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wildlife reigns on the islands once again *refuge dedication*

by rich arthurs

Despite cloudy skies and chilly winds, a large crowd of Islanders, visitors and honored guests showed up at the observation tower on the wildlife drive through the main tract of the J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge last Saturday afternoon for a long-overdue ceremony formally dedicating the Refuge to the memory of the famous conservationist and Pulitzer prize-winning cartoonist Jay Norwood "Ding" Darling (1876-1962).

From Sherry Fisher's opening remarks to the official dedication of the Refuge by Assistant Secretary of the Interior Robert L. Herbst, the ceremony emphasized the need for a continuing commitment to wildlife preservation efforts in this country, as amplified by the pioneering work of Jay Norwood Darling.

As political cartoonist for the Des Moines "Register" from 1906 through 1949 whose work was eventually syndicated and carried in over 130 prominent newspapers throughout the country, "Ding" Darling probably did more than any other figure in the history of this country to promote the spirit of wildlife conservation which now prevails on Sanibel and Captiva. Darling was a regular winter visitor



raccoons
at
conservation
center
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The Honorable Robert L. Herbst formally unveils the plaque and officially dedicates the Refuge last Saturday.

IWA meeting tomorrow

by gwen stevenson

A special meeting of the Island Water Association's membership will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, at 9:30 a.m. at the Community Association.

The membership will be asked to approve the IWA's plans for ensuring a future potable water supply and a general rate increase.

The utility plans to ask the membership for permission to build a reverse osmosis plant on a 30-acre site west of Rabbit Road, on Sanibel-Captiva Road. The IWA is also expected to ask the membership for an increase in the water hook-up fee to approximately \$1500 to pay for the installation of the new plant, which general manager Larry Snell and IWA engineer Ian Watson hope to have operational by February 1979.

"The pieces are finally falling," said last week.

Provisions of the

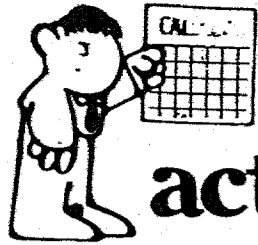
Comprehensive Land Use Plan, we

discovered that it is not necessary for a utility to request an amendment to the Plan to construct a plant, so that is one major problem out of the way." Snell expects to have a development permit for the plant 30 days after the February 8 meeting.

The utility has been officially advised by the Lee County Commission that, by not issuing water hook-ups, they are in violation of their franchise agreement. The IWA has been unable to issue

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people, places and things —
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activities

things to do

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

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

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WATER SKIING - Herb Purdy, 472-1849.

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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.

SANIBE 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.

church

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Worship 11:00 A.M.
Evening Services 7:00 P.M.
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Prayer Meeting 7:00 P.M.

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2nd & 4th Sundays 9:30 A.M.

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Grades 3 & 4 & 5 10:30 A.M.

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Sanibel Community Association Building
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Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

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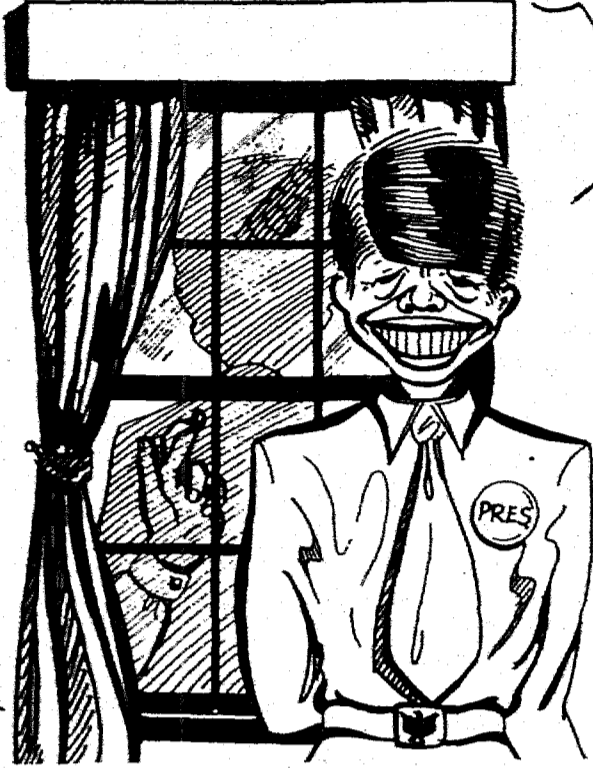
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commentary

the time has come to be counted

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For months now the Island Water Association has been caught on the horns of a dilemma between not being allowed to increase their water withdrawals and pressure from irate Islanders who need water hook-ups. This was complicated by recent County action advising the IWA that they are in violation of their franchise agreement for not providing water service to their franchise area of Sanibel and Captiva.

Tomorrow, Wednesday, the IWA will unveil thier complete plans to ensure that Islanders will have potable water for generations to come. It will be costly, but not as costly as once thought. The price is within moderation. The IWA's plan will probably be approved by the state, thus allowing them to satisfy their potential customers and the County Commission. It is fairly obvious that IWA officials have not been comfortable with this situation and have gone to some lengths to rectify it, the results of which will be presented tomorrow. There have been many calls over the past months for the community to support the water utility during this trying time. Now is the time for the community to be counted. This is the time for support. Now is truly the time, when an answer is within reach, to reason together. With this attitude, tomorrow's meeting will be productive for all.

IWA

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permits because the South Florida Water Management District has refused to allow the IWA to increase its water withdrawals from the Lower Hawthorne Aquifer by new wells until they have devised a plan to accommodate a growing demand for water on the Island. If the membership approves the IWA proposal, it is expected to go before the Board of

Governors for the South Florida Water Management District at their monthly meeting February 16. If they approve it, the District has indicated that they will be receptive to increased withdrawals into the Lower Hawthorne, enabling the IWA to lift their moratorium on hook-ups.

Tomorrow's meeting, at 9:30 a.m. at the Community Association, is expected to be well attended.

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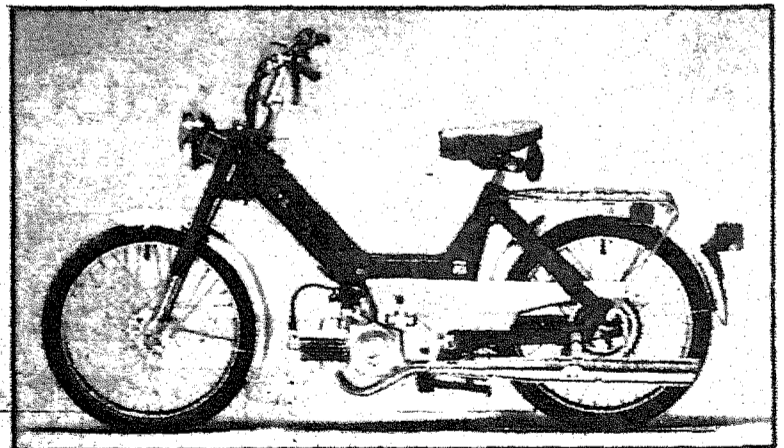
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commentary

letters to the editor

area needs weather facility

We would like to add our voice to the chorus of critics who are upset because the National Weather Service has decided to close the weather station at Page Field.

As has been pointed out in other editorials in other newspapers in the last few days, it is the only weather station in Southwest Florida. The closest stations will be Tampa and Miami.

We are the first to believe that there are areas in the federal government that could be shaved, thereby saving money.

But we don't think that weather stations are the point to start,

especially in this area where sudden, harsh storms can develop.

Granted, there have been improvements in weather forecasting over the years, but somehow we think that the distance between Tampa and Miami leaves the area here pretty well unprotected once the weather stations are closed.

While we are no experts, we understand that hurricanes, when on the loose, can make sudden direction changes and it is difficult for us to believe that Tampa, or Miami, could call the last minute shots.

We seriously urge that the National Weather Service reconsider its announced action.

former planning director applauds council action

To the Editor:

The citizens of Sanibel are to be congratulated for their role in the return of Emily "Twink" Underhill to the Sanibel Planning Commission. There is no need to extol her fine qualities, and dedication to the "idea" called Sanibel; these are readily apparent at any random public meeting of the Planning Commission.

On a less pleasant matter; Sanibel is the poorer for the resignation of George Tenney, whose foresight, sense of fair-play and courage oftentimes helped the

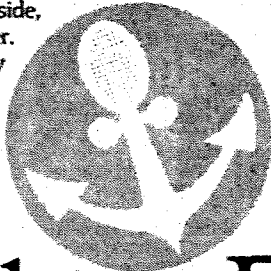
Commission through extremely difficult decisions. Regardless of his own views on the ageing process, with which I must respectfully disagree, I don't believe a sharper, more analytical mind can be readily found, at any age. I know that Mr. Tenney will continue to voice his opinions as a member of the public in the challenging days to come, and he will always shine in most, if not all peoples' eyes.

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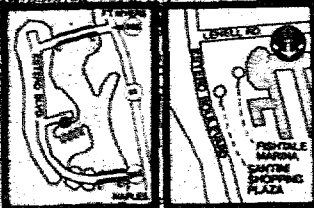
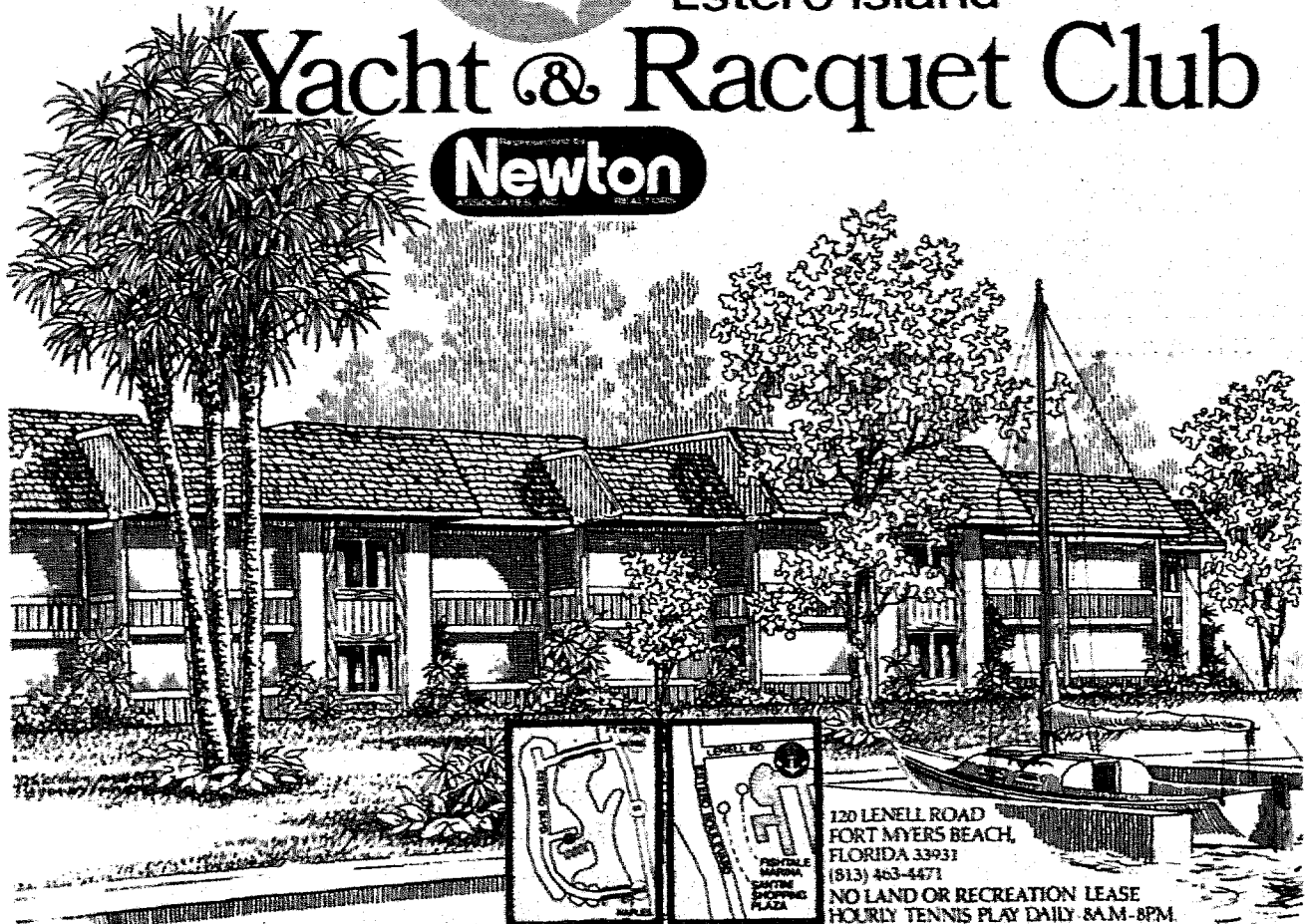
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Dear Kip:

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We are presently attempting to locate the owner of the money and will keep you informed of our action.

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cc: City Manager Nungester
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letter to the editor

IWA franchise challenges state rights

Dear Jim:

The Joint Committee of IWA and the City to study the feasibility of a change in franchise met on January 31st to review the initial draft of such a franchise agreement prepared by IWA's attorney, John Schumacher.

Several provisions of the document were questioned by the representatives of both parties - and myself as an Association member and Sanibel taxpayer. It was concluded that further consideration of the document was needed before a final draft could be presented for approval of IWA and the City.

That initial draft agreement, with a few departures, is essentially a "boilerplate" of the 1965 County-IWA franchise that currently governs IWA's operations on Sanibel and Captiva. It seems to me that such a base is currently inappropriate because it reflects an abhorrent cavalier attitude of the County Commissioners prevalent at that time. As you will undoubtedly agree, that fixation is evident in our current franchise that seeks to reduce our PRIVATE co-operative to the servile status of a satellite to the County. I am sure that most members of IWA do not relish such relegation. IWA's state-granted Charter predating the County franchise most certainly did not contemplate such a role for the Association.

As a total document, I look upon the draft document as one that adversely affects my basic State-granted corporate rights, powers, and privileges. I urge, therefore, that any policy position that IWA's Board may adopt in

considering such relations with any public body be predicated on the preservation of the following Association's prerogatives:

A--The power to fix without hindrance the rates and charges needed to fund IWA's financial obligations and provide adequate reserves.

B--The right to solely determine who shall be eligible for IWA membership and services.

C--The right to limit the uses of its services to its plant capacity and the needs of its existing members.

D--The right to refuse to provide the services (granted by Charter) to Sanibel and Captiva, and assurance of such right being affirmatively set.

E--The right to EXCLUSIVELY provide the services (granted by Charter) to Sanibel and Captiva, and assurance of such right being affirmatively set.

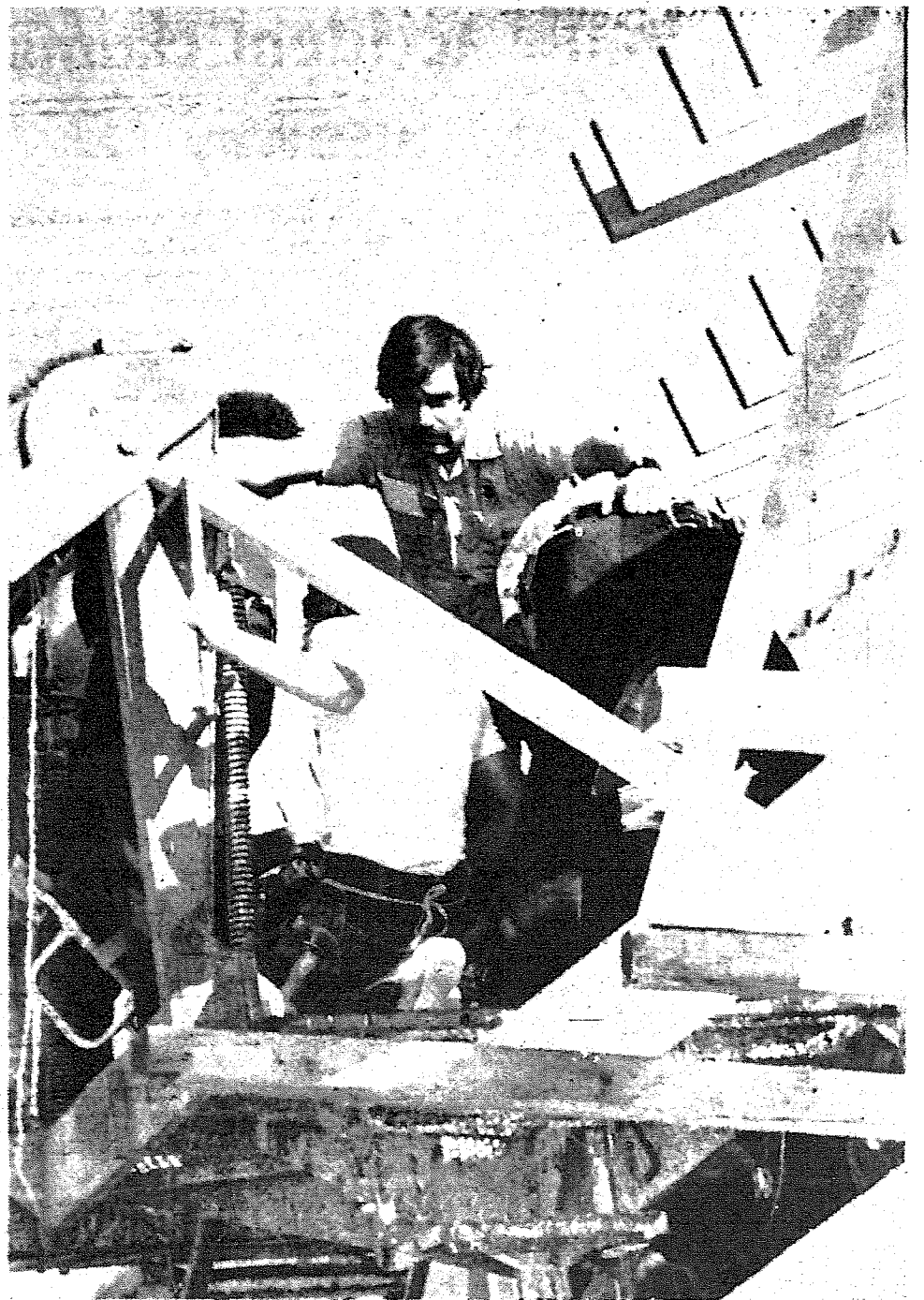
F--The right to negotiate ALL terms and conditions for the sale of IWA's property and good will for the best interests of its membership.

G--The privilege to alter the private nature of IWA so as to avail itself of public loans and grants.

and

H--The right to distribute IWA's assets upon its dissolution as provided in its Charter.

Paul A. Howe



island emergency team rescues worker

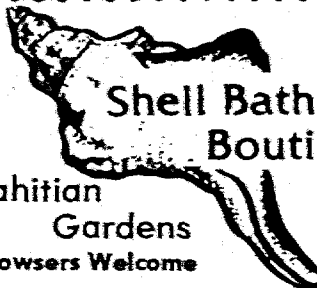
Emergency Medical Technicians Don Evans and Russ Batchelor, along with Sanibel Fire Control District fireman Rick Laporte assist an injured construction worker who suffered a possible fractured ankle last week when he fell from a scaffold during work on the Sea View condominium on East Gulf Drive.

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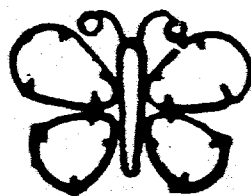
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traffic accident claims life at causeway toll facility

A tragic accident at the Sanibel Causeway toll facility on Monday, January 30, claimed the life of an elderly New York man as he and his wife were arriving for a vacation on the Islands.

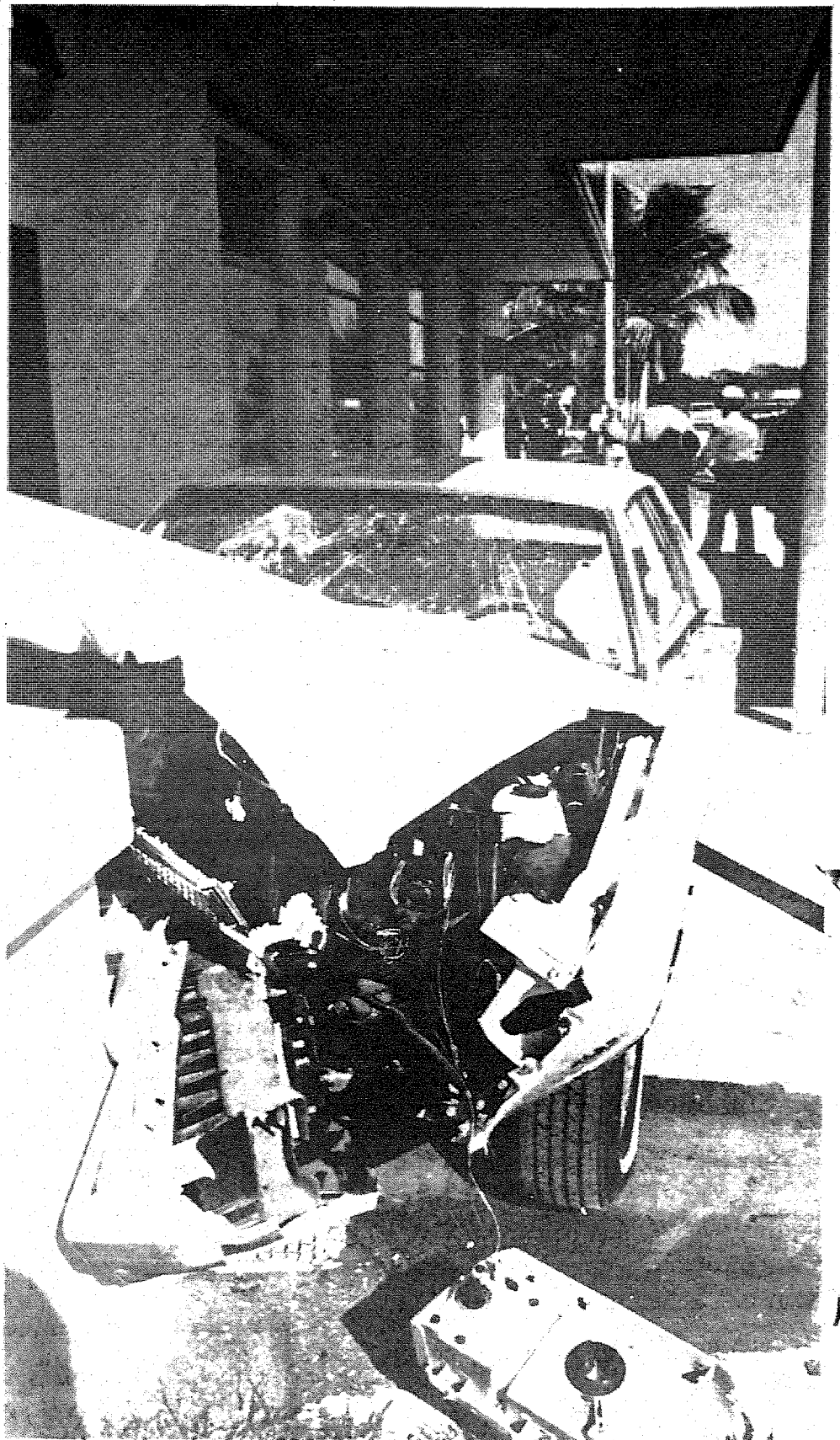
David Goldsmith, 80, of New York City was killed instantly at about 2:00 p.m. last Monday when the rented car in which he was riding struck the concrete wall of the small office building at the toll facility.

The car was driven by the wife of the deceased, Bell Goldsmith, 72, who also sustained injuries in the accident. She was listed in fair condition at Lee Memorial Hospital late last week.

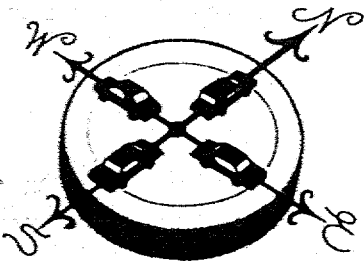
At the time of the accident, the couple was just arriving for a vacation on Sanibel from Miami, where they had rented the car. They were planning to stay with Delvalle Goldsmith, 71, of New York City, brother of the deceased, who owns an apartment at Ocean's Reach Condominiums on Sanibel.

Delvalle Goldsmith had driven over to meet the couple and had just turned around to come back through the toll booth when the car driven by Bell Goldsmith went out of control, hit the rear end of her brother-in-law's car, jumped the curb and smashed into the office building at a speed of about 30-40 miles per hour. Lee County Sheriff's officials originally believed that the accelerator of the Goldsmith's rented car had stuck, but later reports indicated that Mrs. Goldsmith had become excited and hit the accelerator pedal by mistake.

Upon impact, David Goldsmith was thrown into the windshield and died instantly, Sheriff's officials said.



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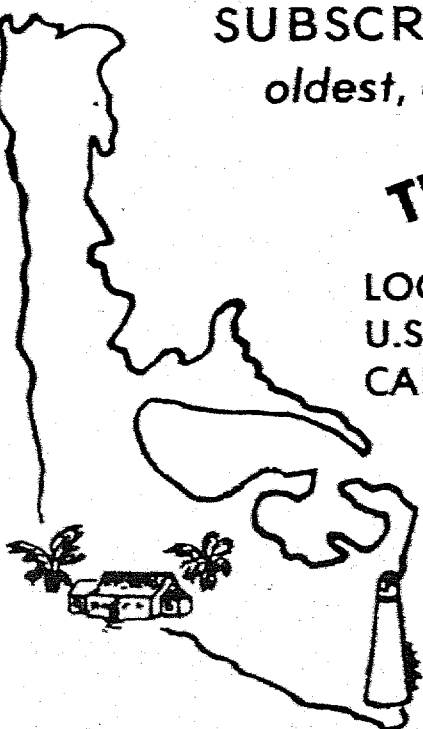
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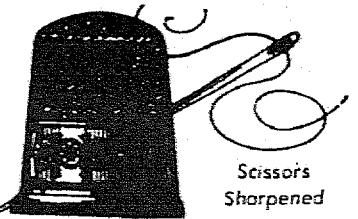
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islanders vote "no" to bond issue

Like three out of every four Lee County residents, most Islanders voted no last Tuesday to the Lee County Commission's \$30-million road bond proposal which would have taxed area residents for 29 years for the construction and improvement of about 10 area thoroughfares.

The final tally of last week's road bond referendum revealed that 26,113 Lee County residents opposed the bond issue while only 9,966 favored the proposal.

In precinct 16 which includes all of Sanibel, about 46 percent of the Island's 1,975 registered voters went to the polls last Tuesday. A total of 204 Islanders voted for the proposed bond issue, 693 voted against, while the ballots of another 9 Sanibel voters were deemed invalid because the voters had either voted yes and no on the bond issue or simply hadn't marked the ballot at all, according to the Lee County Supervisor of Elections office.



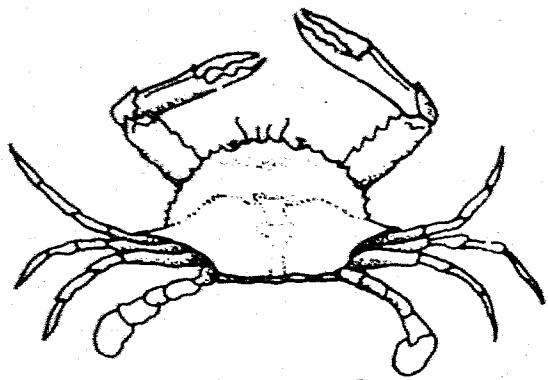
On Captiva, precinct 17, about 39 percent of the Island's registered voters turned out to take a stand on the bond issue.

The final election results indicated that 35 Captivians had voted for the bond issue, while 71 cast their ballots in opposition to the proposal.

The election results pointed out that most Lee County taxpayers are opposed to funding long-overdue road improvements through increased ad valorem property taxes, which would have been necessary to retire the \$30-million bond issue.

In the face of such overwhelming opposition to the bond issue, county commissioners met Wednesday to consider alternate means of funding area road construction and improvements.

The commission is tentatively set to hold a workshop meeting with county transportation officials and financial consultants on February 17.



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Last week, "Tuesdays at the Center" featured a presentation on the raccoon and its role in the environment of Southwest Florida by area naturalist Ray Judah of the Environmental Education Center in Fort Myers.

Judah's talk last week drew a large turnout of Islanders to Conservation Center, the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's new facility south of Sanibel-Captiva Road. Ever since the recent initiation of the weekly series of environmental education programs at Conservation Center, "Tuesdays at the Center" has attracted growing numbers of Islanders who come to gain new insights and a keener awareness of the Islands' natural systems.

The North American raccoon (*Procyon lotor*) is an integral and frequently-seen member of the wildlife community of Southwest Florida. Literally found throughout the North American continent, the raccoon as a species is far from endangered primarily because of its great adaptability, Ray Judah explained to the gathering at Conservation Center last week.

The raccoon's distinctive coloration, dexterous forepaws, omnivorous feeding habits, and ability to regulate its own body temperature render it well suited to a wide variety of habitats, Judah said. The raccoon is able to survive in habitats ranging from mangrove swamps to pine forests, but is most abundant in hardwood hammocks and coastal areas, he added.

Judah said that these clever mammals can weigh up to 35 pounds as adults and are good fighters, enabling them to hold their own with almost any predator native to Florida except for

the American alligator and Florida panther. He said that abundant raccoon populations would be vital to any effort to preserve the endangered Florida panther, as raccoons normally constitute about 75 percent of the panther's diet.

Calling them "opportunistic feeders," Judah said that the omnivorous raccoon will eat both animal and vegetable matter as well as marine life, adding that a species of bivalve called the "coon oyster" appears to be the raccoon's favorite food. The coon oyster clings to mangrove roots, and raccoons are frequently seen on mud flats at low tide feeding upon their favorite delicacy.

Judah said that raccoons are also quite fond of sea turtle eggs deposited on Florida's beaches during the summer months, and Island raccoons have traditionally been the bane of Caretta Research officials in their work to preserve the endangered loggerhead sea turtle on the Islands and elsewhere along the south Florida coastline.

Insomuch as the raccoon does not necessarily shun human contact, the species presents a possible threat to man because raccoons are carriers of rabies and other diseases which can be transmitted to humankind, Judah said.

He further stated that raccoons living near residential areas appear to be less healthy than specimens living in the wilderness, and advised Islanders against feeding these lovable creatures.

"I know they're cute and it's an awful temptation to feed them, but I think it's

feed them, buy them good dog food or something with some nourishment in it."

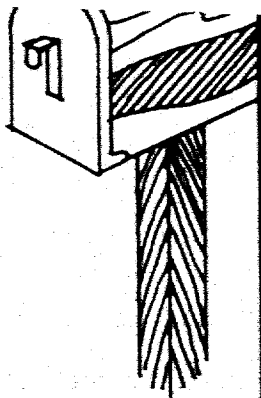
Island naturalist George Campbell, on the other hand, said that man's artificial feeding of raccoons on Sanibel and Captiva may have had a positive effect in terms of the

destruction of loggerhead turtle nests. Campbell said that as the Island's population has grown and more and more people have been feeding the raccoons, Caretta Research Director Charles LeBuff has noticed a decrease in the number of loggerhead nests destroyed by foraging raccoons.



Fort Myers naturalist Bill Bushner had his hands full last week trying to control his furry friends.

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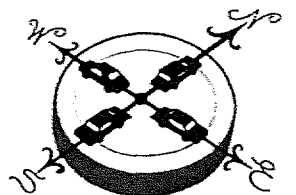
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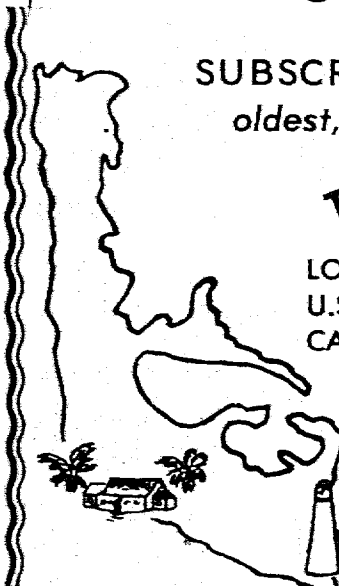
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Judah said that at the present time, the raccoon's foremost enemy is the speeding automobile, which annually claims the lives of thousands of raccoons across the state.

"With a conscientious effort on our part to drive more carefully and ongoing efforts to protect areas of critical wildlife habitat in Florida, I think that the raccoon will be with us for quite some time," Judah concluded his presentation at Conservation Center last week.

For his presentation last week, Judah brought with him two young raccoons that were found abandoned in Lee County and were brought to the Environmental Education Center for care. Under the direction of local naturalist Bill Hammond, the staff of the Environmental Education Center has raised the young orphans according to a rehabilitation program geared to restoring the three-month old raccoons to the wild.

These young specimens provide both visual aids and comic relief for the gathering at Conservation Center last week, as they scurried and capered among the audience during Judah's talk. If nothing else, they demonstrated the playfulness and resour-

cefulness of the species as they stealthily examined the contents of pocketbooks and handbags carried by unsuspecting Islanders who in listening to Judah failed to notice the tricky raccoons.

Today, February 7, "Tuesdays at the Center" will feature a presentation on the indigo snake to be given by Tom Crutchfield. Crutchfield is the owner of Reptile World, a research and breeding center affiliated with Waltzing Waters on Cape Coral.

The following Tuesday, February 14, Islander Ann Winterbotham will conduct a "sketch-in" to instruct amateur artists on the Islands in how to draw native plants and wildlife for "Tuesdays at the Center."

A long-time Island resident, artist and illustrator, Mrs. Winterbotham is a past-chairman of the Conservation Foundation and currently serves as chairman of the Sanibel Planning Commission.

"Tuesdays at the Center" offers regular environmental presentations beginning at 2:00 p.m. every Tuesday throughout the winter season. The series is open to the general public at no charge other than the regular admission fee to Conservation Center.



Local naturalist Ray Judah and friend, a three-month old raccoon, appeared at Conservation Center last week for Ray's presentation on raccoons as part of "Tuesdays at the Center," a weekly series of environmental education programs being offered by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation this winter.



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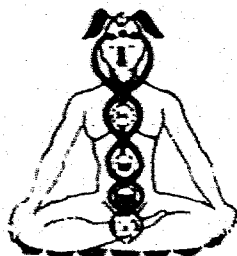
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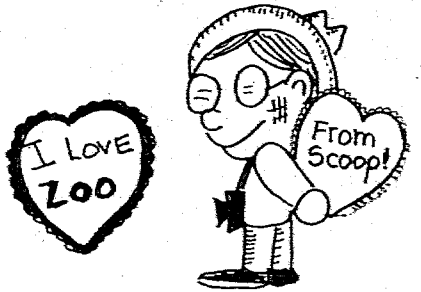
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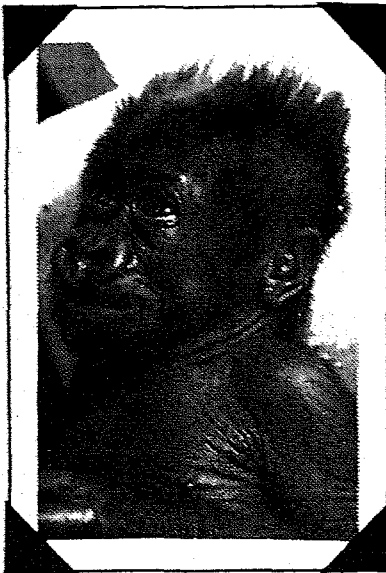
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workshop focuses on personnel administrative problems

In a pair of late afternoon workshop meetings on January 30 and 31, Sanibel city fathers met with both the planning commission and City Manager Bill Nungester for informal discussions on subjects ranging from city personnel problems to lack of coordination between city planning commissioners and councilmen.

Perhaps the most troubling administrative problem brought to the attention of the council last week is the city's apparent inability to hire and retain professional personnel in Sanibel City Hall. Alluding to the resignations of two planning directors within the past two years, City Manager Bill Nungester told councilman and planning commissioners that the "interference" of outsiders in the city's routine administrative business has hindered the city's ability to retain and to hire professional administrative personnel.

"Frankly, I'm a little perturbed," Nungester said in an emotional address to city fathers last Tuesday. "I've found it very difficult to recruit professional help, mainly because of all the interaction on this Island between the city staff and people who actually have nothing to do with the city administration."

"Some of these problems are not of our own doing," Nungester added, "and I'm at a loss as to how to get around them." The city manager said that outside interference in city business has also tended to lower morale among members of the city staff.

"We, the staff, hope that we can change this attitude," Nungester said. "I'm confident that we can change it in-house, but I'm really in no position to do anything about the people not employed by the city. This interference is worse on Sanibel than in any other community I've ever worked in."

He said that the situation has additionally made the job of finding qualified professionals to work on Sanibel extremely difficult. Nungester reported that the city's advertisements for in-house city engineer over the past few months have met with only a



handful of applications for the opening.

"And that interference has affected our ability to employ the type of planner we'd like to employ," he told city planning commissioners last Monday.

"The word has gotten out around the state that Sanibel is a very difficult place to work."

Planning Commissioner Betty Robinsen told Nungester that the absence of well-defined responsibilities and job descriptions for city personnel has left commissioners confused with respect to the services they can expect from the city's professional planning staff.

"I don't know what I can expect or what I have a right to expect from the new planning director when he comes aboard," she told Nungester. Nungester's selection for the job, Bruce

Rogers, is slated to assume the post later this month.

Councilman Duane White suggested that insufficient staff could be a partial cause of the city's personnel problems. "I feel that you are hampered because you do not have adequate staff in some areas of the administration," White told the city manager.

Nungester responded that additions to the staff are presently virtually impossible because of the city's limited budget and office space.

"I think that a lot of the problems I've encountered originate right here in city hall," White continued. "It seems to me that this could be controlled to an extent in staff meetings by letting the staff know that their problems shouldn't be discussed outside of city hall. My personal experience has taught me that the only way to handle personnel

problems is to jump on them immediately before they get out of hand."

"Also, we have a lot of people on this Island who are vitally interested in the city's business, and to my way of thinking that's good," he added. "From the very beginning we've courted the input of the citizens, and I would rather have it this way than have no citizen participation at all. You've got to take the good with the bad."

City fathers were nonetheless unanimous in their commendation of the work produced by Nungester and his staff under trying circumstances.

"I want to compliment you on an outstanding job given the handicaps you've been working under," Councilman White told the city manager.

"We've got a dedicated group of

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bafalis calls panama treaties bad deal

WASHINGTON — The more intensive the scrutiny of the Panama Canal treaties the more vehement the opposition of our ratifying them in anything remotely resembling their current form.

So, let's take a good, close look at some of the more odious provisions of the treaty.

First, six months after the treaties are ratified by the Congress, that 10 mile wide strip of land known as the Panama Canal Zone will cease to exist. That buffer of land, currently controlled by the U.S., will revert to Panama, making the canal itself much more vulnerable to sabotage, terrorism and harassment.

No longer will the U.S. flag fly over the Zone. This new treaty absolutely negates the 1903 document which gave the U.S. in perpetuity the power it needed to operate the zone.

Then, at noon, on December 31, 1999, U.S. control of the canal itself will cease. Full responsibility for this vital

waterway, valued at between six and seven billion dollars, will pass to Panama - and whatever government is in control of that nation then.

Under a separate understanding, the U.S. agrees to provide Panama with some \$345 million in economic and military aid - marking perhaps the first time a nation has been forced to pay for the privilege of giving away something of value.

As if that wasn't a steep enough price, the treaties also provide that Panama can raise the price of canal passage.

So, it is obvious these treaties give Panama all the financial benefits and none of the problems - and give us, nothing but problems and nothing in the way of benefits.

And that just takes care of the sections of the treaties everyone agrees on. There are a few sections on which no one is sure.

Do the treaties give the U.S. the right to defend this all-important waterway

in time of war? We say yes, Panama is hedging. Do our ships have the right to go to the head of the line for canal passage during wartime? Again, we say yes, but Panama doesn't.

And these are significant issues since more than 60 percent of the vessels needed to run a modern military campaign will use the canal in time of war. Our combat ships and supply vessels will either use the canal or be forced to sail around Cape Horn, a lengthy trip which would put them at the mercy of a nation which, until recently, had a communist government.

But these treaties do more than give Panama control of a canal we will need in wartime. It also, in effect, gives Panama veto power over any U.S. plans to build a sea level, Atlantic-to-Pacific canal anywhere in Latin America.

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But, because a leftist dictator is looking for an issue to distract his people from his own incompetence, we are being asked to giveaway the canal.

It's a bad deal, abad, bad deal.

workshops

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people here," replied the city manager. "Bill Nungester hasn't done the job alone."

Problems of coordination with the city administration and city council were foremost in the minds of city planning commissioners at their workshop with the council on January 30.

Among other things, the commission recommended that the present schedule of hearings on requests for city development permits and amendments to the land use plan be revised to give commissioners more time to study the details in each case before the request comes to a hearing.

"I think we're trying to go about the processing of applications too fast, and too many mistakes have been made in too many areas," commission Chairman Ann Winterbotham told the council. "As a result, some areas of the plan have become problems."

City legal consultant Fred Bosselman has proposed a different method for hearing requests for long-form development permits and amendments to the plan whereby hearings would only be scheduled at given times of the year, although city councilmen have declined to act upon the proposal primarily because of the additional delay it would impose upon applicants for city development permits.

"At best, the city's permitting process is a time-consuming route already," explained Mayor Zee Butler.

Commissioner Judy Workman requested that the council endeavor to insure that special conditions attached to the issuance of city development permits by the planning commission and city council be carried out by Island developers during the actual construction of a project.

"Those stipulations should be clearly spelled out and called to the attention of city building inspectors," agreed Councilman White.

"It's a matter of constantly following up through the inspection process," said City Manager Nungester. "That's what we're faced with in the fields."

Nungester said that in the future, special conditions imposed upon developers by the planning commission will be included in building permits posted at job sites on the Island to assist city building inspectors in seeing that the commission's wishes are carried out.

Commissioner Workman also complained to city fathers about their ordinance 77-47, which requires the planning commission to determine if

there is an adequate water supply to serve new development before city permits for new development can be issued. Commissioners have long felt that they lack the necessary technical expertise to determine the adequacy of the water supply for Sanibel, and have already complained to city fathers about the difficult position in which ordinance 77-47 leaves the planning commission.

"It just completely throws me," Commissioner Workman told the council, "I don't know how to vote on anything involving water use because you've given us no guidelines with which to determine if there's an adequate water supply."

Mrs. Workman also objected to the city's lack of clear-cut policy governing the use of existing shallow wells on Sanibel.

Commissioner Betty Robinson requested that the city attorney be made available for planning commission meetings and hearings to provide commissioners with timely legal advice which they have hitherto been lacking, she said.

"Every avenue should be open to you to get you the legal help you need," Councilman White replied, adding that because of the city attorney's busy workload, commissioners should submit their questions to legal counsel in either workshop meetings or by way of memoranda.

Commissioner Don Marshall made a plea for closer coordination between the city council and planning commission in the future, and warmly invited councilmen to attend commission meetings to assist city planners in their deliberations.

"It strikes me in my very short time on the planning commission that I really didn't know what I was letting myself in for," new Commissioner Ray Fenton told city councilmen at the close of the meeting last Monday.

Councilmen said that they look to future workshop sessions such as those conducted last week as the means by which to get the handle on problems of coordination between the city administration, city council, and appointed advisory bodies such as the planning commission.

"I want us to work together in the closest spirit of cooperation," Councilman White told city planning commissioners last Monday.

"I hope that this will be the start of more direct communications between the planning commission and the

council," added Councilman Charles LeBuff.

In other discussions with the city manager last week, Nungester reported that the staff's proposed five-year capital improvement budget for Sanibel will be ready for presentation to the city planning commission by the middle of February.

After the planning commission reviews the proposed five-year capital outlay for improvements ranging from road projects to land acquisition to the construction of city offices, the budget will be submitted to the city council for final action. Nungester said that he does not anticipate the final adoption of a capital improvements budget for Sanibel much before the latter part of April.

He also reported that the city is near the point of finalizing a three-way agreement with Lee County and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officials on Sanibel in which the city would be able to excavate accumulated fill material from some parts of the Bailey Tract of the J.N. "Ding" Darling National

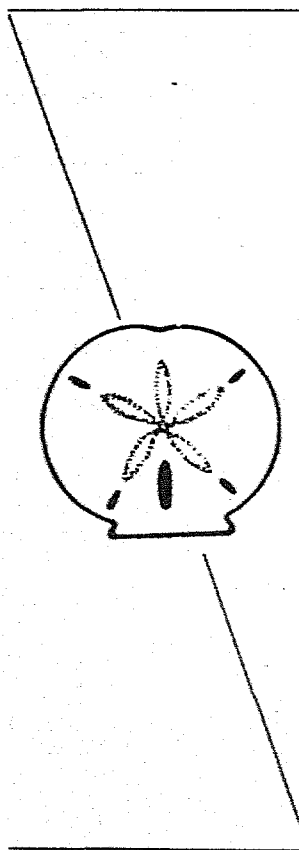
Wildlife Refuge. This fill could then be used for road projects and repairs on the Islands, Nungester said.

Saying that he had noticed two on-premises advertising signs at Dunham's of Maine on Periwinkle Way, Councilman Francis Bailey asked Nungester what the administration has been doing to enforce the provisions of Sanibel's relatively new Street Graphic Ordinance.

Nungester replied that both signs at Dunham's are legal because owners of the establishment registered as two separate businesses with city officials and paid for two separate occupational licenses.

"Other than that, I think that our sign ordinance enforcement program is moving along pretty well," the city manager said.

The city council has established a policy of holding informal workshop meetings with the city manager on the last Tuesday of months with five Tuesdays, the first and third Tuesday of each month having been set aside for the council's regular meetings.



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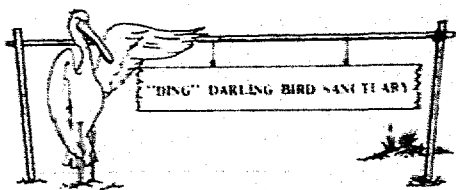
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on the Islands for many years, and his great love for the natural beauty of Sanibel and Captiva led him to spearhead an effort which by the present day would result in the protection of 4,833 acres of environmentally sensitive land on Sanibel under the auspices of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"Mr. Darling had a lifetime of devotion to our country's natural areas," said Sherry R. Fisher, chairman of the J. N. "Ding" Darling Foundation, Inc. of Des Moines, in his opening address. "This refuge has fostered a new awareness of the great value of our natural resources, and it is fitting that this beautiful sanctuary should be dedicated in his honor."

But the preservation of a vast portion of Sanibel Island was hardly the work of one lone plucky cartoonist, and Colonel Robert M. Brantly, director of the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, was on hand last Saturday to recount the role of state agencies and officials in the creation of the Refuge.

After chronicling the state involvement in the establishment of the Refuge, Colonel Brantly concluded, "It's only through the efforts of private individuals that government can hope to preserve beautiful areas such as this refuge in their natural state."

He was followed to the speaker's platform by Islander Mrs. Herbert Lewis, who spoke on the contribution of private citizens in the establishment of the Refuge.

Mrs. Lewis told of the formation of the J. N. "Ding" Darling Memorial Committee, of which she was a member, in the weeks following the cartoonist's death in 1962, and of that group's efforts to gather money and support for the dedication of a wildlife sanctuary on Sanibel in Mr. Darling's honor.

Working together with the J. N. "Ding" Darling Foundation, Inc. in Des Moines, the Committee succeeded in gaining first state, and later, federal protection for undisturbed lands on

Sanibel presently included in the J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. From the group of Islanders involved in the Committee's work was born the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation in 1967, the same year in which the name of the Refuge was changed from the Sanibel National Wildlife Refuge to the J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge in honor of the late cartoonist.

"I never drive through this sanctuary without feeling a real lifting of the heart," Mrs. Lewis said. "I get almost ecstatic when I think that today this wonderful area is saved for all of us, dedicated to the memory of J. N. "Ding" Darling, its original founder."

Mr. Lawrence S. Givens, who served in both the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service as well as its predecessor, the U. S. Biological Survey, explained the state and federal roles in the establishment of the Refuge, from the time of the establishment of the Sanibel Lighthouse in 1883 to the 1970 acquisition of remaining lands proposed for inclusion in the Refuge under a management plan drawn up in 1967.

Givens then surrendered the podium to Mr. Lynn A. Greenwalt, director of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, who addressed the present and future challenge of Refuge management.

"I feel that I've received a legacy of sorts, for although I never met "Ding" Darling, I am in a way an heir of his," Greenwalt said. "I think that this Refuge is an appropriate wildlife area, showing a commitment on the part of local citizens to the idea that man is responsible for his fellow creatures on this earth."

Calling the popular cartoonist "a capable visionary," Greenwalt said that the Refuge is "a uniquely significant area that deserves to be dedicated to the memory of J. N. "Ding" Darling."

"The activities that have gone on here are very important to the nation as a whole," Greenwalt added, pointing to the need for a nationwide com-



Mayor Zee Butler looks on the dedication with pleasure.

mitment to wildlife preservation in order to protect the vast Alaskan frontier.

Greenwalt went on to introduce the featured speaker for the ceremony, the Honorable Robert L. Herbst, Assistant Secretary of the U. S. Department of the Interior for Fish Wildlife, and Parks.

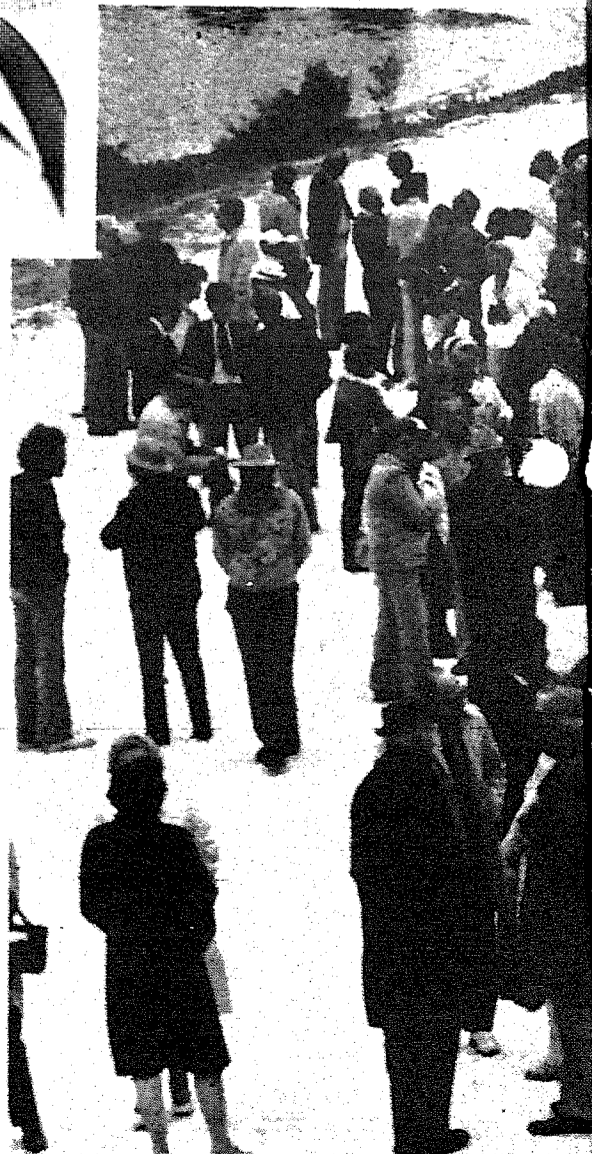
"Ding" Darling saw a good thing when he wintered in this area," began the conservationist from Minnesota, who accepted the post of Assistant Secretary of the Interior last year. "The time he spent on these beautiful Islands strengthened his resolve to

that 92-million acres in Alaska be set aside as protected wildlife habitat. Herbst commented on the "wise stewardship" exemplified by the wildlife protection efforts of Darling and other Islanders over the years resulting in the establishment of the J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

"Man did not create the riches spread before him. None of this belongs to him, and such dominion is a frightening responsibility," Herbst said. "Conservation involves a concern for future generations. It recognizes the rights of citizens who will inherit this land one-thousand years from now."

"As we dedicate this Refuge, we are preserving those riches for future generations," Herbst continued, "and it was J. N. "Ding" Darling's hope that future generations could share the beauty of this land which he had known and loved."

Herbst delivered a speech formally dedicating the Refuge to the beloved cartoonist and unveiled a plaque





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The Honorable Robert L. Herbst, Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior grins at his attentive audience.



Col. Robert Brantly, Director, Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission.

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protect the natural resources of this nation."

"What has been accomplished here by all of you gives me great confidence." Herbst told the large gathering in attendance for the ceremony.

Like Greenwalt, Herbst emphasized the urgent need for federal acquisition and protection of Alaskan wilderness areas, saying he has recommended commemorating J. N. "Ding" Darling's great contribution to the Islands and to all creatures of the earth, adding that "perhaps he was the best friend the ducks ever had."

Herbst said that the dedication of the Refuge does not signal the conclusion of Darling's pioneering work in the field of wildlife conservation.

"It is rather the beginning of the future," Herbst said, revealing that a program of increased management, interpretation, and additional land acquisition on Sanibel is in the offing for Fish and Wildlife Service officials on the Island in the years ahead.

The bronze plaque of dedication is mounted on a large stone, which will be moved to the entrance to the wildlife drive eventually, Herbst said.



Refuge manager Del. Pierce and Charles LeBuff were in attendance.

The ceremony concluded with the presentation of "Ding" Darling's original engraving for the first federal Duck Stamp to the Department of the Interior. Darling designed and created the first federal Duck Stamp, "the flying goose," in 1934. The sale of the popular stamps to hunters and sportsmen has provided the federal government with much-needed funding for land acquisition and wildlife management efforts ever since.

Assistant Secretary of the Interior Herbst accepted the original Darling engraving from Darling Foundation Chairman Sherry Fisher, who explained that the priceless gift was offered through the courtesy of Darling's daughter, Mrs. Richard Koss. Mr. and Mrs. Koss were also present for the ceremony.

A cocktail reception at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's new Conservation Center followed the dedication ceremony last Saturday, and the visiting dignitaries were the guests of Sanibel City Councilman Porter Goss at a dinner party at the Goss home later that night.

Islanders interested in the life, work and achievements of Jay Norwood Darling are directed to the Foundation's Conservation Center off Sanibel-Captiva Road, where a unique collection of Darling's cartoons and personal memorabilia will be on display throughout the month of February.

The display features a remarkable full-scale recreation of the scene depicted in "Ding" Darling's last cartoon, captioned, "Bye now—it's been wonderful knowing you," which was designed by Nora Dietlein, Don Cook, and members of the Conservation Center staff.

After more than ten years of bearing his name, the J. N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel, representing the fulfillment of the cartoonist's dreams, was at last formally dedicated to the memory of the uncompromising conservationist on Saturday, February 4, 1978.



The chilly winds did not keep the crowds away from the Refuge dedication.

open letter from mayor butler

The following letter was given to the ISLANDER for publication by the Sanibel Fire Control District, with the permission of Mayor Zee Butler. Mayor Butler appeared on a program called "30 Minutes" aired on Channel 11, Saturday, January 21, where the discussion revolved in part around the removal of the police from the fire station.

Mr. Phil Verdung, Administrative Assistant
Sanibel Fire Control District
Sanibel Island, Florida 33957

Dear Phil:

I very much appreciate you and Alan Nave taking the time to bring to my attention your concerns over a statement that was made by me on a recent television interview. It is always in the best interest of everyone concerned that you bring any such matters to the attention of those involved rather than discussing them among yourselves and getting nothing resolved.

It is well known that the cooperation of the Fire Department with the City of Sanibel has been outstanding. I believe we all realize that the small space involved has worked a hardship on both the Fire Department and the Police Department. I feel it was a real

sacrifice on your part to allow the Police Department to share your quarters in the first place. It certainly has been a real service to the community. While you have justifiably not renewed the lease to the Police Department, there has never been a question of pushing for the police to vacate your facilities. In fact, you have been very generous and patient in waiting for the City to find other quarters for the Police Department. It was never my intention to imply in any way that there was a lack of cooperation on your part. I can only plead a poor choice of words. I would not in any way wish to leave the impression that there had been any lack of cooperation on the part of the Fire

Department. The Fire Department and all of its professional and volunteer firemen have, indeed, been a real asset to this community.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to clear the air, and let me assure you that your dedication is deeply appreciated by the members of this community. Henceforth, I will count to ten before I make any further statements about anything!

Sincerely,
Zelda P. Butler
Mayor, City of Sanibel

cc: Alan Nave, Fire Chief, Commissioners McClintick, Wakefield, Carner

commercial fishermen plagued by many laws

Because of the amount of controversy over fishing in canals by commercial fishermen, the editor of this newspaper feels that the following article concerning such fishing will be of interest to both canal front property owners and commercial fishermen. The following was written by Corbett Levens, of North Fort Myers, president of the Organized Fishermen of Florida.

By Corbett Levens
State President,
Organized Fishermen
of Florida

Commercial fisherman in

Florida have always taken pride in producing one of nature's most perfect foods at prices everyone could afford.

Back in the days when state owned fish and state owned waters belonged equally to all citizens this was no problem. Over the past 20 years ownership of coastal waters has been farmed out through special acts of legislation to whatever political pressure group could yell the loudest or promise the most support at the next election.

We presently have 220 of these acts all trying to regulate the renewable

resource with as many pressure groups who think they should be regulated. Most of these laws were passed for political reason and are in fact a hindrance to scientific management of the resource. They are killing the gill net fisherman and drying up the consumer's source of supply.

The gillnetter lives from one legislative session to the next. Each year he witnesses the ax falling on his counterpart up and down the shore and wonders if he will be next. Equipment financing becomes a gamble because what is legal today will not be legal tomorrow. Bedlam and chaos reign

supreme.

It has always been the gillnetter who has produced the cheaper fish which over the years provided a major source of protein for the low income and fixed income families. We forget that during the depression it was the commercial fisherman who put fish on the docks for a penny a pound.

Unfortunately these people share a supply and demand see-saw with the gillnetters. When special acts create an artificial shortage of seafood by confiscating commercial fishing grounds, that shortage creates high prices

for the consumer.

Anti commercial fishing bills always take the special acts route as this insures passage, as a "parliamentary courtesy." This very effectively circumvents the scrutiny associated with being general acts legislation.

The state court in Tallahassee after conducting a 10 month long in depth study of 102 of these special acts had this to say about their impact on the fishing.

Again, we note that no uniform or coherent policy exists in this state with respect to the regulation of the commercial fishing

industry. It appears obvious that the commercial fisherman of the state of Florida are confronted with a myriad of inequitable, frustrating and confusing regulation of their business and occupation. We know no other lawful endeavor pursued by citizens of this state which is subject to such voluminous conflicting and stringent regulation.

The why of high price seafood is no mystery. We reap what we sow and for 20 years special interest has been the sower, special acts their seed and the consumer has been forced to pull the plow.

sheriffs concerned about constitution revision

The Sheriffs of Florida are concerned that a vital part of their independence may be destroyed if the Constitutional Revision Commission adopts one of the proposals presently under consideration.

At present, sheriffs who feel that they do not have adequate funds to fight crime, can appeal to Tallahassee to get more money for their budget.

Proposal number 151, presently before the Commission, would constitutionally prohibit the Legislature of Florida from allowing such an appeal process.

The Chairman of the Florida Sheriffs' Association Board of Directors, Sheriff Walt Pellicer of Putnam County, pointed out that "Although the budget appeal process is rarely used by Sheriffs, its very existence insures that the sheriff is insulated from local political pressures which could adversely affect his ability to vigorously enforce the law in his county.

In other words, if the county commission had the final, unappealable word on the sheriff's budget, a sheriffs department could find itself grossly underfunded or politically compromised in order to get the necessary funds.

"The budget appeal procedures have never been abused by the Sheriffs of Florida," said Lee County Sheriff, Frank Wanicka, who is the Sheriffs Association Treasurer. "There have been an average of only about three or

four appeals per year and many are settled on the local level before going before the cabinet which makes the final determination. Myself, I've never had an appeal in Lee County."

"Repeal of the Sheriff's budget appeal law has been debated in the Florida Legislature many times, but it has never passed," said Associate General Counsel John A. Madigan, Jr. "Sheriffs feel it was proposed to the Constitutional Revision Commission as a means of circumventing the legislative process."

Meeting here at the Mid-Winter conference of the Florida Sheriffs Association, the sheriffs also voted to support legislation which would prohibit the placing of incompetent or allegedly incompetent persons in the county jails.

Sheriff Don Moreland of Marion County, pointed out that the Baker Act, which deals with mentally ill people, has a shortcoming because a lack of other facilities is being used as an excuse for placing these non-criminal people in county jails.

"We don't have the facilities and specially trained staff to care for these people," Sheriff Moreland said. "They should be in a hospital or treatment center, but not our jails."

A related problem is the fact the Sheriff must also transport these people from jail to a doctor, from the doctor to a hospital, from the hospital to a jail. The sheriffs contend this is not a law enforcement activity and that

trained officers have to be pulled off their normal duties to provide this transportation service.

The sheriffs feel the solution is to legislatively prohibit the jailing of these people and to give the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services both the responsibility and funds to properly handle these unfortunate people.

If you do not understand why the numbering and coding of Florida auto license tags was changed, don't feel bad because the sheriffs are confused also. More than that, they are upset.

"I thought one of the reasons for having license plates was to help law enforcement," said Sheriff Aubrey Rogers, of Collier County. "We have such a mess now, they are more of a hinderance than a help."

Sheriff Rogers said the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles probably would not admit it, but he understands that the Department is months behind in getting registration into computers so local law enforcement officers can check the registration of vehicles stopped for traffic violations.

"If we can't get current registration information, we're wasting our time running a registration check," Rogers said.

The sheriffs also voted to oppose a bill prefiled in the Florida House of Representatives which would allow circuit judges to appoint court bailiffs. Currently bailiffs are selected and

their salaries paid by the sheriff's office.

"The bill, House Bill 394, does not give the court appointed bailiffs any law enforcement powers," said Sheriff Jennings Murrhee, of Clay County, "so sheriffs would still have to hire bailiffs with police powers. It would be an obvious duplication of effort and an additional expense to have two sets of bailiffs when we are now getting along just fine with bailiffs selected, trained and paid by the sheriff." Murrhee is immediate past president of the Florida Sheriffs Association.

Legislation more to the liking of the Sheriffs is a bill which would mandate a minimum, no parole jail term of one year for persons found guilty of burglarizing a private residence.

The measure is similar in concept to a law passed in the 1975 legislature which requires at least a minimum sentence of three years for conviction of a crime involving the use of a firearm. That law was also suggested and supported by the Sheriffs Association.

This year the sheriffs hope to show the legislature the 3-year to life measure has been successful in reducing armed crime and that the one-year measure can have the same effect on home burglaries.

The Florida Sheriffs Association election of officers was held in January and Lee County Sheriff Frank Wanicka was elected Treasurer for the fourth consecutive year.

a matter of breathing

by jim foley

Breathing had become slightly difficult, and I was apprehensive about my diminishing supply of medicine and lack of a valid prescription. My problem was caused by the laws governing the issuance and refilling of prescriptions.

These laws insist that all refills for legend drugs such as digitalis, antibiotics and diuretics must be obtained from the pharmacy accepting the original prescription. Refill labels are not honored from one state to another or even from one drugstore to another within the same town.

I had started my six-month voyage from Maryland to Florida armed with six prescriptions. This would be sufficient, I thought, until I reached Cape Coral and found a new doctor who would see me immediately and issue prescriptions to keep me breathing. But, I hadn't counted on the holidays nor telephone answering services which protected the doctor's privacy as zealously as the Dallas Cowboys guard their goal line.

It was the Friday before Christmas and calls to my intended new doctor, like calls to his colleagues, brought similar replies.

"Sorry, the doctor's office is closed until after the holidays."

"That's two weeks from now. How do I get my medicine in the meantime?" I asked.

"Is this an emergency?" one operator asked.

"Well, I'm still breathing but if I run out of medicine I may not be," I replied.

"That would be an emergency and you could call back," she said.

I wished her a Merry Christmas and tried another doctor. The voice of the answering service sounded familiar.

"I need a doctor's prescription to get some medicine. Any idea where I should go?" I asked.

Her long silence told me I had asked the wrong question.

"No sir, I can't tell you where to go," she replied with a slight snicker

and hung up.

It was then that I called Lee Memorial Hospital in Fort Myers and met Dr. Jack Carver, who agreed to fill the prescription if I would bring him the vial with the label attached and some means of identification.

"We get many requests of this kind, especially during the holiday and tourist season. We give people just enough medicine to last until they return home or can visit a local doctor," he explained.

Dr. Carver, who practices internal medicine at Lee Memorial, added that the emergency ward of a hospital can issue such drugs without first examining the patient because it is a public facility. The hospital permits each doctor to decide for himself whether to prescribe without an examination. The Cape Coral Hospital follows a similar practice.

"A doctor in private practice will not issue a prescription without first examining the patient because he assumes legal responsibility once he prescribes a drug," he said.

I thanked Dr. Carver for keeping me breathing through the holidays and departed with a promise to call my new doctor for an appointment after the New Year. I kept my promise, fully expecting to be intercepted by the answering service's right guard. I was pleasantly surprised when a cheerful voice greeted me with, "Good morning. Doctor's office."

I introduced myself as a new patient seeking a quick appointment since I had only a small supply of medicine. I was given a date of March 23.

"That's three months away. How do I get medicine during the interim?" I inquired.

"Tell the druggist to call us and we'll approve your prescription as a new patient," she said.

I thanked her and hung up, resenting the frustration experienced getting a prescription filled when it was as simple as getting a doctor's appointment.

Still, I was happy to be breathing.

introducing jim foley

After climaxing a long career in journalism, advertising public relations and politics with 12 heart attacks, Jim Foley figured it was time to slow down.

So, he left behind the Philadelphia advertising agency he and wife Jean had run for 16 years, bought a 42-foot boat and headed down the Intercoastal Waterway, a trip that was almost mishap-free. ("We did get lost in a creek once," he admits wryly.)

He is working on one novel, has plans for a second and will be writing a weekly column for the ISLANDER.

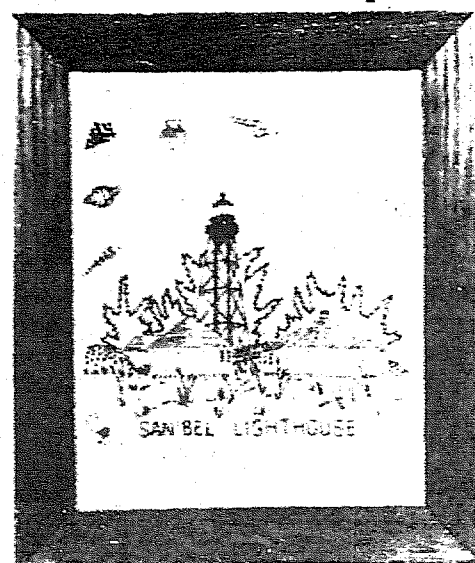
Foley has worked as a reporter for the Chicago Herald-American, United Press International, the Washington Post and has been published in national Sunday newspaper magazines.

He was also news and sports editor for ABC, in charge of three network stations.

It took heart trouble to slow Foley down. His brush with death gave him a mystical kind of experience.

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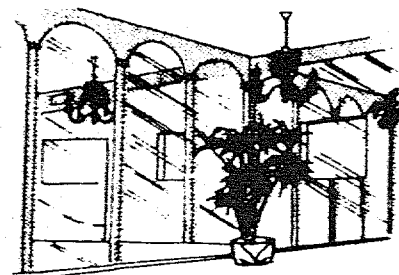
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police report

An Islander may have prevented a break-in at her neighbors' condominium apartment last week.

Upon returning home one afternoon, an Island woman noticed an open window at the apartment above her own, which

she recognized as suspicious knowing that the owners are away from the Island.

Upon notifying Island police, they investigated the mystery and learned from various neighbors in the complex that the attempted break-in must have been in progress at about the time the woman returned home.

They feel that her watchfulness over the building may have scared off the illegal entrants, who apparently left before they could remove anything

from the apartment.

SPD officials are currently seeking information concerning two young white males who attempted to pick up a young Island woman in their van one day last week.

The young lady was walking along Periwinkle Way when the van stopped and one of the suspects made a grab for her, which she carefully eluded.

They thereupon sped away, and the young lady was unable to make a positive identification of their license number.

An unknown motorist made a hasty retreat from an Island gas station last week after failing to pay for \$12 worth of gasoline that the attendant had pumped into his car.

SPD's attempts to apprehend this cheap-skate proved futile.

An Islander called SPD one day last week to complain of a speeding motorcycle in the neighborhood, adding that he knew the identity of the cyclist and wanted to file a formal complaint.

As the investigating officer had not observed the violation in progress, he advised the complainant against taking such action.

SPD received another report of an attempted breaking and entering on the Island last week.

As the complainant had cleaned the apartment in question before reporting the alleged crime, Island police were unable to determine if indeed a break-in had been attempted.

An Island motel manager called SPD one

day last week to report the theft of television from one of the rooms at the motel.

To date, no clues as to the identity of the thief have been uncovered.

In another incident at the same motel, a guest was relieved of a wallet containing currency and credit cards while away from her room one evening.

Once again, no signs of forcible entry were discovered at the crime scene, and few if any clues have come forward to explain the mystery.

Incidents of breaking and entering seem to have been the norm on the Islands last week.

Another visitor lost over \$200 in cash, traveler's checks and credit cards when his car was broken into one day last week.

Rocks residents have begun calling to complain of parking along West Gulf Drive once again this season.

Thus far, no action has been taken by SPD, and complainants said that they would take their griefs to the city council.

An Islander called the station to complain of vandalism perpetrated at his tennis courts. It seems that every night at dusk, a group of unknown vandals takes it upon themselves to break glass bottles all over the courts, necessitating unpleasant clean-up efforts on following mornings.

SPD will maintain close surveillance of the area hereafter.

An Island resident called SPD last week to report an injured raccoon in her driveway.

The report was relayed to C.R.O.W. (Care and Rehabilitation of Wildlife) staff, but before they could arrive the investigating officer observed the raccoon climb a tree and resume normal behavior, apparently uninjured.

A man called SPD from Illinois one day last week to report having left his firearm, a .25 caliber pistol, in his Island motel room upon checking out.

The room had since been rented to another guest and the firearm was nowhere to be found.

An Islander called SPD one day last week to complain of a loud truck which he said deliberately backfired as it passed his house.

The complainant stated that he was suffering from a painful earache that day and further maintained that backfiring trucks were definitely in bad taste.

By the time patrolmen could arrive in the neighborhood, the truck had disappeared.

Island patrolmen ousted a group of illegal campers last week after discovering them asleep in their camper near the Sanibel Lighthouse.

The group said that they had failed to notice the "No Camping on Sanibel" signs as they approached the Island.

An Islander called to report that a truck had been stolen from his property one day last week.

Upon further investigation, it turned out that the truck was in the custody of its owner.

An Islander called SPD last week to report

three dead raccoons along an Island road, saying that they did not appear to have been hit by cars and wondered if perhaps they might have been shot.

By the time patrolmen arrived on the scene, the deceased coons had been subsequently run over by too many cars to make a determination of cause of death possible.

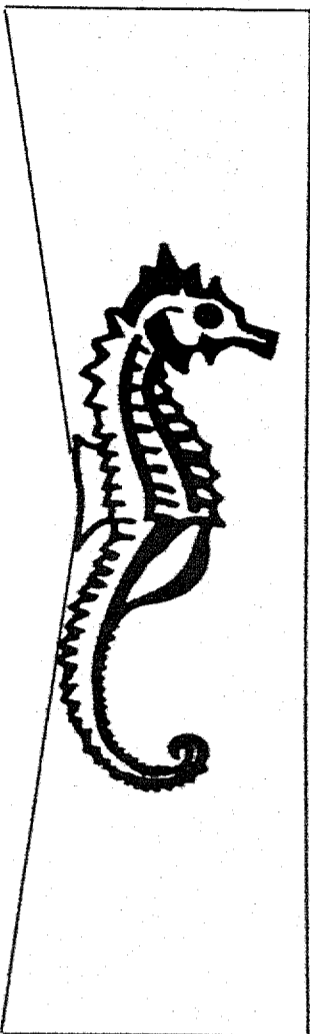
Residents of the Donax Street area called SPD last week to complain that trucks are still ignoring the new truck-route signs which have been posted along the road.

The report was forwarded to city officials, along with the suggestion that additional signs be erected.

Over and above the individual reports listed herein, Island police investigated nine traffic accidents last week, four reports of lost or injured pups, one noise-related complaint, and two confidential matters involving juveniles, while escorting seven trucks across the Islands, securing seven insecure premises, issuing six traffic citations, and rendering miscellaneous assistance on 44 occasions.

Emergency medical technicians on the Islands were called into action on five occasions, while Sanibel Firemen were called out once.

Ed. Note: It is the time of year when visitors and residents should remember to secure their premises and their cars. Also a good idea: Lock camera equipment and valuables in your trunk.



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city planners discuss mass transit, drainage, preservation

The Sanibel Planning Commission met on the morning of January 30 in MacKenzie Hall to discuss a number of areas of ongoing concern for city officials.

The question of mass transportation for Sanibel was a prominent item on the agenda for the meeting, as Commissioner Joe McMurtry presented his fellow commissioners with a report on a mass transit study completed recently by the Sanibel-Captiva Unit of the League of Women Voters of Lee County.

The Island Unit of the League of Women Voters had considered primarily the expense involved in providing a mass transit system on the Islands, and have recommended that the city pursue some type of open-air tractor-drawn vehicle similar to that used in downtown Fort Myers because of its initial low cost.

City planning commissioners, however, felt that a slow-moving tractor-drawn vehicle travelling up and down Periwinkle Way might only serve to exacerbate the Island's traffic problems, rather than relieving the congestion as mass transit proponents had hoped.

"A slow-moving tram traveling at 15 miles per hour is out of the question for Sanibel," said Commissioner Don Marshall, who voiced numerous objections to the proposal outlined by the League of Women Voters. "And if we opt for a faster vehicle we're talking about a considerable amount of money."

Marshall added that a city-operated mass transit system on the Island would increase the city's liability insurance costs considerably.

"I think it would be a good thing. I'm for it and I'd like to see it on Sanibel,

but it's a tremendous undertaking to work out a feasible plan for mass transit on the Island and the cost is going to be high," Marshall said.

Commissioner Ray Fenton suggested that the commission should first determine the goal of the proposed mass transit program for Sanibel—whether it be to provide convenient transportation for elderly and handicapped residents, to relieve traffic congestion, or to promote tourism—and then undertake to formulate a mass transit plan which would effect the city's purpose.

"No mass transit system is going to eliminate traffic congestion on the roads," Marshall argued. "A lot of the day-visitors wouldn't use it, and we've been told again and again that the day-visitors are the root of our traffic problems."

"I would hate to see the city have a million-dollar parking lot at the Causeway and a \$20,000 bus and then have no one use it," Fenton concurred with Marshall.

"In terms of cost to the city, the minimum figure I come up with is \$100,000 a year to operate a mass transit system on Sanibel," said Marshall. "Is it worth that much money?"

"It might be as a way to buy us a little time with the road situation," Commissioner McMurtry responded.

Commissioners agreed upon the need for professional help to determine the feasibility of mass transit for Sanibel and decided to include a feasibility study of mass transit proposals in their suggested work contract for city planning consultants Wallace, Roberts, McHarg and Todd (WMRT).

The commission's workshop meeting last Monday also included a discussion of historical sites on Sanibel with Island historian Elinor Dormer, chairman of the city's Historic Preservation Committee.

After hearing an update on the status of various historic sites on the Island, commissioners decided to recommend that the map of historic places contained in the city's comprehensive land use plan be revised by city planners to bring it up to date.

Further, the commission agreed with Mrs. Dormer that plaques denoting historic sites on Sanibel should be installed by the city, and that city officials should strive to keep a photographic register of all historic sites on the Island. The commission offered Mrs. Dormer their support and assistance in this undertaking.

In other action on January 30, commissioners reviewed a proposed ordinance relating to drainage on Sanibel.

Commissioners Fenton and Mc-

Murtry had endeavored to revise the draft of the ordinance somewhat, and they recommended that the ordinance should give the city the authority to correct "hazardous" drainage situations by ordering property owners to ditch and drain their property when deemed necessary by the city administration. In cases where the property owner fails to comply with the city's wishes, the proposed ordinance gives the city the authority to make necessary improvements and assess a lien for the cost of the improvements against individual property owners.

Despite the reservations of some commissioners, the commission decided to recommend that the city council adopt the proposed drainage ordinance as amended by Fenton and McMurtry.

"I think proper drainage is a fine thing, but it's a big problem on Sanibel and it seems to me that the city has done more to cause the problem than private developments," argued Commissioner Marshall.

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New restaurant opens in Kingston Square

Set among tropical foliage with a Polynesian-style atmosphere sits Iona's newest shopping center, Kingston Square.

Boasting of 18 individual shops, it's newest addition is the Kingston Square Restaurant and Lounge. Owned by GWE Inc., it is operated by Betty Evans, one of the owners. "My husband and I used to own a restaurant on Bonita Beach," said Betty, "and I always wanted to get back into it."

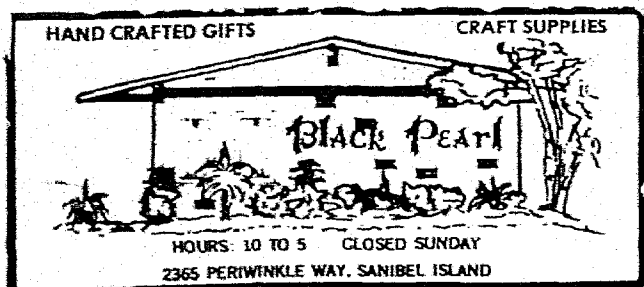
Horse racing is the theme of the interior decor with a large mural on the far wall of a horse race in progress. The mural was done by local artist Fredi Ann Keith who captures the excitement of the event from a close-up

view. The lounge is called the Tack Room and one of the specials there is the 'Derby Cooler'.

The menu has a variety of items to choose from with the specialties being steak and fresh seafood. The chef, James (Rocky) Brown, was recently the head chef at one of New York's leading restaurants, according to Mrs. Evans.

Along with the dinner menu there is also a luncheon menu from which you can choose anything from a sandwich to a full-course meal.

Kingston Square is located on McGregor Blvd halfway between Miner's Plaza and the Sanibel Bridge and is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.



a road by any other name...

In recent weeks, a number of discerning Islanders have called our attention to the fact that someone in local government evidently cannot spell.

To be more specific, it has recently been pointed out to us that there is a minor discrepancy in the spelling of "yachtsman" as the word appears on street signs denoting North Yachtsman Drive and South Yachtsman Drive off Periwinkle Way at the Island's east end.

A quick check of these signs revealed that the portion of the road south of Periwinkle Way is correctly presented as "South Yachtsman Drive," while the continuation of the road north of Periwinkle is erroneously labeled "North Yatchsman Drive." As the work "yatchsman" does not appear in our copies of Mr. Webster's generally authoritative dictionary, it is assumed

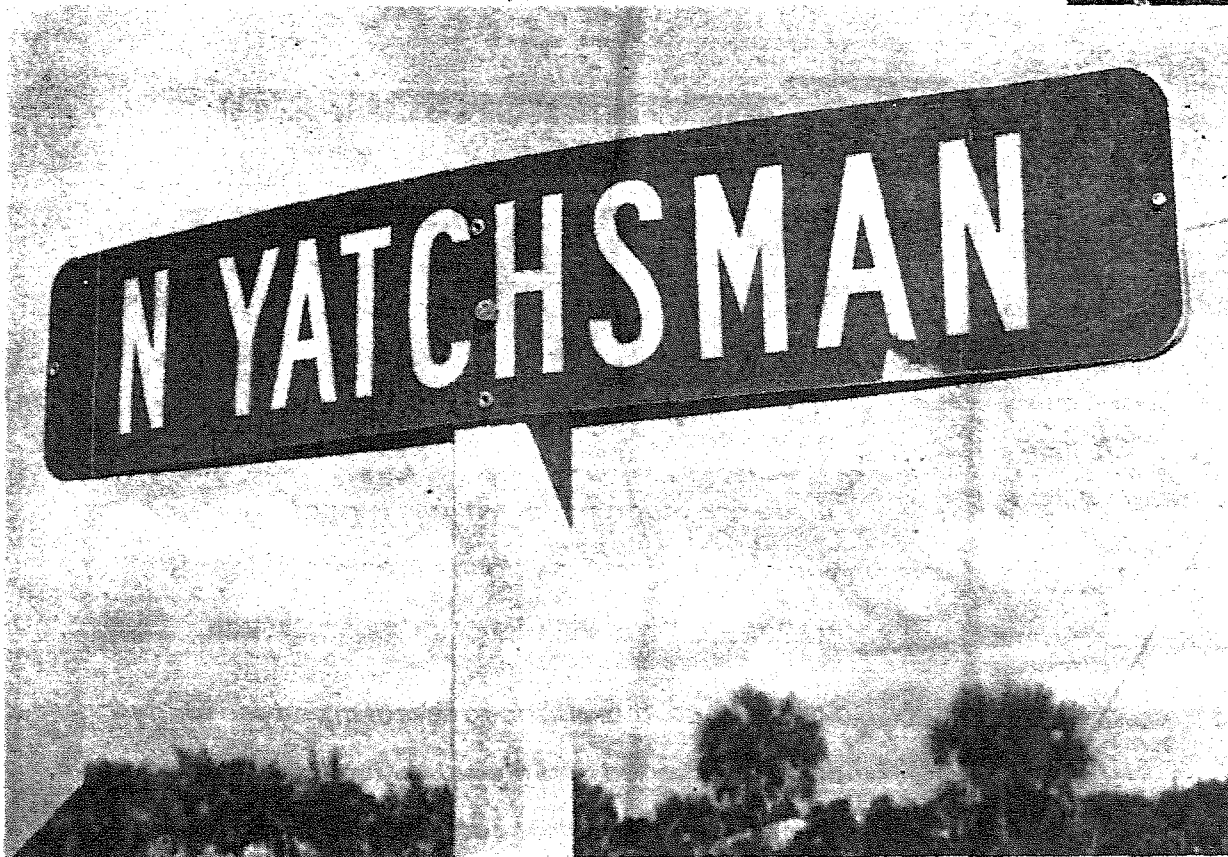
that this work was coined by the sign-painter apparently as a description of himself.

Upon calling John Goode, director of the city's Department of Engineering and Public Services, we were informed that most street signs on the Island, including those in question apparently, were installed by Lee County transportation officials long before the city's incorporation in 1974.

"I doubt very much that the city put any of those signs up," Goode said.

Goode and other city officials said they were unaware of the misspelling up until last week, although many Island residents claim to have noticed the error years ago.

In either case, Goode said that the sign would only cost city taxpayers about \$7.00 to replace, which he hopes can be accomplished in the near future.



islander comes in at daytona

During the 24 hours of Daytona at the Daytona International Speedway, Feb. 4-5, Fred Lang of Sanibel, along with Carm Solome of Woodrige, Illinois placed 37 out of 67 finalists. They were in a Camara 456.

The race was won by Rolf Stomelen, of Cologne, Germany; Antoine Hezemans of The Netherlands and Pater Gregg, Jacksonville, Florida in a turbo porsche 680.

today at city hall

9:00 A.M.

1. Invocation and pledge of allegiance. (Goss)
2. Approval of Minutes of Meetings held January 3rd, January 16th and January 17th, 1978.
3. Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to George C. Tenney.
4. Planning Commission Report.
5. Presentation by Mr. Leif Johnson, Johnson Engineering, Inc., Of initial work completed to date on Sanibel Base Map.

10:15 A.M.

6. Public Hearing and Second Reading of an Ordinance Prohibiting Certain Acts of Solicitation; Providing for Registration of Solicitors; Providing for Exceptions; Providing for Permits.

10:30 M.

7. Public Hearing and Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 75-25, Sections 4 (h), 9 (a) (b) and (c), 11; Transferring Certain Functions to the Building Official From The Code Compliance Committee; Clarifying the Function of The Code Compliance Committee as, and Renaming The Code Compliance Committee to, The Board of Adjustment and Appeals.
8. City Attorney's Report.

9. City Manager's Report.

10. Mayor and Councilmen Reports.

12:00 Noon- Recess for Lunch

1:30 P.M.

11. Public Hearing and Second Reading of an Ordinance Specifically Amending Ordinance No. 76-21, The Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Sections 3.3.1: Residential Densities and 3.2.2.: Development Intensity Map, to Permit Construction of a Single Family Dwelling on Lots 10 and 11, Block 8, Sanibel Highlands Subdivision (Brookhaven Road), as Submitted by Anne Frances Coles.

1:45 P.M.

12. Public Hearing and First Reading of an Ordinance Specifically Amending The Comprehensive Land Use Plan as adopted by Reference Pursuant to Ordinance 76-21, Sections 3.9.6: Development in the Filled Land Zone to Permit and Increase in the Amount of Impermeable Surface Coverage of the Property to Forty nine (49) Percent for the Purpose of Installing Bituminous Paving of Existing Shell Drives and Parking Areas at Mariner Pointe Condominium on Sextant Drive Located in Government Lot 3, Section 20, Township 46 South, Range 23 East, Sanibel, Lee County, Florida, as Submitted by Robert

W. Taylor for Mariner Pointe Condominium Association.

2:00 P.M.

13. Consider Request by Steven R. Johnson, Executive Vice-President Latham Corporation, for Council Approval of a Development Permit for Phase III to Include Twenty-One (21) Dwelling Units Located at Kings Crown Condominium (Lots 6, 7, and 8, Sedgemoor Subdivision, Section 35, Township 46 South, Range 22 East, Sanibel, Lee County, Florida), as required by Ordinance No. 76-47 and in Accordance With Resolution No. 77-26.

14. Consider Approving an Application for an Occupational License for Door to Door Solicitation as Submitted by Chris G. Westfall on behalf of The Unification Church of Florida, Inc.

15. Consider Request by Sam Price for Council Approval of an OCCUPATIONAL License for Operating a Private Club to be Conducted Under the Name of "Sanibel Island Water Polo Association" and Designating a Tax for Said Business. (Ordinance No. 77-30, Section 14)

16. Public Inquiries and Comments.

Adjournment.



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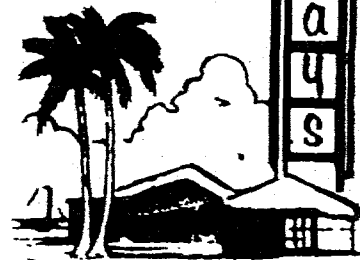
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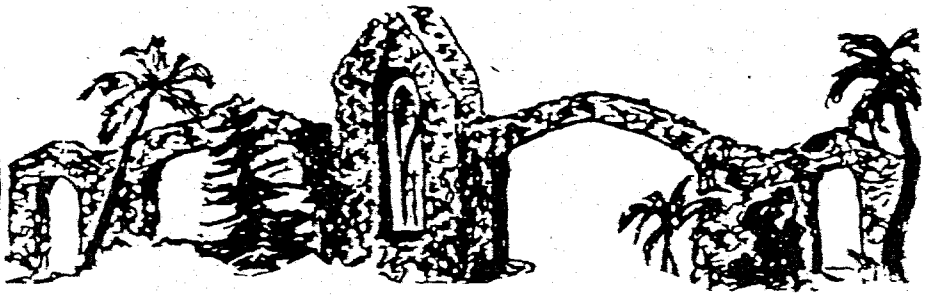
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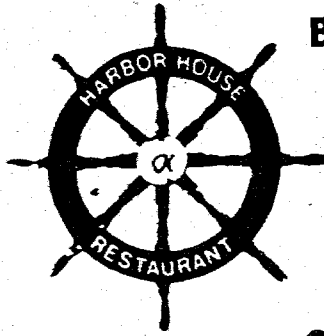


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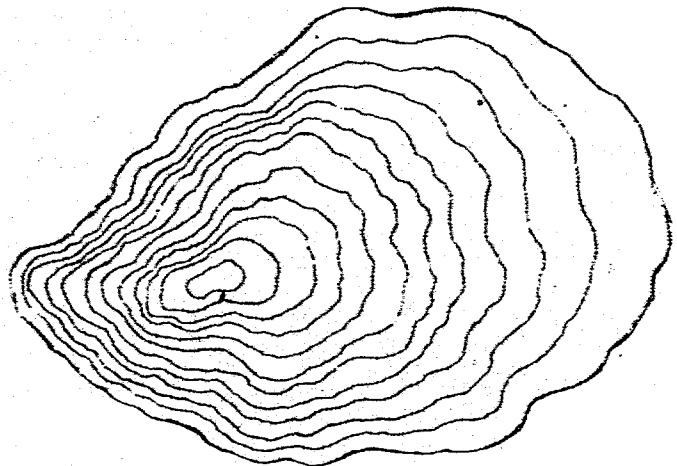
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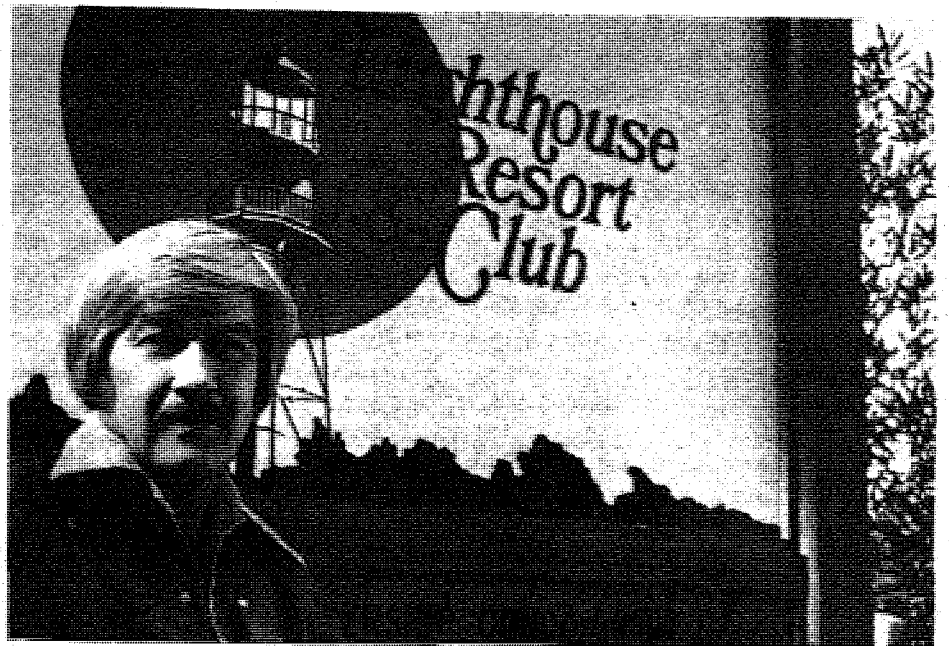
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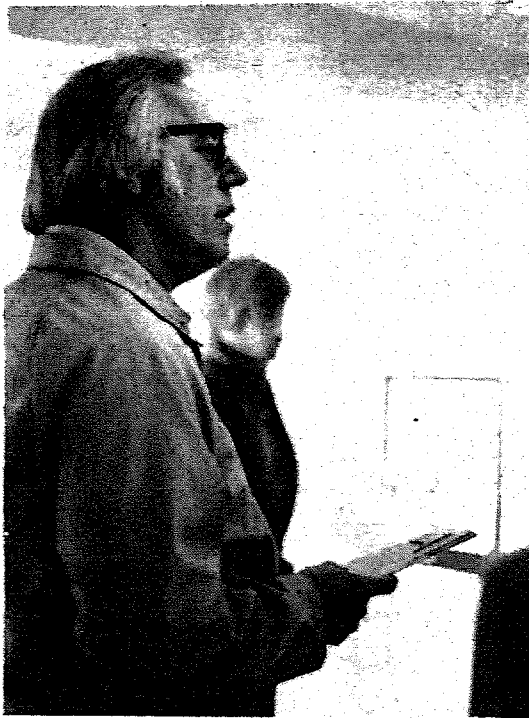
Keith Trowbridge, president of Captran, Inc. the Sanibel Island based firm owner of the Sanibel Beach Club and the Lighthouse Resort Club and marketeers of the Kahlua Beach Club on Fort Myers Beach, through its Interval Realty Company, has announced the appointment of William H. (Bill) Gaul of Naples as an interval ownership sales representative at the Lighthouse Resort Club. Gaul formerly represented time sharing resorts in Puerto Rico and Las Vegas, and has been associated with Florida real estate since 1967.

Also appointed to the permanent sales representative staff at Captran is Richard A. "Dick" Henning of Fort Myers, formerly of Bronxville, New York. A graduate of Fordham Prep, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, and the New York Law School, Dick was admitted to the Bar in 1952. He has been associated with the General Development Corporation, was salesman of the year during his association with Royal Palm Beach Colony, and also earned that distinction with I.T.T.'s Palm Coast, Lehigh Acres, and Wellington in Palm Beach. He is an accredited Florida and New York real estate broker.

Mrs. Chansee Davenport of Fort Myers is the third sales representative appointee to be announced this week. Since resuming work in real estate in 1973 she has been associated with Edison Realty, Caloosa Bayview in Cape Coral, Blind Pass on Sanibel, and Arnold and Arnold Realty in Naples. The mother of two boys, Drew and Stuart, Mrs. Davenport is the daughter of Lee County Commissioner, Betty Bowen Evans.



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florida orchid society

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Exhibit classes will include corsages, orchid arrangements, individual plants of each specie, table and large

displays, plus best display by a Society or Club. For entering the corsage or arrangement class, contact Mrs. James Snyder at 482-1268. Individuals wishing to enter single plants or a display are more than welcome and should contact Mrs. Lois Allen at 334-4629.

There will be several marts where plants of all types, sizes and prices will be for sale; but beware: Growing orchids is like eating peanuts ... you cannot stop with just one!

shell fair

Islander Margaret Krueger is currently seeking 180 able-bodied Island volunteers. Some have already volunteered - more are needed. Mrs. Krueger, Chairman of the hosts and hostesses committee for the 1978 Shell Fair, announced that she needed that many helpers to work the 2½ hour shifts. The popular event will be held this year on March 2-5.

The 1978 Shell Fair will be open for viewing from 10:00 a.m. through 8:00

p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday. On Sunday, March 5, it will be open from 12 noon until 5 p.m. The first hour on Sunday is to be reserved for handicapped viewers. Last year there were 53 people with minor or major handicaps who were helped to enjoy the Fair by the volunteers. There will probably be more this year. Men helpers are especially needed at this time. Please call Mrs. Krueger at 472-2826. (The wrong phone number was in a previous announcement by mistake).

jewish community center

"What the Jew Stands for and What He Shouldn't Stand For" was the title of the pulpit discourse by Rabbi Samuel Silver at the Sabbath eve service of the Jewish Community Center of Lee County, 915 S. E. 47 Terrace, Cape Coral, on Friday, February 3, at 8 p.m. At a reception after the service, the hosts were Dr. and Mrs. Harry Corenzwit and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rapperport.

Last night, February 6, at Edison

Community College, Rabbi and Mrs. Silver offered an illustrated lecture on religious music. Held under the auspices of the Jewish Federation of Lee County, the program was open to the general public without an admittance charge.

Ballroom dancing is being taught at the Jewish Community Center by a professional instructor, Cy Ledgin. Sessions, open to the public at a nominal fee, resume Monday, February 13, at 8:00 p.m.

In commemoration of Brotherhood Week, Rabbi Silver will be seen on Channel 26, WEVU-TV, Friday, February 10, 6:30 a.m.

The next Bible Session at the Center is this afternoon, February 7, 1:00 p.m. Rabbi Silver says to bring (a) a Bible, (b) a friend. Also on February 21.

audubon society

"Nature Trail Tour Time" is the title of the program to be given by the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society this Thursday evening, February 9, 1978. The program will begin at 8:00 p.m. and will be held at the Sanibel Community Association.

Mr. Lee Canfield, nationally known nature photographer, will present the program. Since retirement, the Canfields have traveled extensively. These trips have resulted in hundreds of nature and scenic photos for use in competitions, exhibits, slide shows and print sales. Many photos are also taken at their home in Chesterland, Ohio, where birds and small animals are attracted to a mini-sanctuary. (The home is also equipped with a modern darkroom for color processing.)

"Nature Trail Tour Time", a new show, has the same format as the

highly popular "Coast to Coast Nature Trail", which was shown here on Sanibel two years ago, and is based on their most recent travels.

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Past notes:

On Sunday, January 29, the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society members enjoyed a wonderful trip to Corkscrew Swamp, A National Audubon Society Sanctuary. Some sixty different species were observed while in travel, and some thirty species were seen close-up on the refuge.

Tripping Chairman, Carolyn Russell reports that the next bus field trip will be to Shark River Valley, the Northern entrance to the Everglades National Park. The Shark River Valley trip will take place on Sunday, February 19, 1978 and tickets for this trip will be on sale at the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Meeting.

Field Trip Schedule

February 19, 1978 Shark River Valley-Bus trip

February 26 Car trip to Pine Island and the Eagles' Nests

March 19, 1978 Highland Hammock State Park-Bus Trip

power squadron wives

The wives of the Sanibel-Captiva Power Squadron are meeting tonight, February 7, at 7:30 p.m. at Sunset South Condominium to further discuss organization plans.

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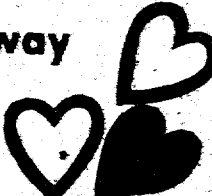
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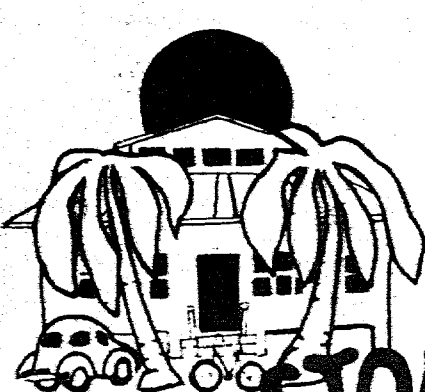


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Community association hears kinney

In an effort to encourage more participation by residents of Sanibel in the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program, Mary Margaret Watley, head of the program in Lee County, will outline possible RSVP activities on the Island at the monthly dinner meeting of the Community Association tonight, Tuesday, February 7, at 6:30 p.m.

According to Ms. Watley, the objective of RSVP is to afford retired people an opportunity to use whatever skills they possess in helping others - and volunteer service to the community. One RSVP activity already started on Sanibel is a Telephone Reassurance Program for shut-ins. RSVP is a part of ACTION, a federal agency for volunteer services and is sponsored locally by the Lee County School Board.

Featured at the meeting will be a slide presentation by Dallas Kinney, who has won a Pulitzer prize in photography and numerous other awards. The series that won him the Pulitzer prize was "Migration to Misery" - photos of migrant farm workers. He also won national recognition for his photographs of the Martin Luther King funeral and a series on the Seminole Indians in Florida. In addition to his Pulitzer prize, Kinney received Picture of the Year awards from the National Press Photographers Association four years in a row and the Robert F. Kennedy

Memorial Journalism award. He has been Director of Photographic Arts for the Philadelphia Inquirer and photographer for the MIAMI HERALD and PALM BEACH POST. He currently is Director of Marketing for Captran, Inc., on Sanibel.

Island newcomers and visitors are welcome at the community Association dinner, which is a covered dish affair, and members of the Association are encouraged to bring guests. No reservations are needed. Just bring a covered dish and silverware, says Association Secretary, Pat Milligan. Paper plates, cups, and beverages are furnished.

community church

The Church Office is open 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A few places remain on the charter bus trip to the Lake Wales Passion Play on February 22. Please get your reservations to Orloff's (472-3117) as soon as possible to assure a place.

Copies of the 1977 Annual Report and of the current issue of the San-Piper are available at the exits of the Church.

Anyone willing to volunteer time (or for a nominal fee) to assist with the nursery for the Christian Women's Club from 10 to 2:30 the second Wednesday of each month, please call Barbara Nave, 472-4378.

league of women voters

The Sanibel-Captiva League of Women Voters meets each second Monday of the month - with the next meeting scheduled for February 13 at 10:00 a.m. at the West Wind Inn. At the February meeting the League will decide on study and action items for the coming year and select a nominating committee for the March election of officers. Committee chairs and members also must be chosen in March.

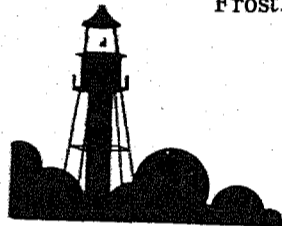
During the first year of the League's existence, the agenda included a traffic

study, voter registration, beaches, energy and a "Know Your Island" booklet. These items will be expanded or discontinued according to the wishes of the League's membership and additional items proposed.

On February 21, the third Tuesday of the month, the Lee County League of Women Voters meets at Seven Lakes for a program on Election Laws, with Ms. Patrick Keough speaking. Coffee is served at 9:30 a.m.; at 10 a.m., the program starts. The public is urged to attend both meetings.

first baptist church

The Bible study and Prayer meetings have begun on Tuesday mornings at 9:15 a.m. at the Fellowship Building. They will continue indefinitely and were begun with the book "Gallatians". All interested people, members or non-members, are welcome to attend these meetings, as announced by The Reverend Gerald Frost.



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island survival

by mike fuery

We are going to get down to the personalities of Island visitors this week in our continuing series called Island Survival. This is because it's not unusual for two people to plan for 50 weeks to come to Sanibel and-or Captiva Islands, only to discover that they have traveled 1,500 miles to get into a big fight that works itself into an uncommunicative two weeks of vacation.

You can always tell these people when they come into a restaurant because they use the waiter or waitress to convey their messages. Things like the woman saying to the waiter, "Tell that bungling whimp sitting across from me that I'm having a terrible vacation."

"Waiter," the man replies, "tell the woman that if she wears any more make-up, the men at the bar will be coming over and dropping 50-dollar bills on her side of the table."

And so it goes. You've seen them, too. But, we've got something for those couples who are struggling for Close Encounters of the Best Kind. This week, we are presenting a check list of questions you might want to mark and relay to your partner. Who knows, you two might be speaking after marking your answers. Get your pencil.

Do we have enough money to get home?

Do you think we should call my mother?

Can you remember if you turned off the upstairs faucet?

Do you think the sitter is teaching the kids to smoke pot?

Have you ever messed around with the sitter?

You want to go home if it rains one more day?

Are we going to sit here in the lounge all night?

Would you please stop dropping olives down the front of your dress?

How do you like sleeping on the couch?

Was that beach boy giving the eye to you or me?

Has your headache cleared up?

Didn't you like San Juan better?

Weren't you the one who suggested this vacation?

You want to step outside and say that?

Are you going to call your secretary every night at 11?

Is Ed anything more than just our stock broker?

How come the manager winks when you enter the lobby?

Why did the maid take six hours to do our room today?

Are you going to watch television all through our vacation?

Why are we wasting our vacation arguing?

Is that a rhetorical question or should I tell you what I think?

You want to call a truce? We've only got two days left?

Are you going to stop telling fat stories about my mother?

Are you going to stop telling everyone I'm cheap?

Think we should order a bottle of wine and...retire?

Wonder if we could get a "Do Not Disturb" sign?

I think we should get three of them, how about you?

Three Whats? I'm not as young as I used to be.

Good night, Ed, you finally having a good time in Florida?

Ed?!

I meant Bob. Do you always have to get technical?

Which way to the couch?

Do you always have to give me a headache with your shouting?

Should we make reservations for next year?

Do you think our marriage can stand another vacation?



Mike Fuery

Does the condominium you're thinking of buying have everything we've listed here?

Two swimming pools, each 30' x 1 50', heated and surrounded by large lounging decks?

Two Saunas with rest-rooms and showers?

Six tennis courts 3 lighted for night play?

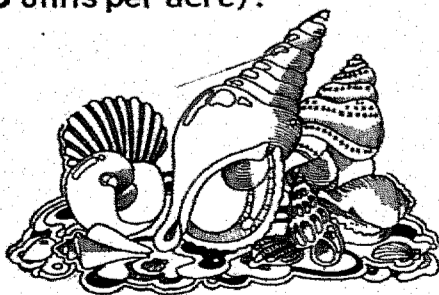
4 Two shuffleboard courts?

Clubhouse with kitchen and party-room?

6 Beach frontage totaling 1,250 feet?

Southern beach exposure for maximum sun and warmth?

Low density development (only 5 8 units per acre)?



9 Barbeque areas?

10 Fountains in each courtyard?

An unobstructed view of the gulf 11 from each apartment?

Each first floor living unit offering a private staircase from private balcony?

Stucco exterior with stone for 13 easy maintenance and outstanding beauty?

Covered parking including 10' x 14 10' private storage lockers?

Particular emphasis on sound-15 proofing?

16 Screened balconies?

17 Eight elevators?

18 Trash chutes?

19 Top grade carpeting?

20 Intrusion alarms?

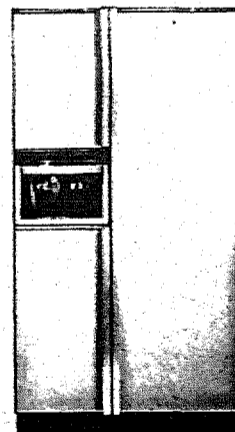
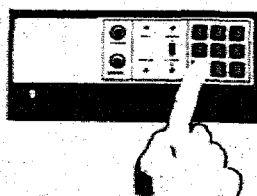
21 Ceiling fans?

Shell design cultured marble 22 counters and sinks?

23 Whirlpools in master baths?

Quality wood cabinets in baths 24 and kitchens?

25 Microwave ovens?



Refrigerators with 26 double doors and ice-makers?

27 Washer and dryer?

28 Jenn-Aire kitchen barbeque?

29 Instant hot water taps?

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