20 despite a one minute pin scored by islander Stan. Cypress's Rudolph Johnson, still undefeated, also pinned his opponent in one minute six seconds to stretch his record to 14-0.

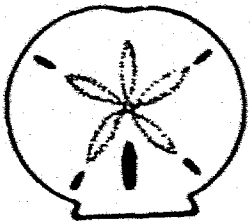
The basketball team kept up their record this week. They scored a win against Naples on Friday evening. They took an early lead in their contest with Lely on Tuesday and by half-time the score was 28-20. Lely hadn't had a shot from the foul line during this period and during the second half they were able to score only twenty-eight percent of their shots from the line. Cypress's Grandville Mobley played excellent defense, holding his man to nine points. He also led the Panthers scoring with 17 points, making possible their 61-51 victory.

Then on Thursday evening, Cypress met North Fort Myers, in what was rumored to be the big conference match. North took an early lead but the

Panthers battled back to within one point at the end of the first quarter. During the second half, the Panthers continued to drive leading most of the second quarter. However, with only seconds until half time, North broke the 35-35 tie score when they sank a shot from near mid-court. The third quarter remained close, but the Panthers took the lead 59-51 by the end of that period. With tight defense, by North, they pulled back to a 74-74 tie with twenty-three seconds left in regulation play. Grandville Mobley had his chance but missed a long jumper to put the game into overtime. Both teams scored six and with twenty-two seconds left in overtime, Cypress called a time out. Mobley told the coach he wouldn't miss this time. From eighteen feet, Mobley shot an almost blocked, one handed jumper with seven seconds left to give the Panthers a hard fought victory 82-80. This gives the team a 9-3 overall record and a 5-1 record in conference games. January 24 the Panthers take on the Charlotte Tarpons in a game which could decide the conference title.



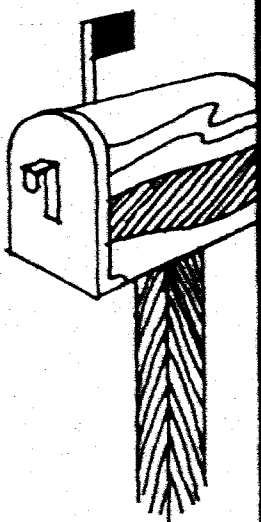
Brian Clark awaits the ball under the boards.



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One night last week, SPD received a complaint about an allegedly drunken pedestrian who was reported to be jumping out in front of moving automobiles along an Island road.

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An Islander who watches his neighbors' apartment while they are away was surprised to find used coffee cups, fresh foodstuffs and other signs of recent habitation in the dwelling.

Upon contacting the owners of the apart-

ment, they asked SPD to undertake a thorough investigation of the matter, which has been accomplished, revealing nothing of value missing from the apartment, much to the owners' peace of mind.

An Islander called SPD last week to report that her son had found a patch of what appeared to be marijuana growing near their home.

Upon investigation, SPD discovered a crop of about fifty marijuana plants at the location, revealing signs of recent cultivation efforts similar to those noted at an illegal garden discovered in the Donax Street area last year.

Ultimately, the illicit crop was destroyed by

Island patrolmen, whose eyes waxed bloodshot in the process.

Island police assisted in rescuing a group of visiting yachtsmen last week when their 41-foot sailboat caught fire near the Sanibel Causeway.

Upon getting the crew ashore, Island patrolmen found them to be pretty far along in the way of intoxication and escorted the group to an Island drinking spa for more the same, while the boat was towed ashore by Coast Guard officials.

Island police stopped work at a construction site on Sanibel last week upon discovering that the construction crew was working on a Sunday without express per-

mission of city officials.

This violation came to light as a result of complaints that the crew had severed underground telephone cables in the area.

An Islander received a threatening phone call late one night last week and awoke the next morning to find that the tires of his car had been slashed with a sharp object during the night. SPD is continuing to investigate this incident.

SPD received complaints of cars on the beach last week when local crab fisherman drove their trucks down Sanibel's beach in the attempt to recover their crab traps, which had

been cut from their buoys and had washed ashore.

The crabbers were advised to keep their vehicles off the beach hereafter and to call SPD for assistance in recovering the means of their livelihood in the future.

An Islander reported the theft of \$325 in cash last week, which she said was removed from her pocketbook which sat unattended whilst she dined in an Island lounge.

An investigation of this crime is proceeding.

An Islander called SPD last week to report a breaking and entering perpetrated at her apartment resulting in the disappearance of miscellaneous items, mostly jewelry, valued at over \$200.

SPD's investigation of the matter revealed that entry to the apartment had been gained through a window which was broken by the illegal entrants, although no clues to the criminals' identity have been unearthed.

An Island patrolman was engaged in a high speed chase on Sanibel one night last week after observing a vehicle speeding along an Island road.

After leading the patrolman on a rapid chase along a number of Island roads, the hasty motorist was stopped and proved to be a visitor to the Islands who was incidentally inebriated.

Thanks to the patrolman's benevolence, this individual was given only a speeding ticket and escorted to his room on the Island.

Shortly thereafter, however, the patrolman was surprised to find this same motorist driving down the road once again only considerably more cautiously than before. He had been conveyed back to his car by a cab.

Upon stopping this motorist once again, the patrolman found him to be sobering up a bit and decided to let him drive his car back to the apartment under an escort arrangement.

Upon arriving at his destination, this addled motorist locked his keys in the car, from which the keys were rescued by this helpful patrolman thanks to the assistance of a coat hanger.

Evidently, some people just don't know when they're well off.

Another theft of construction materials from an Island building site was reported last week.

Missing from the site was a power T nailer, and an investigation of this and similar thefts is continuing.

Island police summoned CROW (Care and Rehabilitation of Wildlife) personnel last week in regard to a report of an injured bird found on Sanibel.

Persons filing the report could not

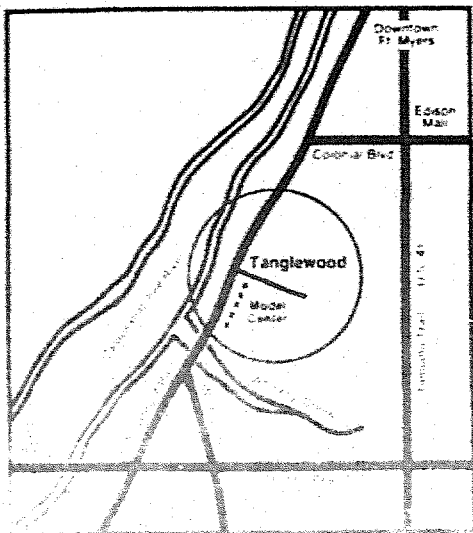
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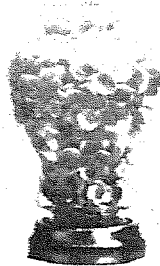
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determine the species of the injured bird, and the outcome is not indicated.

Island police answered a call to escort a young Islander home one night last week.

The Islander had called to request this service, saying that he had been celebrating his birthday and was far too drunk to drive.

Observing such prudence, we feel sure that he will enjoy many happy returns of the day.

An Islander called SPD one night last week to report having sighted an unidentified flying object hovering in the sky over Sanibel.

The object was described as a "strange moving light," and the complainant was urged to report the sighting to the Unexplained Phenomena Research Institute on Sanibel.

A coke machine on the Island was deprived of

its coin box and profits last week by persons unknown using a key to the machine, SPD officials believe.

The owner of the machine was advised to have the lock to the coin box changed to prevent further such incidents.

Island businessmen last week reported two different groups engaging in illegal solicitation of funds on the Island.

One group was

soliciting for religious contributions while the other sought funds for a police benevolent association of some sort.

Neither group had local permits for such solicitation, although the individuals involved could not be located by SPD.

Island businessmen also notified SPD of an individual passing bad checks on the Islands last week.

An investigation of this

individual's financial status is pending.

After equipping his car with new tires, the Islander whose car tires were slashed as described in a previous report was dismayed to find his new tires also slashed upon awaking one morning last week.

SPD will maintain a close surveillance on this subject's car hereafter.

Aside from individual reports outlined above,

SPD was called upon to investigate five traffic accidents last week, three reports of lost or found dogs, one noise-related complaint, secure nine insecure premises, and render miscellaneous assistance on all of 45 occasions.

Sanibel firemen were called out eight times last week, while emergency medical technicians on the Islands were called into action on four occasions.

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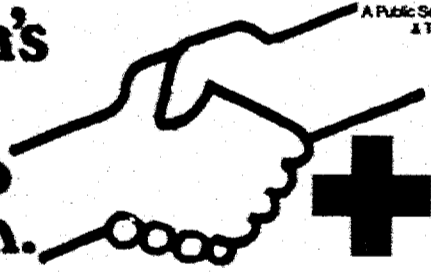
The Lee County Sheriff's Department has added 15 new deputies to their road force, bringing the total number of cycle units to seven. The units will be established in high traffic areas of the county and the beaches.

The Department has also created a 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. shift to saturate Lee County during high activity time and all sections of Lee County have extra deputies working their areas, according to the department.

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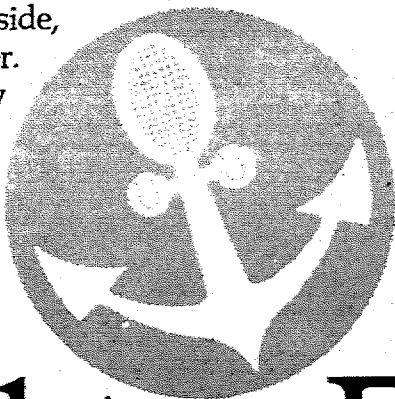
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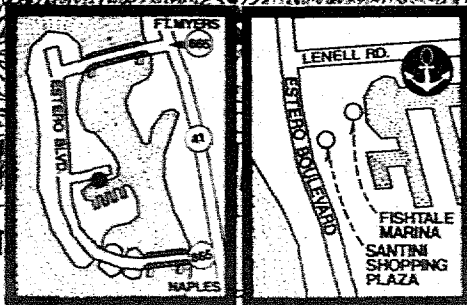
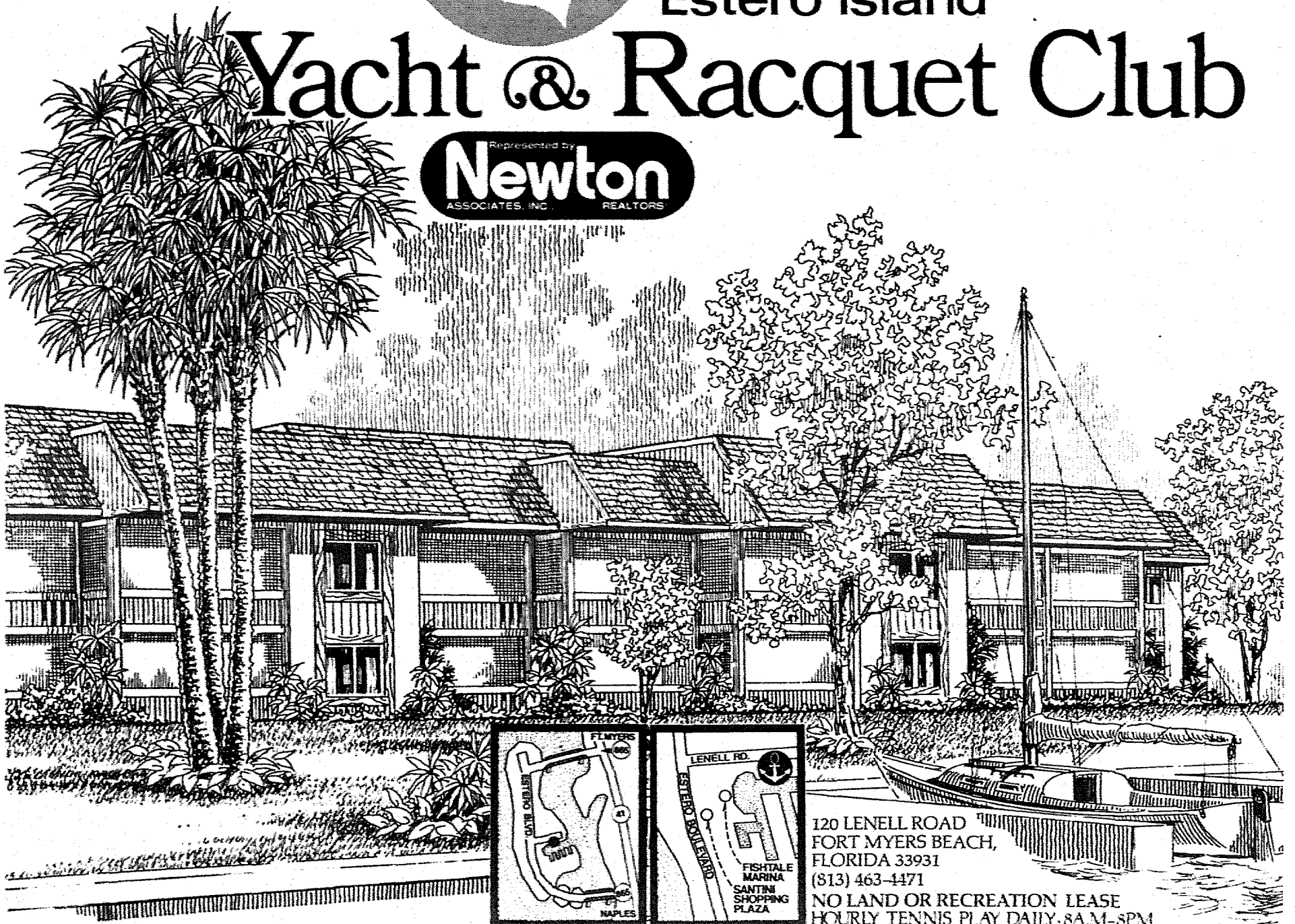
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By BETTY DEBNAM

The folks back home in Plains talk about friend Amy



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John (that's his back) and Amy at the lemonade stand.



John Gnann

John and Amy were business partners. They ran the famous lemonade stand.

Classmate John Gnann
Fifth grader John Gnann knows Amy Carter well.

They were next-door neighbors. They were also classmates and used to do their homework together.

He sees her almost everytime she comes home.

"Amy hasn't changed much," John told The Mini Page.

"She makes friends

easier now. She is happy where she is living now that she knows she is going to be there for a while," he said.

"Amy is real friendly. She is not snobbish. She doesn't stick out much. Once she gets to be your friend, she is like one of you," he said.

She likes to go places. But she doesn't like for people to bother her about being famous," he added.

Teacher Jan Williams

"This must be your daughter but she looks just like Amy Carter," someone once told Jan Williams. She and a little girl were in a museum line in Washington.

The little girl was Amy Carter. "Miss Jan" often went places with Amy. She sat with the family and Amy at the

Inauguration.

Now, Amy calls her every two weeks from the White House.

"Sometimes she talks to me in Spanish," said Miss Jan.

"She enjoys school field trips very much," she said.

"I think she is even more independent than she used to be," she added.



Amy and her cat



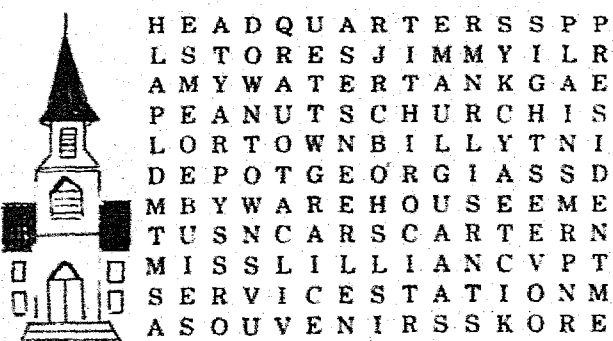
Mrs. Jan Williams

"Amy loves animals and brought home every stray she could find in Plains," said "Miss Jan," Amy's friend and ex-teacher.

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Words about Plains, Georgia are hidden in the block below. See if you can find: Miss Lillian, depot, headquarters, service station, downtown, stores, water tank, peanuts, Billy, souvenirs, sightsee, warehouse, Amy, church, Plains, town, Carter, Jimmy, cars, Georgia, and president.



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island survival

what you always wanted to know about the islands
and were afraid (until now) to ask!

by Mike Feury

Quite often visitors to Sanibel and Captiva Islands come up with questions which most of the year around residents hear very frequently. We try to exhibit patience in explaining things which seem obvious to us, but are baffling to people from around the world who are seeing and experiencing island atmosphere for the first time.

This week, the ISLANDER, is offering in its continuing series in Island Survival, the eight Most-Often-Heard-Questions. We will also supply the eight most-often-heard-answers. We'll let you be the judge as to which set is the more ridiculous. With that introduction, let's get to some of the questions you always wanted to ask.

1. Do shells bite? No, but shellers do if you get in the way when a dedicated sheller is in hot pursuit of a keeper. Often I am asked if they can eat such shells as angle wings. The answer is yes, but I have to add that eating the average live shells found in the bays is directly related to how long you have been adrift at sea. If you haven't had a bite to eat in six days and suddenly come upon a horseshoe crab, you might find it delicious.

1. Is the water deep here? Depends on how tall you are. If you are under three feet tall, yes, I would say the water is deep in most places. On the average, six to eight feet, is about tops, er..bottoms for depth along the islands.

It's because of a long scientific explanation about how islands grow, but seeing no one has been around that long to personally watch the process, I term the explanations highly speculative. Take a hint from my old Merchant Seaman uncle who once remarked the only high water he ever minded was the time a San Francisco bartender put too much into a glass which had 20-year-old scotch in it.

3. Are there sharks here? Well, are we talking about loan, pool or fish? I never go down to the beach at night, primarily because of the danger of stepping on a couple of teenagers. I understand that sharks feed at night. So far, they have not fed on me, so I can't confirm this for sure. Yes, there are lots of sharks in the island waters, but mostly in the summer. And no, we haven't had an attack since that time the fella from New York swam underwater for 100 yards and molested the leg of that young school teacher from Iowa. You can always spot a swimming pool shark. They come up to you and offer a drink, then say, "I've lost the key to my room. Mind if we go to your room so I can change?" Forget the shark attack scares. More people have died from heart failure at seeing a dinner tab than have died of shark bites in the islands.

4. If I charter your boat, are we going to catch fish? Ah, that's a question all fishing boat captains hear often. The answer is maybe. That's like asking,

"If I come up to New York, will I see a good play?" You don't know until you get there, in both cases. Don't ask what kind of fish they are catching. The only captain who can answer that is the one who takes the fish out with him in the first place.

5. Why does it rain when I come here? I ask myself this question everytime and come up with the same answer. You are a bad news bear. Look at it from the resident's point of view. When we see you coming, we say to ourselves, "Good Lord, here comes four days of rain, wind and cold." Don't ask me why it rains when you arrive. I think there is something to that old saying about bringing bad weather with you. The trick is to wait until it's sunny in Buffalo, and get the hell out of there. If you can bring bad weather with you, you can bring the good stuff too.

6. How come there is only one road on these islands? Well, it's a short story, so here goes. The Periwinkle to Sanibel-Captiva road is about the closest we are getting to a super highway. And it's not so super most of the time. The city fathers realized that

most vacationers were mentally wiped out from working all year and what the harried executive and his or her family don't need to do is make decisions. So with one road it's hard to get lost. There's one way in and one way out. Who wants a bunch of frazzled executives standing on the corner crying, "How do I find my room?" We've made it easy for you, partner, just stay on the only road, you can't miss it.

7. Are there snakes, alligators or spiders on these islands? This should be of no interest to you unless you are one of the above and it's love time in the Spring. There are several mechanical alligators bought from DisneyWorld and placed in the wildlife sanctuary, but that's about it.

8. It's really dull here at night, what do you people who live here do for entertainment? We answer your questions.

Stay tuned visitors, because next week we are going to discuss how to get even with sloppy maids, snooty waiters and obnoxious gas station attendants.

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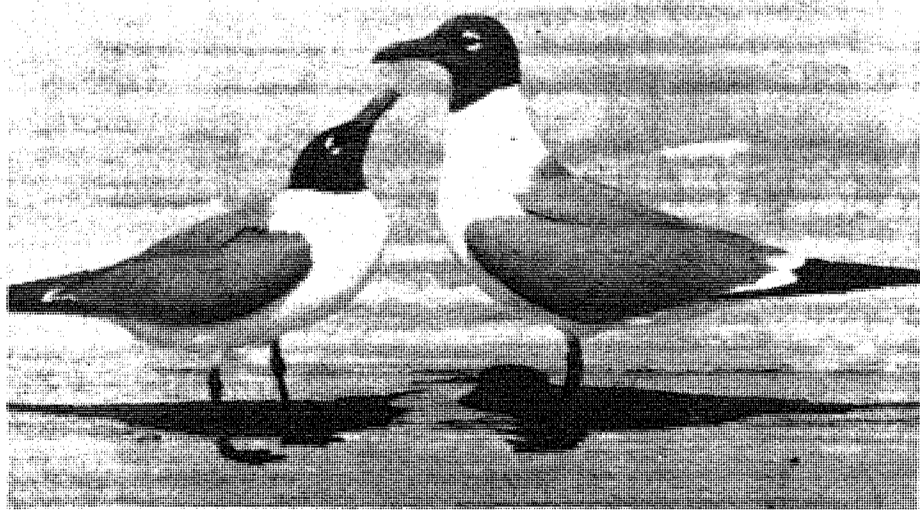
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for the Waukegan, Illinois, boat ramps to launch 1,600 boats during the fishing season, and this is only one of the many in the area. And the fishing is even better in the northern end of the lake. I was appalled to see over 3,000 boats fishing off the Pere Marquette River while on a trip to the Papa Nui boatyard in Bay City Michigan.

Not much is heard of this transformation of the Great Lakes from dead lakes to a fishing paradise down here in fishing country. But I

wonder sometimes if we can't learn a lesson from this near catastrophe of the Great Lakes. Pollution is said to be the major cause, followed by not restocking when nature does not replenish. We have fishing reefs which are bringing fish back closer to shore. This is a beginning, and an excellent one. I don't understand why the fish left us in the first place. I think it is time that we not only found out the reason, but publicized it so that we all can know what to do to keep our fishing as good as it can be.

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school board approves design for elementary school cafetorium

by don moody

In a special meeting Friday, the Lee County School Board approved the architectural design for the construction of the dining and multi-purpose facility at the Sanibel Elementary School.

School Board members reviewed plans by architect Martin Gunderson for the \$110,000 project and gave it their seal of approval.

School Board Director of Plant Planning, David Taylor, said that the 20-year plan for the Sanibel Elementary School calls for the construction of a ten-classroom pod facility and creation of a separate media center that will be accommodated within the existing building's site.

Currently, there is only a six classroom complex serving the 137 Sanibel Elementary school students, making it one of the smallest schools in the Lee County School system.

School board members had expressed displeasure at a previous

meeting with the stark design by Gunderson, and several members openly suggested that another architect should have been considered for the job.

School Board Chairman, Ryama Page, said at the time that it is traditional when additions are built for school projects, that the original architects are called upon to do the job, "although it is certainly a practice that may need to be revised."

Gunderson made several minor changes in the design and location of the facility on the elementary school site, and board members seemed to be satisfied with the plans.

Sanibel Elementary children are currently served lunches that are trucked-in from another facility each day. Students eat outside on the grassy commons when weather permits.

The dining facility can also be used as an assembly hall or auditorium when it is completed.

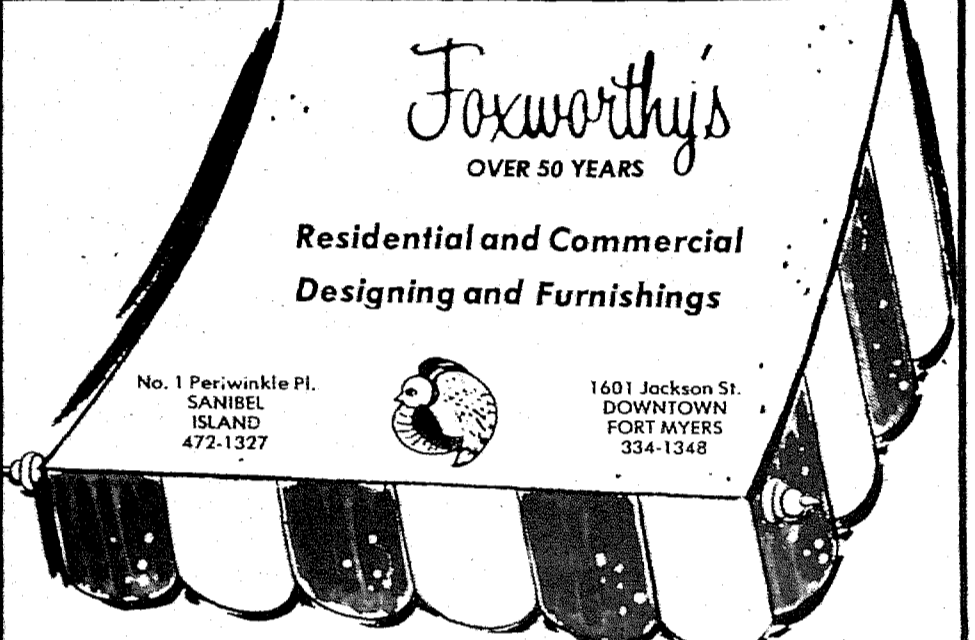


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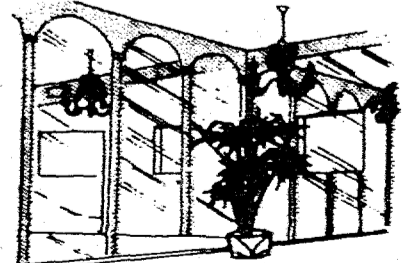


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one garage to be built — one renovation denied

"I want a garage," young Bobby Degand has been telling city officials continually throughout the past few weeks.

Young Bobby has appeared in MacKenzie Hall quite frequently of late to argue in support of the request of his parents, Robert and Patricia Degand, for a specific amendment to Sanibel's comprehensive land use plan to permit them to construct a garage at their home on Los Colony Road at the Island's western end. The Degand's



"I want a garage," demanded young Bobby the barrister, representing the interests of his parents, Patricia and Robert Degand of Los Colony Road on Sanibel.

Bobby's youthful legal tactics and straightforward argument earned his parents the desired specific amendment to permit the construction of a garage, revealing that frontal assault is the best way to get results from city government.

plea for an encroachment upon the front-yard setback required by the plan has been kicked back and forth between city planners and councilmen a number of times for clarification upon clarification.

Young Bobby's straightforward argument finally found favor with city fathers last week as the council voted 3-to-1 to approve the proposed amendment, with Councilman Duane White casting the dissenting vote.

"There is no way that I could vote to allow someone to build within five feet of a property line," White told his fellow councilmen.

At this, young Bobby was heard to laugh, having just made off with a handful of candy earmarked for consumption by the councilman.

Bobby's youthful tactics were unfortunately omitted in the presentation of Barbara Peterson's request for a specific amendment with which to carry out the remodeling of an existing garage at her home at 4453 West Gulf Drive to enable the structure to be used as a caretaker's quarters.

The proposed amendment, which involved waivers of the floodproofing requirements and density allocations contained in the city's land use plan, was denied last week by a unanimous vote of the council after meeting with considerable opposition from other residents of the Tahiti Shores Subdivision along West Gulf Drive.

In other action last Tuesday afternoon, the council entertained first readings of ordinances specifically amending the land use plan as proposed by:

-Islander George Kohlbrenner to permit the use of an antique replica circus wagon as a commercial establishment at the B-Hive property on Periwinkle Way; and

-Islander Karl Wightman to permit the buildout as platted of 22 single-

family lots in the Caloosa Shores Subdivision near Blind Pass.

The council has scheduled second readings and final consideration of both amendment proposals for the afternoon session of their meeting to be held on February 21.

public health committee chairman resigns

City councilman reported last week that Dr. Robert Spicer has submitted a letter resigning his post of chairman of the city's Public Health Committee.

City Council members deferred taking action on the resignation until a future meeting.

reluctant council approves wastewater plan

Sanibel city fathers voted reluctantly last week to adopt a resolution in approval of the Lee County 201 Facilities Plan for the future development of wastewater facilities in Lee County.

Councilmen were prevailed upon to endorse the county's 201 Plan to enable Lee County to be eligible for funding assistance in developing area sewage facilities through the federally sponsored 201 Facilities program. The

council's approval of the plan, which they found to be woefully out of date and inconsistent with regard to sewage facilities on Sanibel, does not obligate the city to any future expenditures for wastewater facilities in Lee County or on the Island, City Manager Bill Nungester assured city fathers.

The resolution was adopted by a 4-to-1 vote of the council, with Councilman Charles LeBuff dissenting.

islanders oppose county advisory committee

The Lee County Commission voted last Wednesday to appoint four Island residents to a new citizen's advisory committee charged with investigating possible uses for the 40-acre Schwalbe tract north of Bowman's Beach, which was recently acquired by the county for a price of \$300,000.

Sanibel appointees to the joint city-county committee included Mariel Goss, member of Lee County's Community Service Advisory Committee, Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation Director Dick Workman, and Island architect Frank Vellake, while Islander Ted Trimble, chairman of the Captiva Civic Association, was appointed to the committee to represent Captiva.

Other appointees from mainland Lee County were Larry Huston, Linda Newman and Frank Lott.

County commissioners and city officials hope to work together to establish public parking and beach access facilities on the property, which was recently offered to the county because of the death of its former owner, William Schwalbe. Schwalbe, a professor at the University of Illinois for almost 40 years, is survived by his

widow and three children, among them Islander Carol Quillinan.

William Schwalbe inherited the 40-acre tract adjacent to Bowman's Beach from his uncle, Richard Baumann, who homesteaded the property and for whom Bowman's Beach is named. In selling the land to the county, Mrs. Schwalbe asked that county officials consider naming any public park established on the property in honor of her late husband.

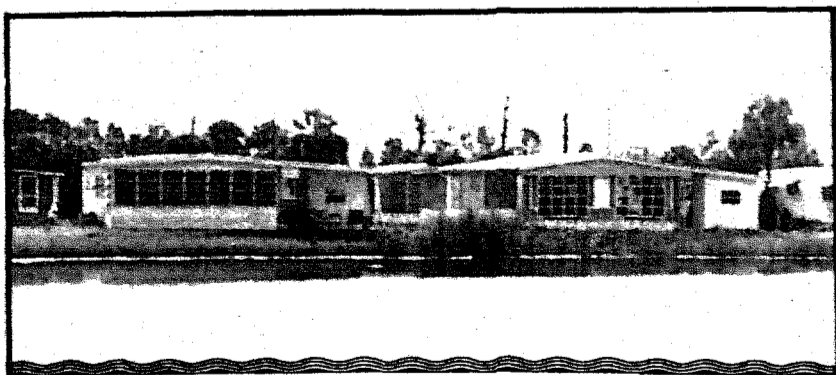
More recently, county commissioners have given some consideration to the possibility of acquiring another 30-acre tract just north of the Schwalbe property.

Robert Ford, owner of the property, has offered the land to the county at a price of \$8,000 per acre, and commissioners last week authorized their special legal counsel, Jim Humphrey, to explore the possibility of purchasing the property with Ford's attorney, Lloyd Hendry.

Ford and the county are currently in litigation over the ownership of the property, and the City of Sanibel has joined the county as an affected party in that suit.

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city council - planning commission workshop

The Sanibel City Council has scheduled a special workshop session with the city planning commission for January 30 at 4:00 p.m. in an effort to improve coordination between the city's two decision-making bodies.

"I have a feeling that there is a lack of communication between the planning commission and the council," said Mayor Zee Butler in announcing the meeting.

Bowen feels city liable for donax negligence

Pursuant to his appointed task of investigating legal means of regulating traffic on Donax Street, Sanibel City Attorney Neal Bowen recommended last week that city fathers attack the problem through Island-wide weight restrictions in conjunction with an excess hauling fee program such as that proposed by Island developer Robert Taylor.

Bowen said he based his somewhat reluctant recommendation on city engineering consultant Vernon Lynch's opinion that anything short of total reconstruction of Donax would be futile and Bowen's personal opinion that the city could possibly be held liable for damages or injuries resulting from motorists using the road in its present "deplorable" condition, to quote city councilmen.

"What can you do short of complete reconstruction of that road?" Bowen asked rhetorically. "And certainly you don't want to rebuild it right now only to be torn up by construction trucks going to sites on Middle Gulf Drive all over again."

"It appears that Donax Street is almost a Catch-22 from the engineers' point of view," Bowen added.

He suggested that the city either look into increased liability coverage or rebuild the road from the base up.

"I feel that it's incumbent upon the city to get that road in shape," said Councilman Duane White.

"Where are we going to get the money to reconstruct Donax Street?" argued Mayor Zee Butler, pointing out that the city has been awaiting funding from the floundering Sanibel Causeway bridge refinancing program for a host of long-overdue road improvements on the Island.

"I think there are other avenues of funding open to us," White replied.

City Manager Bill Nungester, however, cautioned against precipitous improvements to Donax Street.

"We couldn't construct that street right now with the heavy loading it's incurring at this point in the season," Nungester said. "I think our first objective should be to get the East and West Gulf Drive extensions open and passable."

Councilman Porter Goss seemed to concur with the city manager, and further suggested that the city once again patch the most treacherous sections of Donax Street and install additional "truck route" signs as a stop-gap measure.

Ultimately, the council agreed upon the need for more rigid enforcement of the recently posted signs re-routing truck traffic from Donax along Juonia Way and Pyruia Street.

council oks steamboat property appraisal

At their regular meeting last Tuesday, Sanibel city councilmen voted unanimously to authorize an expenditure of up to \$5,000 for a master appraisal and acquisition feasibility study of the 29-acre estate of Helen Hooper Brown on Sanibel.

City Manager Bill Nungester reported that the city has been given an

extension until February 21 on the first option to buy the old steamboat property, as it is popularly known, fronting on the Gulf of Mexico just east of Ocean's Reach Condominiums.

The city council has given some consideration to purchasing the property for public beach access, parking and other municipal uses, and the feasibility study is intended to assess whether such a project could generate enough revenue to recover the cost of purchase.

Councilmen feel that the proposed acquisition could be funded initially through either a general obligation bond issue, revenue bond issue, or perhaps with a portion of the city's share of proceeds from the proposed Sanibel Causeway bond issue.

sanibel joins in lee's birthday

Last Tuesday, the Sanibel City Council agreed to send Mayor Zee Butler as ceremonial ambassador to Fort Myers on Sunday, January 22, to join other area officials in placing a wreath on the Robert E. Lee monument in commemoration of Lee's birthday.

The mayor was authorized to participate in the ceremony despite Councilman Francis Bailey's objection that Lee's birthday was not January 22 but rather January 19.

council endorses usf tv. station

Sanibel's city council voted unanimously last week to adopt a resolution in support of an application filed by the University of South Florida, Fort Myers extension, for the

establishment of a satellite public television station in the Lee County area.

Like the current station operated by the University of South Florida in Tampa, this non-commercial station would provide educational cultural programming as well as features of local interest.

bike path dedication pending

Islander James Evans appeared before the Sanibel City Council last Tuesday to offer a strip of land running between Sanibel-Captiva Road and West Gulf Drive west of Rabbit Road in dedication to the city for use as a bike path.

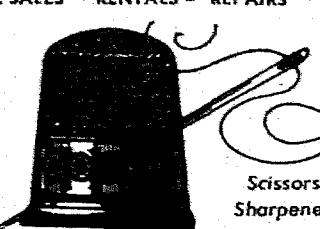
The north-south strip of land, roughly 4,900 feet long by about 15 feet wide, is being offered to the city as dedicated open space to permit the buildout of Evans' single-family lots west of Rabbit Road under the clustering provisions contained in the city's comprehensive land use plan. Evans has offered to install a bridge over the Sanibel River so that the property to be dedicated will form a continuous loop between Sanibel-Captiva Road and West Gulf Drive, while the city will be left to pave the strip for use as a bike path if so desired.

City fathers deferred acceptance of the dedication pending a revision of Evans' fee simple conveyance of the property to the city.

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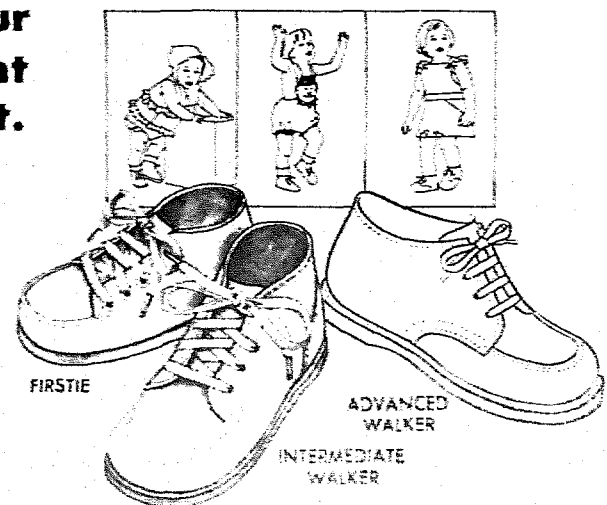
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Chez Rondelet threw a special champagne brunch on Sunday to introduce their new manager, Vicki Schuyler, to merchants and friends of Tahitian Gardens. The brunch buffet was a preview of something special that the pretty new manager plans to offer now. And it looked delicious. Sunday brunch patrons can expect entrees such as hot apple crepes a la

Nancy; gilliam of veal, quince rondelet with tomatoes provençal all for \$4.00. There are soft Sunday sounds provided by talented accordionist Wayne Roller.

Chez Rondelet will be offering new lunch and dinner suggestions, emphasizing French and seafood cuisine in two weeks, manager Vicki says.

north star band at ramada



The North Star Band

The Top o the Mast II, at the Ramada Inn is featuring a very popular group with Islander's, the North Star Band. Patrons of the lounge say that the music is very danceable and the group versatile. They perform every night except Sunday, so if you are looking for a place to dance this week, give the Ramada a try.

smitty's exxon now island exxon

Ralph Smith (Smitty) who is recovering from a recent heart attack has sold Smitty's Exxon station to Bob Laurels. The "new" Island Exxon station is open from 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. on the weekends.

Drop in and say hello to Bob the next time you need gas. Smitty plans to spend a few months recuperating and then will be looking for another venture. We all wish him good luck.

blue circle

Sarah Sims hosted the Blue Circle in her delightful "Birdhouse" as she calls it on Captiva Island, on Monday last. Among those present to roll bandages were Margaret Dunham, Kay Schultz, Dorothy Seymour, Helen Rochow, Helen Hardy, Pin Mills and a warm welcome back to the group was given to Margaret Fisher. The girls rolled a tidy sum of bandages which will be sent to the sick at Missions around the world by the Catholic Medical Mission Board of 10 West 17th St., New York City. Any medicines or soap donations will be gratefully received by Ruth Hunter of the Pirate Playhouse which will be included in the shipment of bandages.

episcopal church boasts new organ

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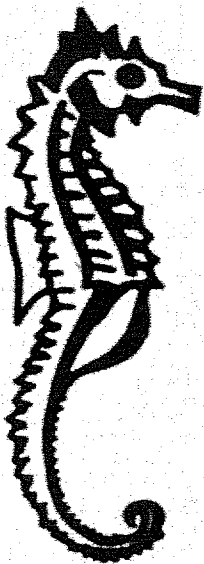
America in the eighteenth century by the Anglicans who established the Protestant Episcopal Church and later by both the Lutherans and the Moravians. Here in Florida the earliest organs were in Roman Catholic churches.

At some time during the winter season Larry Brunke plans to arrange a series of organ recitals by notable

church organists from South Florida. These will be open to the public. Also the St. Michael's organ will be consecrated during March when the Rt. Rev. Paul Haynes, Episcopal Bishop of Southwest Florida, visits the parish according to Rev. James D.B. Hubbs, rector of St. Michaels. At that time also various memorial contributions to the organ will be dedicated.

Only organ buffs on the Island will be interested in the number and character of the stops on the organ according to

Brunke. However, he agreed to list them. On the Swell Division the stops are 8' Rohr flute, 4' Gemshorn, 2-2-3' Nasat, 2' Octavin, 8' trumpet and 4' swell-to-swell. The Great Division has stops for an 8' Gedeckt, 4' Prestant, III mixture, 4' great-to-great, 8' swell-to-great and 4' swell-to-great. Stops for the Pedal Division are 16' Bourdon, 8' Gedeckt, 4' flute, 8' trumpet, 8' swell-to-pedal and 8' great-to-pedal. Everyone agrees that they all combine to make inspiring and beautiful music.



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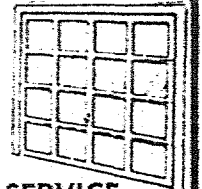
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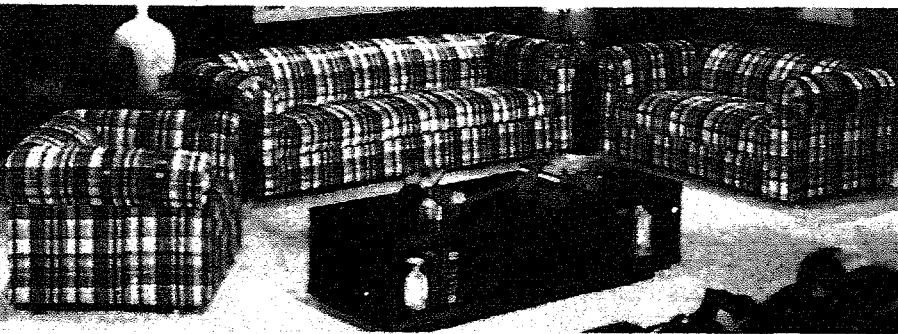
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von eiffs' host guests

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new managers for

Jim's shell shop

Jack and Colleen Elias have recently assumed management of Jim's Shell Shop on Periwinkle Way. The popular shell store has been closed for the past few months due to illness. Colleen and Jack were recently managers of Port 'o Call Restaurant on Tarpon Bay Road.

Webbs have new son

Speaking of grandmothers, there is one very proud one on the Islands these days. Butch and Chris Webb made Islander Nellie Gough a grandmama on January 18 to an eight-pound, six-ounce baby boy. Nell always smiles, but we bet its extra wide these days at Chadwicks where Nell is the mixologist. Congratulations. It probably won't be long before Lew Phillips has his youngest ever karate student.

editor is new great-aunt

ISLANDER editor Gwen Stevenson recently found out why grandmothers love to show off photos when s received one of her great-nephew, Geoffrey David born Nov. 30, 1977, to parents David and Deborah Ashford who live in London, Ontario. Gwen's nephew, David, is an articling law student and plans to practice law in London. Debbie is with the Canadian Department of Manpower.

water users: file for your permit

Water users in part of Lee County are advised that the deadline for them to obtain a water use permit is drawing closer, and they are urged to file for permits before the expected year-end rush.

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The District has instituted the permit program in all of the original territory - of the District. Residents in the area annexed into the District on January 1, 1977, however, were given two years in which to apply for a permit.

Now, with less than one year to go, a

large number of water users have not as yet filed for their permits. Ron Metzger, Director, Permit Administration Division, has stated that "failure to apply within the period allocated will create a conclusive presumption of abandonment of the use, and the user, if he desires to revive the use, must apply for a new use permit and not receive the preferred treatment of an existing user."

Persons needing assistance in filling out their permit request, or information about the procedure, can contact District representatives at the Lee County Courthouse, (Phone 332-3491); or at the main office in West Palm Beach, P. O. Box V, (Phone 686-8800).

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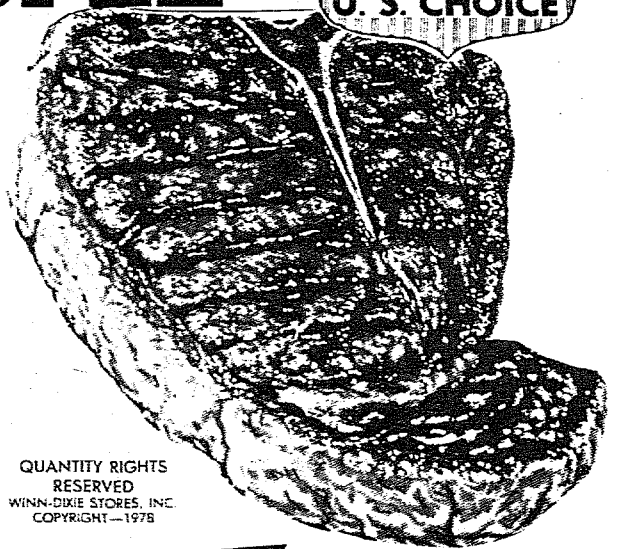


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rare cat breeder fears Florida panther is biologically extinct

by Rich Arthurs

A new series of environmental education presentations offered by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, "Tuesdays at the Center" made its debut on January 18 with a presentation by wildlife conservationist Robert Baudy on the apparently bleak future of the rare and endangered Florida panther.

An internationally prominent animal trainer and zoologist, Baudy is the founder and director of the Rare Feline Breeding Compound near Bushnell, Florida, which he established in 1960 for the purpose of studying and propagating endangered species of wild cats and other animals.

As a breeder of endangered feline species from around the world, Baudy's accomplishments at the Rare Feline Breeding Compound are much to be admired, considering the difficulties inherent in the attempt to breed wild cats in a controlled or captive environment. Among other remarkable accomplishments, Baudy has successfully bred the snow leopard and the black panther, considered to be among the rarest cats in the world today, as well as the near-extinct Amurian leopard, a species which today is believed to number less than 20 individuals in its native range from North Korea through Siberia.

Baudy's work at the Compound is geared both to breeding large cats for display and educational purposes in prominent zoos around the world, as well as to restoring endangered cat species to viable populations in the wild through controlled propagation efforts.

More recently, Baudy has been

appointed a member of the Florida Panther Recovery Team, a federally-sponsored program involving a number of prominent scientists and environmentalists in the effort to locate and protectively manage remaining populations of the Florida panther, "one of the most endangered of all mammal species on earth," said Baudy.

The Florida panther (*Felis concolor coryii*) is "one of the most well defined sub-species of the North American puma," Baudy explained to the interested group of Islanders in attendance for his presentation last week. Like its cousin, the Eastern puma, the Florida panther as a species has declined dramatically in this century.

The Florida panther has been ruthlessly destroyed by man since the early 1800's, when Florida's early settlers began the slaughter to protect themselves and their livestock from this solitary carnivore. In this century, advancing human development in Florida has encroached upon the panther's habitat so much that today the species totters on the brink of extinction.

Florida law sanctioned hunting of the Florida panther up until 1958, when it was removed from the native game list and accorded fully protected status under the auspices of the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission.

But by then, Baudy said, it was almost too late for the Florida panther, a solitary hunter which requires a vast range and plentiful prey to maintain itself as a viable or reproducing population. According to Baudy, 100 square miles of undisturbed natural

habitat is required to support one Florida panther.

Citing booming population figures for many urban and rural areas of the state, Baudy said that "such population growth makes it practically impossible to formulate a long-range plan for the preservation of the Florida panther."

But such is the charge given to the Florida Panther Recovery Team, which last year launched an ambitious investigation of the species geared to locating a viable population which can be protectively managed. The Team is seeking verifiable sightings of the panther in conjunction with this effort, but to date the results have been extremely discouraging, according to Baudy.

Despite the fact that the Florida panther is one of the two largest cats native to this country (the other being the spotted jaguar, now extinct) verifiable sightings of the panther have been few because the species is completely nocturnal and shuns human contact, leaving few indisputable records of the panther's existence to aid the Recovery Team in their attempts to save this rapidly disappearing cat.

Additionally, Baudy said that the Team's efforts have been hampered by the fact that few Floridians, including wildlife officials and conservationists, are trained to recognize this seldom-seen hunter when they do chance to see it.

By way of a simple description, Baudy said that the Florida panther closely resembles its near cousin, the puma, although unlike the puma the

Florida panther is born with spotted markings akin to those of the leopard which gradually disappear over its lifetime. Of all cat species in the world today, this phenomenon is known to occur only in the Florida panther and the African lion, Baudy said.

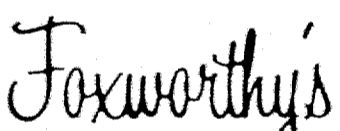
He added that the frequent accidental release of exotic cat species in Florida in recent years has also tended to hopelessly confuse panther sightings. By way of example, Baudy reported that five black leopards escaped in the Florida panhandle as recently as last week when the circus truck in which they were being transported was involved in a collision.

"The recent widespread release of exotic species in the state has hastened the environmental pollution of Florida," Baudy said.

Faced with a frustrating lack of data and alarmingly few recent sightings of the Florida panther, Baudy said that the Recovery Team recently commissioned a world-renowned big game hunter to stalk the panther in its last known strongholds in Florida. After an extensive search of Florida's wilderness, this expert could find only two fresh tracks which could be indisputably linked to the Florida panther, Baudy reported. He added that in his 22 years of exploring undisturbed areas of the state, Baudy himself has sighted only two specimens and discovered only four tracks which could be undisputably identified as those of the Florida panther.

In light of such a grim outlook on the


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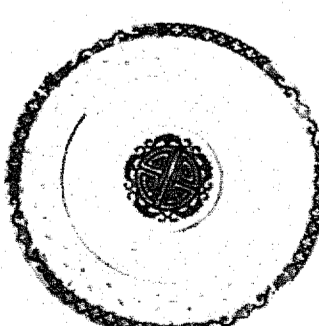
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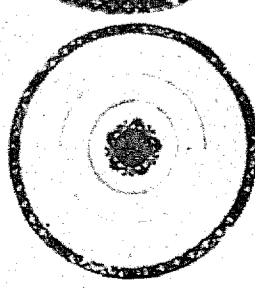
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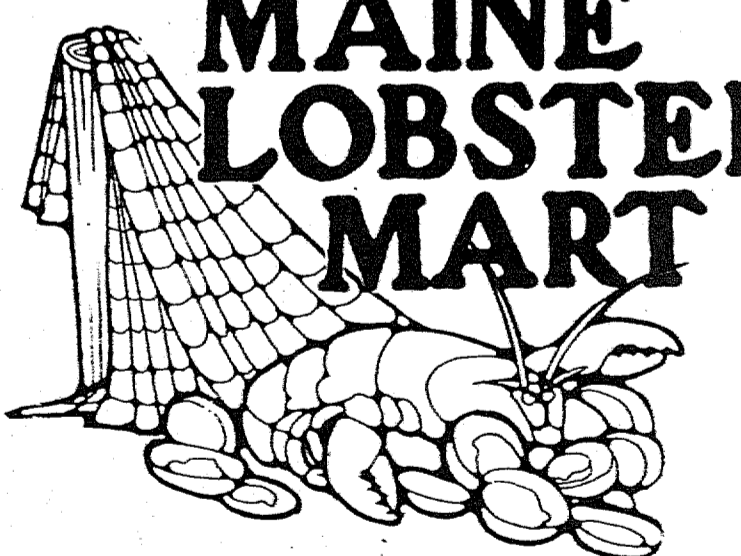
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rare cat

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current status of the species, Baudy believes that the last hope for the Florida panther is to round up all of the remaining specimens both in the wild and in scattered zoos around the state for a controlled breeding effort such as those he has undertaken to restore other endangered species of large cats from remote corners of the globe.

"Some of the techniques I have used in breeding other large cats can be applied to restore the Florida panther," Baudy told the gathering at Conservation Center last week. Even though his past track record with other disappearing feline species has been nothing short of remarkable, Baudy is still not overly optimistic as to the probable success of his proposal, which he cautiously termed a "last ditch survival effort to preserve the panther from total elimination."

"Even if we were able to capture the few individuals still roaming loose in Florida, it would be extremely difficult to breed a viable captive population because the species is for all practical purposes biologically extinct already," he said, explaining that continual inbreeding of the last remaining panthers might still fall short of the mark of maintaining the Florida panther as a healthy, viable species.

The amount of land area and game required to support the solitary panther would also hamper a controlled breeding program such as Baudy proposes, he explained, just as it would later efforts to restore a viable population to the wild in one of the

nation's most rapidly developing states. Even if a captive breeding population could be sustained, Baudy feels that the specimens could only be released in a controlled management area.

"Only then will future generations be able to see the beauty of the Florida panther in motion," Baudy said.

But Robert Baudy is sincerely dedicated to the preservation of endangered animal species and feels that the almost insurmountable task of trying to restore the Florida panther would be well worth the effort.

To this end, his recent visit to Lee County included a stop at Les Piper's Everglades Wonder Gardens in Bonita Springs, which boasts the largest collection of Florida panthers in captivity. Baudy is trying to acquire some of Piper's younger specimens for a controlled breeding experiment at his Rare Feline Breeding Compound in Sumter County.

"I think we can do it," Baudy said in concluding his presentation at Conservation Center last week. "I think we've got to. This is our last chance, and if we don't jump on it I doubt we'll have any panthers surviving in the wild within three or four years."

"Tuesdays at the Center" is to be a weekly series of workshops, demonstrations and presentations by both local and visiting experts covering many aspects of natural resources conservation, management and application.

This Tuesday, January 24,



"Tuesdays at the Center" will feature a presentation on conservation cooking, or cooking native foods, to be given by long-time Island resident Eula Rhodes.

The following Tuesday, January 31, will feature a presentation by local environmentalist Bill Hammond on the raccoon and its role in the environment.

The weekly programs begin at 2:00 p.m. every Tuesday throughout the winter season, and "Tuesdays at the

Center" is open to the general public at no charge other than the regular admission fee to Conservation Center.

The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's new Conservation Center is situated just south of Sanibel-Captiva Road, about one-half mile east of its intersection with Rabbit Road.

Islanders are urged not to miss this entertaining and educational series of programs being offered this winter by the Conservation Foundation.

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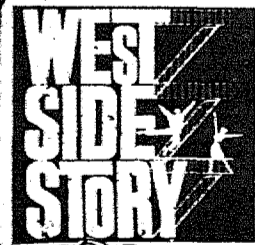
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underhill re-appointed

At their regular meeting last Tuesday in MacKenzie Hall, Sanibel city councilmen regretfully accepted the resignation of city planning commissioner George Tenney, while voting unanimously to reappoint former commissioner Twink Underhill to the city's seven-member planning body.

At their meeting on January 3, the council held an election to decide upon three appointments to succeed commissioners Ann Winterbotham, Lee Roy Friday and Twink Underhill, whose original terms expired December 31, 1977. Appointed were Islanders Judy Workman and Ray Fenton, while Mrs. Winterbotham was reappointed to serve another three-year term on the planning commission.

Mrs. Underhill missed being reappointed to the commission on January 3 by one vote, but the following day commissioner George Tenney submitted his resignation to the city council asking that Mrs. Underhill be reappointed to serve out the remainder of his term.

In his letter of resignation to the city council, Tenney said that his decision was in part "prompted by my frustration over the failure of the city council to support the planning commission's recommendations in many instances."

"I deplore the situation that spearheaded his resignation," said Councilman Duane White last week. "As former chairman of the planning commission, I know how hard George Tenney worked in behalf of the people of Sanibel."

Guided by Tenney's suggestion that Mrs. Underhill be reappointed to serve out the remainder of his term and considerable correspondence to the same effect, according to Mayor Zee Butler, the council voted unanimously last week to restore Mrs. Underhill to her past active role on the planning commission.

The decision was met with a warm round of applause from Islanders gathered for the meeting last Tuesday, and Mrs. Underhill accepted the post good naturedly.

"Under the circumstances, I really admire you for your willingness to be reappointed to the planning commission," Mayor Butler told Mrs. Underhill.

"I was beginning to feel like Harold Stassen—the eternal candidate," Mrs. Underhill quipped in reply.

Mrs. Underhill was originally appointed to the city planning commission in mid-1976 to serve out the unexpired term of Duane White, then-chairman of the commission who resigned at that time to enable him to run for a seat on the city council.

An original member of the commission, George Tenney was appointed to the city's planning advisory body in March of 1975, and subsequently reappointed for a second term last January. In accepting the appointment to serve out the remainder of his unexpired three-year term, Mrs. Underhill will serve on the commission until December 31, 1979.



Islander Twink Underhill was reappointed to the Sanibel Planning Commission last week by a unanimous vote of the city council.

Following the reappointment of Mrs. Underhill last Tuesday, the council presented a certificate of appreciation to Lee Roy Friday for his devoted service to the Islands as a member of the planning commission, and he, too, received a standing ovation from the gathering.

Mr. Tenney was also to have received the council's commendations for his service last week, but Tenney was not present for the meeting due to illness and will receive his certificate of appreciation at a later date.

"The land use plan belongs to all the people of Sanibel," Friday said in response to the council's commendation. "It has to serve the people, and if not, it's not worth the paper it's printed on."

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Elaine was born in Evanston, Illinois (who cares when), the only child of Lillian McCormick Watts and William

Walter Watts. She was educated in several different states, according to where her fast-moving parents were located, including a one-room schoolhouse outside Sioux City, Iowa. By the time Elaine was twenty-one years old she had attended twenty-one different schools, and finished her education by graduating from Columbia University with a B.S. degree in Theatre Arts and Training, in 1949.

During the next ten years, Elaine was active in off-Broadway theatre productions, held jobs with advertising agencies, department stores, waited tables...anything to keep her going while she made the rounds.

In 1952 Elaine moved to Philadelphia and subsequently went to work for WCAU, a CBS affiliate radio-TV station where fate brought her into circumstances leading to the opportunity of being cast as "Red Cotton" in a daily live TV show known as "Action in the Afternoon." The show ran a full year and was a network experimental project which helped perfect many of the technical effects of live television.

During this period, Elaine was married and divorced twice. No children. The theatre has always been her baby.

This happy nomad returned to New York City in 1959 and went to work for

the chief engineer of M U S A C, where, in due time, she was advanced to the position of manager of the station - writing commercials, selling time, and all other attendant duties. This led her to becoming the executive secretary for the National Association of F M broadcasters.

It was in 1960 that Elaine's father had become a major stockholder in South Seas Plantation. The Watts had been part-time Island residents since 1952. Her father managed to woo her into spending at least six months on the Islands in 1963, in order to learn something about the area and the hotel business. His reluctant daughter left the bright lights, kicked off her big city spike heels, lost her heart to captiva, and has been here ever since. Only once, in all these years, has she returned to her old happy hunting ground for an orgy of seeing plays on the Great White Way.

Elaine satisfied her dramatic urge by joining the Pirate Plyhouse group and has appeared in various productions ever since Ruth and Philip Hunter got underway in 1964, missing only two performances since that time. Praises for her acting have been loudly heard by all audiences attending these productions.

Not only using that outlet for her energies, Elaine went to work for

Priscilla Murphy Realty, Inc. and obtained her Real Estate broker's license in 1972. She then worked for Parcels and Gentry Inc., Realtors, and while associated with this organization saw the opportunity to turn an old tin shed on Captiva into a unique gift shop, so she promptly plunged into this venture along with Paul Stahlin and his wife, who owned the property. Elaine had been Paul's assistant when he was the active owner-manager of the South Seas Plantation at the time of her father's interest there.

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