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School's in . . . it is that time of year again when bikes and balls give way to books and bells. The sight of a youngster like Neil Bunting standing at a bus stop reminds us that school is back in session and motorists are urged to exercise extreme caution when approaching school buses

## planning commission denies multi-family relief

In session Monday, August 28, the Planning Commission denied a request by G. J. Investments, Inc. to construct a 3,000 square foot commercial building behind the Schoolhouse Gallery on Island Inn Road.

The request was denied as this property is not zoned for commercial development. Developer Robert Horak was advised to request a specific amendment for re-zoning on this property.

Horak began plans for development of the property as early as February of this year. In a letter dated February 22, to the City Planning Department, a definition on the zoning of the land parcel was requested. At that time, Jean Nichols of the Planning staff replied in a letter that the property was classified as commercial property.

Following that, on August 4, Planning Director Bruce Rogers amended Ms. Nichols answer and informed the property owner that the parcel was zoned residential in accordance with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and that Horak should seek a Specific Amendment to have the land changed to commercial.

The continued request by Erich Trost for relief from the multi-family building moratorium ordinance that the City enacted on July 18 was also denied by the Commission with a vote of five to one. Commissioner Ray Fenton voted to allow Trost his

development permit.

Trost requested the relief on the basis of the fact that he had the bulk of his plans for the condominium development on the corner of Gulf Drive and Tarpon Bay Road well under way when the City enacted the moratorium on multi-family units. He had completed soil borings on the property as of June 30; the drainage and site plans by July 15. He had received a letter from the Island Water Association as to availability of water dated July 7 and a sewage proposal approved as of July 17. The City has issued him a vegetation permit on July

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*negotiate,  
don't litigate*

by jack roemer

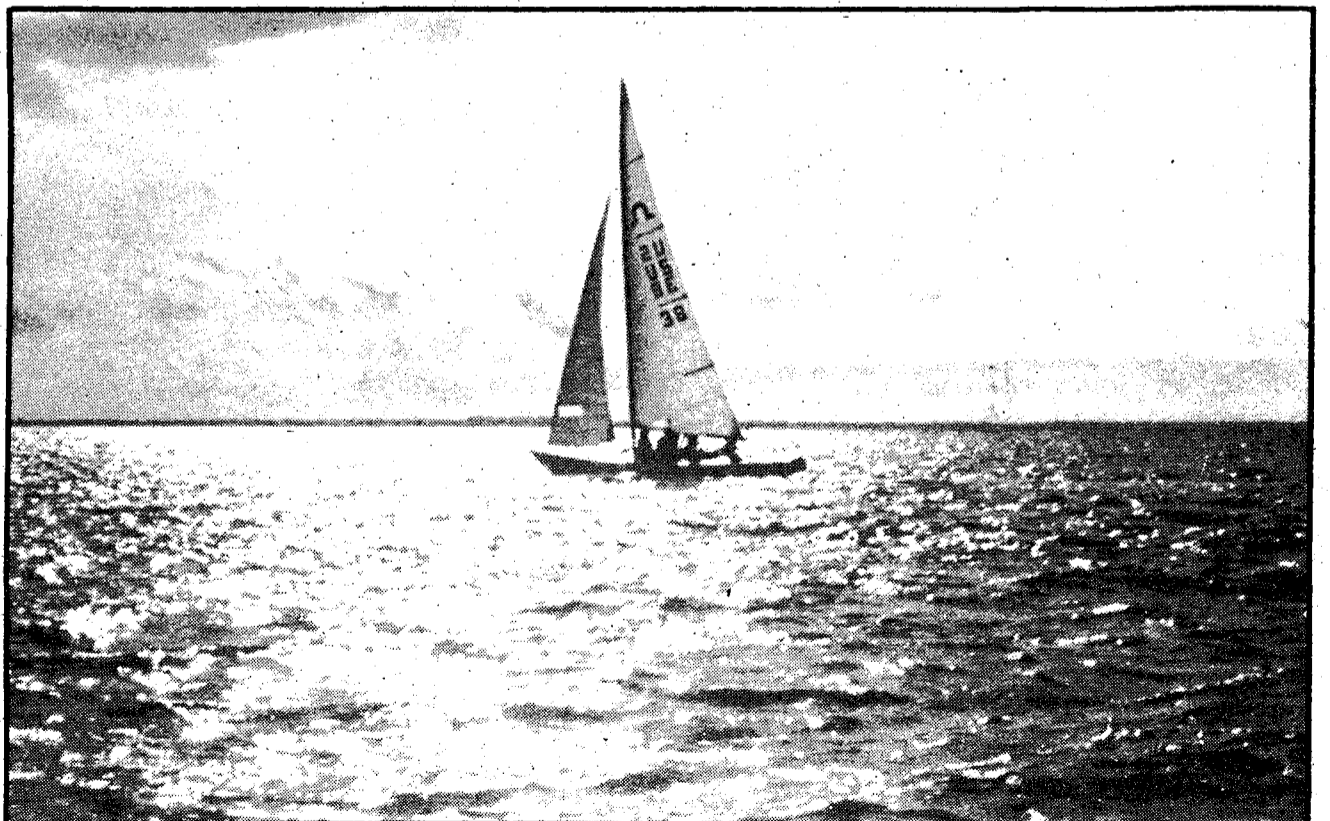
This was the recommendation of David Kerr to representatives of Cape Coral, Ft. Myers and Sanibel attending a luncheon hosted by Mayor Butler on Thursday.

Mr. Kerr, a Tampa resident vacationing on Sanibel, is legal council

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## Noon & Trefny win at police olympics

Sanibel Policemen Dick Noon and Sergeant Bill Trefny did well in their trip to the San Diego Police Olympics this weekend. Out of approximately three thousand contestants from around the country Bill Trefny brought home a fourth place in the Freestyle competition in the Seniors division, and in the Intermediate division Dick Noon garnered a second place in the 50m Butterfly, a third in the 50m Breast stroke, and a fourth in the 50m freestyle. Officer Dick Noon and Sergeant Bill Trefny deserve our congratulations for the way they represented Sanibel in the Police Olympics, and also for the fine job they do here on Sanibel every day.



ISLANDER photo by betsey mallett

sailing, sailing over  
the bounding main . . .

A crew from the Offshore Sailing School at South Seas Plantation tacks across the channel in the morning sun to reach open Gulf waters. More photos and story on pages 16 and 17.

# flood level ordinance drafted

by jack roemer

A series of Planning Commission meetings, highlighted by a special workshop attended by Glen Weedard, Jr., representing the Atlanta office of the Federal Insurance Administration, concluded Wednesday when a final draft of a proposed Flood Level Ordinance was approved for presentation to City Council.

The ordinance was drafted to amend the Comprehensive Land Use Plan in order to bring it into compliance with federal flood insurance regulations. While such nearby communities as Long Boat Key, Naples, Sarasota and Charlotte counties are already in the regular program, Sanibel falls under an emergency coverage program pending adoption of the ordinance and ultimate approval by the insurance

administration. It will be Spring before Sanibel comes under the regular program and receives new rate maps reflecting a reduction in insurance rates. Even so, the Island will probably be the first community in the County to qualify, especially since Lee County is challenging the new minimum height elevations which the insurance program imposes on all new construction in flood-prone areas.

While the Comprehensive Land Use Plan already established minimum height restrictions for all new construction on the Island, the new ordinance will bring these elevations into compliance with federal regulations.

The Federal Flood Insurance Program is not a "preferred risk" concept, as no applicant can be denied coverage. However, the premium charged for non-compliance with

regulations would make the cost of coverage prohibitive, running as high as \$25.00 per \$100.00 coverage on buildings 7 feet below the Base Flood Elevation (BFE). Premiums are reduced substantially by compliance, falling to 1 cent per \$100.00 if a building exceeds the BFE by 5 feet in elevation.

Once the ordinance is adopted and accepted, a local administrator designated by the city is charged with its enforcement. Should an insured be found in violation of this ordinance, any claims entered may be considered null and void. The local administrator will

also be charged with reporting annually to the Federal Insurance Administration the elevation of all new construction and variances, if any, granted by the city. The latter will be granted only under unique circumstances, such as an accommodation to the handicapped.

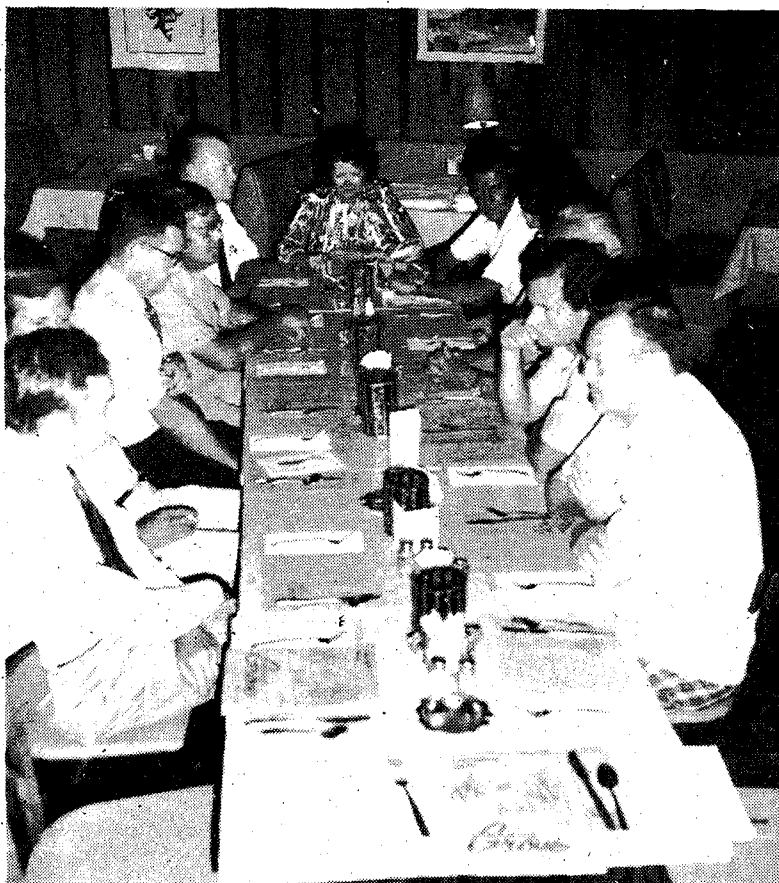
There was considerable discussion as to the definition of "habitable space," (the use of space beneath an elevated building) and what constitutes a "break-away" wall. Rather than incorporate too many specifics in the ordinance, it was concluded that compliance will be determined at the time a request for a building permit is reviewed and subsequently through periodic inspection of the premises..

## negotiate, don't litigate

from page one

for Hillsborough County in its tax suit and well versed in legislation and litigation involving Double Taxation - the payment of property taxes to both city and county, the proceeds of which are often used by the county to provide services and facilities which are either duplicated by the city or of no real or substantial benefit to its taxpayers.

During the informal meeting, he reviewed legislation designed to control the use of the ad-valorem tax, the Manatee, Sarasota and Hillsborough tax suits, and the ramifications of court decisions in these cases. While Double Taxation is an historical inequity, it has become of considerable concern in Florida due to the rapid development which has resulted in larger and larger urban areas. Though predicting ultimate revisions of the ad-valorem tax laws, Mr. Kerr recommended that city and county officials and staffs cooperate to resolve this problem and not resort to litigation, the "worst recourse" in this case.



## services for David Ritchie


Memorial services will be held tonight, Tuesday, August 29 at the

Sanibel Community Church for David B. Ritchie.

Ritchie, who was born January 27, 1960, was killed in a car accident on Cassa Ybel Road early Sunday morning, when the car he was driving went out of control and turned over, throwing the young Islander out of the vehicle. He was pronounced dead upon the arrival of Lee County Protective services. A male juvenile passenger travelling with him was not seriously injured.

David Ritchie is survived by his mother, Barbara Chapin of Sanibel, his father, Ronald Ritchie of Youngstown, Ohio, sister Connie R. Ritchie of Sanibel, a brother Ronald L. Ritchie of Stow, Ohio, and two brothers Scott R. and Micheal of Sanibel, maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Amont of Sanibel, paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. MacMillan of Lima, Ohio, great-grandmother, Sadie Lindsay of Sanibel and great-grandfather Carl Peterson of Youngstown and Sanibel.

The memorial service will begin at 7 p.m. and, at the family's request, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Heart Association.



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# goode takes city to court in zoning change request

John Goode, the owner of a one-acre parcel of land along Periwinkle Way, filed suit against the City of Sanibel in June of 1977 after the Comprehensive Land Use Plan changed the zoning on his property from commercial to residential.

Last week, that lawsuit went to trial before circuit court Judge Wallace R. Pack, and the validity of Sanibel's two year old land use plan was once again questioned.

In his lawsuit, Goode contends that the change in zoning on his land has substantially reduced its market value and constitutes a taking of his property without just compensation.

During a day long trial on Tuesday, August 22, attorney William Haverfield, representing Goode, and City Attorney Neil Bowen and Charles Siemon argued their cases before Pack and presented witnesses to testify. At the conclusion of the non-jury trial, Pack said he would reach a decision when he returned from vacation in September. Both lawyers agreed to present written final summations.

Goode's lawsuit went to trial just a short time after the fact finding team appointed by the City reported that it was unable to reach an out-of-court settlement with Goode. One of about a dozen lawsuits filed against the City which challenge the authority of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, the suit was the culmination of two attempts by Goode to receive relief from the zoning by requesting a specific amendment to the Land Use Plan from the City Planners and Council. Both requests were denied by those bodies, upon recommendation from the Planning Department.

Fort Myers Attorney William Haverfield represented Goode and indicated that the change in the zoning from commercial, as established by

Lee County before the Land Use Plan was adopted and the City incorporated, constituted "reverse spot zoning," reduced the property value and did not conform with the existing commercial uses along Periwinkle Way.

According to the testimony of Fort Myers real estate appraiser John M. Calhoun, the almost one-acre parcel of land was worth about \$105,000 under the old commercial zoning and that the value of that land under its current residential zoning is \$20,000.

Another witness for the plaintiff, Sanibel Real Estate broker Thomas Brown indicated that he knew of no recent sales of residentially zoned land along Periwinkle and that he felt there was little, if any, market demand for single family residences along that main road.

Charles Siemon, who represented the City of Sanibel, argued that the zoning applied to the parcel of land conformed with the elements of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan that were originally initiated to insure the "health, safety and welfare" of island residents. Even the diminished value of Goode's land as residentially zoned does not deprive the land of a reasonable use, he argued. Sanibel City Councilman Duane White testified that the City had considered a variety of factors in implementing the land use plan that was prepared in rough draft form early in 1976 and adopted in July

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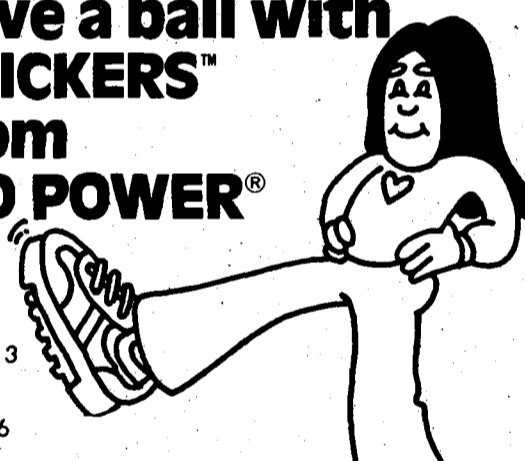

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# commentary

## "grass roots" politics makes a comeback?

There seems to be a disturbing trend for our governing bodies to take issues that are either complex or controversial to the people for final adjudication.

The Sanibel City Council, for example, is doing that with the Committee of the Islands rate of growth ordinance and, if it passes a second reading, with the ordinance requiring all multi-family housing builders to get approval from the islanders in a twice-a-year referendum vote. Now, in a precedent-setting case, the Lee County Commissioners are doing likewise. They have decided to take a request for a zoning change by the Wiles family on Captiva to Captiva residents in a Nov.

17 hearing where a majority vote of those present will evidently decide the issue.

While there may be some justification to going to the voters for the Committee of the Islands rate of growth ordinance because it affects all Sanibel, there is no similar justification for either the city council's action on multi-family housing or the Commissioners' decision last week.

The theory behind governments such as ours is to elect the people whom the majority feel are the most qualified to govern and then let them do it. As councilman Francis Bailey pointed out during a discussion about going to the voters, "We're elected to make decisions. If those elected us don't like

the job we're doing, they have the right to recall us."

The zoning change on Captiva was advertised as a final hearing in the Commissioners' meeting room last Friday. Both sides were present. The plans for the marina were outlined, the opposition of the Captiva Civic Association was presented by their attorney, Jim Humphrey and all that remained was to have the Commissioners make a decision. Yet, they chose to postpone that decision almost three months and will make it at a public meeting of the residents, who may or may not be in possession of all the facts, and who may or may not allow any personal feelings that may

have toward the people involved influence their thinking.

By making this decision to hold a public hearing on Captiva in November, the Commissioners have established a precedent whereby anyone who wishes some concession can request the same. And now, how can they refuse? It removes these issues from the presumably objective area of the official hearing room to the local level where the personalities involved can take precedence over the issues.

We think the Commissioners are going to find themselves doing a fair amount of travelling in Lee County in the coming months.



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Mayor Zelda Butler,  
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# gumbo in limbo



What would you call it? 'Tis well known islanders never lack for humor - witness this unusual planter standing at the entrance to the new IWA Reverse Osmosis Plant on San-Cap Road. The ISLANDER would be most interested in learning the identity of the per-

petrator of this bit of wit and what special significance it has. Perhaps it's only one of George Campbell's commodious containers for endangered species! Perhaps it only stands to prove that a day without a laugh is a day lost.

# letter

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life for so many years. It is, indeed, unfortunate that the City cannot find a way to back-bill the County to recover the high taxes we paid for many years for this now-corrected deferred road maintenance.

Now that we have seen the devastating effects of trenching across our roads for placing water, sewer, and other utilities, it is obvious that a City ordinance is needed to prohibit this anachronistic practice. The modern

method of jetting these utility lines UNDER the road bed should be made the prescribed practice. Such an ordinance might properly include provisions for restoring the essential road swales, and eliminating overhead criss-crossing of our roads by utility lines. I hope that you will have the honor of introducing such a measure soon.

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# island lifestyles

by kay pratt

We wish to discuss, for various reasons, what happens to printed material - newspapers, magazines, catalogues - after people are through with them.

In the old days, as soon as a new, big, mail-order catalogue was delivered, the year-old one was taken out to the privy where, being degradable, it was degraded.

In those days, catalogues were printed on nice, soft, absorbent paper. Nowadays most catalogues have too much stiff, shiny paper in them. This makes catalogues good for nothing once you have gone through them and discovered that everything you need is too expensive, and everything you can afford you don't want. Even for a present.

This brings us to magazines. The paper is too slick for any practical

use after you have read the fiction, which is probably true, and the non-fiction which is probably not. The only thing left to do is ogle the bra ads and wonder, as usual, why the only girls who model bras are the ones who obviously don't need the contraptions in the first place.

Now for the periodical that is indispensable; the slightly used or weekly newspaper. Take an advertisement for a "paper-trained puppy". What do you think the trainer used: VOGUE? No. The trainers used newsprint. The entire bathroom floor was ankle deep in old news about various activities of the human race. Many people claim with varying degrees of justification, that the second and last use of the newsprint was more important than the first.

When we used to live in

Manhattan, there was a rumor that the New York Times was better for this purpose than the Herald Tribune. What that rumor meant by better, we never found out. However, the Times is still being published and the Tribune is not. Maybe that proves something but we can't imagine what.

That preamble more or less brings us around to the paper you are now reading. It hits the newstands and the mailboxes every Tuesday. Endless stories of human interest are presented and the good Lord knows there is much history in the making around here, these days.

There are always local dailies popular for every-day reporting on regional and a certain amount of international news. And how about other out of town newspapers? How many newshawks receive copies of their own ex-big city or hometown publications in the mail?

If you happen to stop by at The Wheel on Periwinkle Way you can buy a sign that says "If You're In a Hurry You Don't Belong on

Sanibel," which indicates that there's always plenty of time - but who wants to spend it all reading newspapers. There has to be a certain amount of skimming from cover to cover and it's easy to miss items of interest. Friends are forever bringing something to your attention when it's too late to do anything about it.

We read a recent report stating the fact that over 300 new magazines are being published yearly. Oh my. Judging by the piles of golden oldies around our apartment, we're already getting close to that 300 number. They seem to arrive every other day and we can't stop re-subscribing because they seem so essential and are so beautiful. We'd rather not consider any new ones, even though we are curious and like to learn. It's purely and simply a matter of SPACE and TIME.

Large, old houses have attics and cellars. Nostalgia, nostalgia...

Which brings us to the question of what to do about newspapers,

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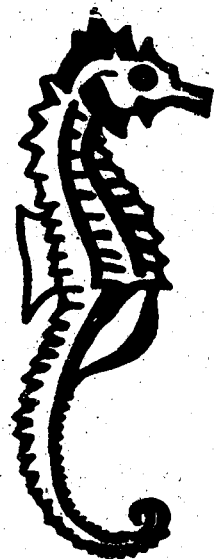
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# in your opinion . . .

# what are your plans for Labor Day?



I have to work. Mona Voigner, Sanibel.



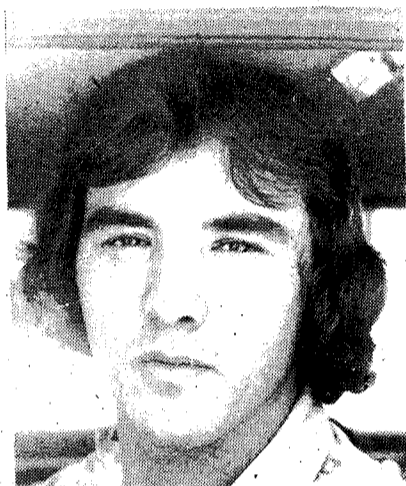
We're resting up from our recent vacation, so we'll probably just have a Barbecue at home. Steve Walters, Sanibel



I'll be working at the Island Inn. Freddy Irving, Sanibel



Leaving to go north for a vacation. Bernie Tool, Sanibel.



I'll be working, that's about it. Butch Webb, Sanibel...

## grandparent's day Sept. 10

There's a new national holiday on the scene. Families will be celebrating nation-wide recognition of grandparents on Sunday, September 10.

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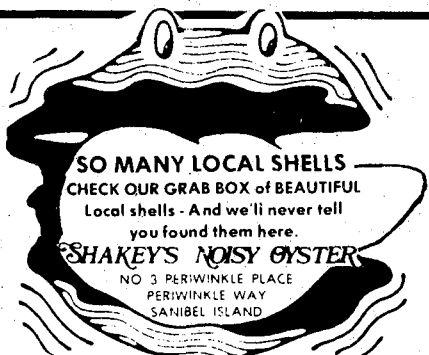
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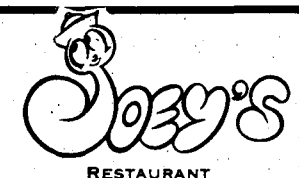
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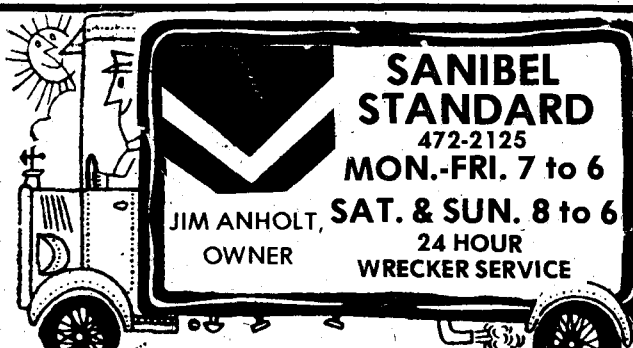


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# on the water by mike fuery



The test site is concerned primarily with saltwater engineering on Mercury outboards. The Placida operation has been in operation for a few years, after moving south from the Sarasota area.

Up until a couple of years ago, my wife, Carol, was one of several models used for the various boat manufacturers as they prepared boating brochures on new model years.

Many boat makers, take Boston Whaler for instance, send down several truck loads of their boats. The Mercury test facility puts on the engines and many hundreds of photos are shot with the combination which will eventually be used for brochures. When Boston Whaler has enough of the Mercury pictures, they take their boats to Johnson or Evinrude test sites for similar pictures. This way the finished brochure doesn't depict one particular engine over others for a boat.

There is also an OMC testing facility in Naples and you will often see drivers working their boats and engines in that area. There are many Johnson and Evinrude publicity photos taken which you will recognize.

If you look at some of these boat or engine booklets you are going to start realizing that many of the shots are from this area of Sanibel and Captiva Islands, along with the lighthouse buildings at Boca Grande.

Cayo Costa and Johnson Shoals are frequently seen world-wide in these boating advertisements. South Seas Plantation's docks get their share of exposure. The Mako Marine catalogue has many shots of the Captiva Island area, featuring local people with Mako boats, of course.

You don't often see OMC (Johnson

and Evinrude) powered boats up near Sanibel, but the equipment is often tested in the Gulf of Mexico north of Naples. If you see an old clunker of a boat going 60 miles an hour and the driver has a crash helmet on his head, then you better not waste your time trying to race the guy back to the docks.

On Pine Island Sound you will often see those yellow hulled boats zipping by as you fish or cruise. They are instructed not to get too close to recreational boaters for safety reasons and also to keep some of those overly interested eyes from trying to see what

the new Mercury outboards will be looking at the coming year.

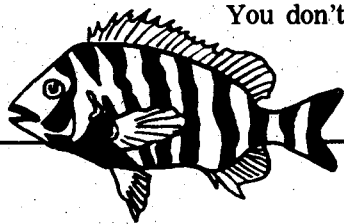
As engine horsepower continues to climb, many boaters I've talked to think that Mercury will go from their top-of-the-line 200 hp Black Max to a 250 or 300 hp engine sometime soon.

The newer boat engines are only reflecting the boating industry's push for more power. The boats are showing it also. Mako's new 25-foot boat is rated for 300 hp. Several other boat manufacturers are boosting their rated power to allow for the newer, lighter engines.

Perhaps you were running your boat up the Intracoastal Waterway one day, going a fairly good pace, when before you know it, three yellow hulled boats have come from nowhere, passed you and are going in the distance.

I get asked about these super fast boats and am surprised that not very many people know that the Sanibel-Captiva Island area is bracketed by two of the most sophisticated outboard engine and boat testing areas in the country.

The yellow hulled boats are all from Placida, a small fishing community north of Boca Grande and a few miles south of Englewood. It is from this isolated base that drivers test some of the Mercury outboard engines you will see on the market a few years from now.



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W	30	12:14 AM H	5:06 AM L	**10:52 AM H	6:53 PM L
Th	31	12:37 AM H	5:49 AM L	**11:34 AM H	7:25 PM L
F	1	12:55 AM H	6:27 AM L	**12:13 PM H	7:47 PM L
Sa	2	1:10 AM H	7:03 AM L	**12:49 PM H	8:12 PM L
Su	3	1:28 AM H	7:39 AM L	**1:24 PM H	8:31 PM L
M	4	*1:47 AM H	8:17 AM L	**2:03 PM H	8:56 PM L
Tu	5	*2:11 AM H	8:59 AM L	*2:45 PM H	9:21 PM L

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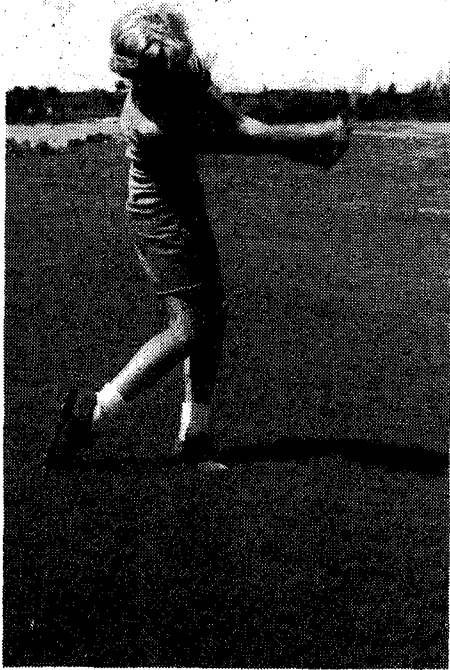
Conversion table: The above tides are for the lighthouse point of Sanibel only. To convert for Redfish Pass (north tip of Captiva), add 55 minutes to the time shown for every hi-tide, subtract two (2) minutes for every low tide. (NO, we don't know why, but it works. Instructions following are even less sense-sical but as we stated, they do work.)

For Captiva Island, Gulf side, subtract 30 minutes from each high tide, and subtract 1 hour and 16 minutes for each low tide.

For Captiva Island, Pine Island Sound (Bay) side, add 1 hour and four (4) minutes for each high tide, and add 52 minutes for each low tide.

In between these points on gulf or bay — guesstimate — and have good fishing, and or shelling.

## young islander wins golf tourney



Michael Bradley, son of Dunes head golf pro John Bradley won the 12-24 year old division of the Florida Jaycee's Junior Golf Championship last weekend in Lehigh Acres. Michael, who just turned twelve this last July, fired a 76-76-81 on the tough par 71 Lehigh course for a 54 hole total of 233 which not only won his division, but was only four strokes back of the overall winner of the tournament who was 17 years old. Michael acquired his first set of golf clubs at age six and, with the expert instruction of his father, was entering, and winning, tournaments by the age of seven. Michael plays to about a nine handicap and can occasionally beat his father in a nine hole match, though he has yet to take an eighteen hole match from him.

## islander angling by pacia fields

The sound-the feel-the touch of the Tropics-. Though strictly speaking the islands don't really fit into the category, do we not in the real sense-the beauty, white sands and blue waters,; the birds, the sheels, the weather-ah yes-the weather-! Does it not rain nearly each day about four o'clock, providing the vegetation with that vital drink after a hot day, and cooling the waters.

Is not fishing better (if such is possible)-. Evidently even the fish agree and are lured back to the tropic clime. A few of our old friends are back-or are at least on their way. Several cobias have been caught this week, as have some rather large Jack Gravelle. More and more flounder and...several islanders can attest to this fact...the snook are biting. Jack Purdy certainly can. One one occasion he brought in 4 snook weighing in between 17 and 24 lbs. Bill Cole was no piker, catching 11 between 6 and 10 lbs.

Trout and redbfish are as always it seems, plentiful, and while most of the larger species of shark are off following their "piece de resistance" the tarpon, the black tip shark is still here.

One of the charter captains feels that most women are missing a bet by not joining in on the fishing excursions. It is his observation that when women are aboard they seem to have more fun than the men bringing in the bacon of the sea. This I would have to second! It would be difficult to tell the woman novice just where to begin...whether cane pole in a quiet place, a rented rod and reel in the surf or out on a charter. The only error that could be made, for most, would be by passing all three.

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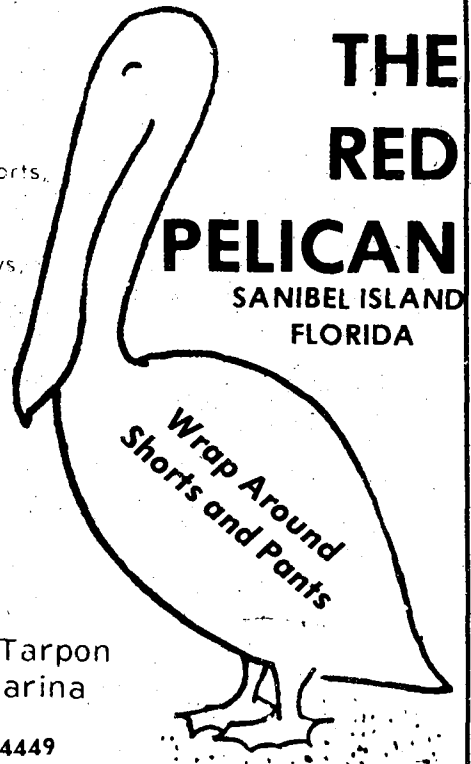


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# summer is for softball

On Tuesday Captran won their third game of the year, defeating Top of the Mast 3-2. This raises Captran's record to three wins and 19 defeats. The



by  
tim harris

Kathy Smith slides safely into third.

Island Reporter Stringers' record is four wins and 20 defeats, so with Captran still having two make-up games to play they could pull ahead of Island Reporter in the race for the basement.

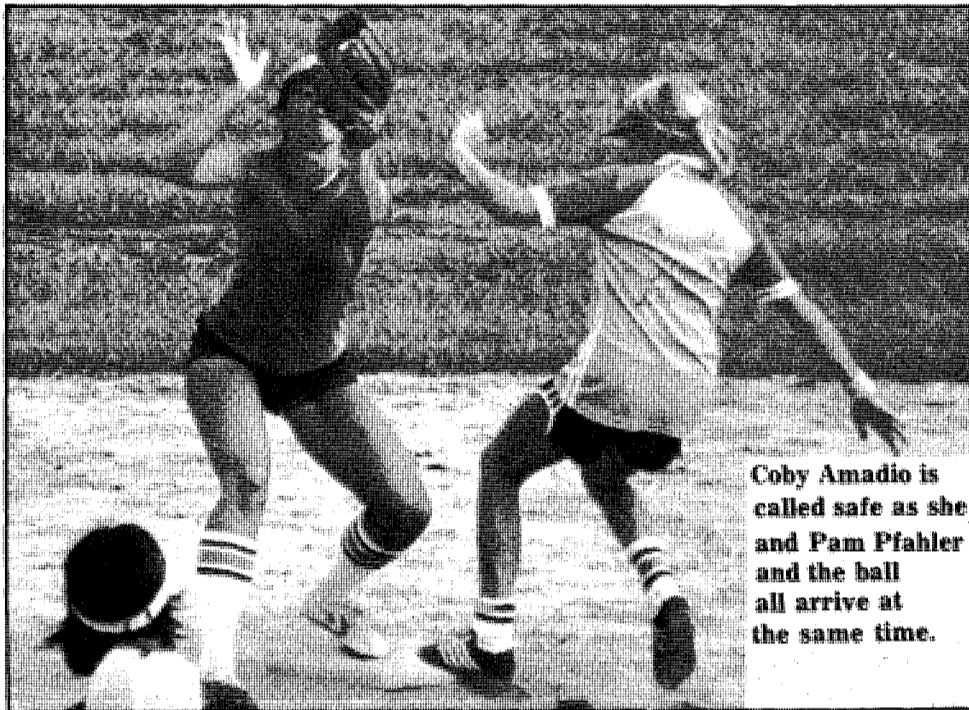
On the other side of the standings race, Nave Plumbing defeated Baileys 3-3 on tuesday to raise their record to 22 wins and only a single defeat. The game between South Seas and the Lions was not played because of problems with the lights.

Wednesday's games between the Chevron Supremes and the Island Girls and between ESI and the Truckers were both rained out.

On Sunday, the last games of the regular season were played. In the first Sunday game Oscar Gavin returned to action with West Wind after a 26 day layoff because of a strained muscle. Still in good form after the

long respite, Oscar hit a pair of two-run homers, one in the fourth and one in the sixth, and played good first base but it was all in vain. The pitching of Tom Mosca stymied the rest of the West Wind team as ISA beat West Wind 12-6. The win put IWA just one half game behind West Wind in the race for second place. Though the regular season is over, West Wind still has a makeup game to be played, as do many of the other teams, so IWA still has a shot at a tie for second. In Ladies action on Sunday, the Sea Fillies demolished the Casa Ybelles 19-5.

The way things now stand in the Ladies division the Chevron Supremes hold a 1½ game lead over the Island Girls but both teams still have make-up games to play and the Island Girls could possibly catch the Supremes with a couple wins for themselves and a couple of losses for the Supremes.




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## mind the step

by Ruth Hunter

"The King is Dead!" Back in London the evening papers blared headlines....but not for any old king who sat on a throne....it was Elvis Presley who had passed away. I sat in the lobby and ate up the stories. Our hotel was a cozy homey one. Breakfast was served in a downstairs dining room and everything went smoothly for a week. We were all happy when a new man was hired, an efficiency expert, and then confusion reigned till they fired him and all was peaceful again. Each day we rode to a different playbook house to buy plays for our Pirate Playhouse and mostly we took London's Underground:

"If you see a strange packet, let it alone.

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This notice appeared along with the advertisements in the subway train. The ride on the elevators at the stations is so long, there's a little bench on which to sit doing down. Of course being built so far into the earth, the London subways were a blessing in wartime for the English to take refuge. London is as bad as Paris for trying to get around without getting lost.

At the company where we found "Too Soon for Daisies" and "Ma's Bit O'Brass" which were enthusiastically received at our Pirate Playhouse this last season, the Manager sent out for some special wine for us to sip while we poured over scripts. Most were losers, too obvious, too many characters or much too off color. At another playbook company, as well as the greatly know French's of London we found nothing but "jumping in and out of bed scripts or plays filled with disreputable characters one wouldn't have invited onto the porch, let alone one's living room. It was touch and go. We brought home 51 plays - about ten titles.

Besides the underground we sometimes rode buses. I liked to ride on the top deck to pass again Trafalgar Square, Buckingham Palace and Piccadilly Circus: Though they wiggled and waggled, I could still read a sign in the bus which said:

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A teacher with about thirty kids on a wet tour (all rain-coated and umbrellaed) were with us on one trip. "Isn't it fun to live in London?" I asked one bright-eyed little fellow. "No" he emphatically told me, "I'd rather be in California!"

When we were up to our ears in reading plays at our hotel, we took a break now and then and hied us to the British Museum across the street. Part of it had once been the home of George III and he gave it to the British Nation in 1823. Then there's Sir Hans Sloane Bart who's collection was the nucleus around which the British Museum was built. I knew I couldn't touch upon even a fraction of the goodies in this vast building so I asked a girl at the information Desk what she liked best. "Oh Egypt" she quickly answered so I devoted my hour to wandering around tombs and mummies and mammoth

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# lifestyles

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magazines, and catalogues when we're through with them. It's a sticky question and a fact, that often collects mildew in strange out-of-the-way corners.

Recycling is a hot issue these days. National results of this process are surfacing in all kinds of ways; what to do about it locally is something else again. There is no fireproof storage space available on Sanibel or Captiva, yet, where paper

goods can be deposited. Concerned citizens have been banding together and several paper drives have been held this year, sponsored by service clubs for the benefit of various youth groups. Aided and abetted by parents, these groups deserve straight A's for effort. The Boy Scouts currently have one such project.

These drives take a lot of planning ahead and hard work. They were announced beforehand in the news media but apparently too many readers happened to miss those items. The old grapevine helped - but the amount of money made from combined efforts was not spec-

tacular, to say the least. Too much love's labor lost.

We hope there will be more publicity about future paper drives and eventually, a definite place to take the newspapers and magazines that can be saved for this purpose - for a certain length of time. They have a way of piling up far too quickly and there's so little room for

those piles...except in large old houses.

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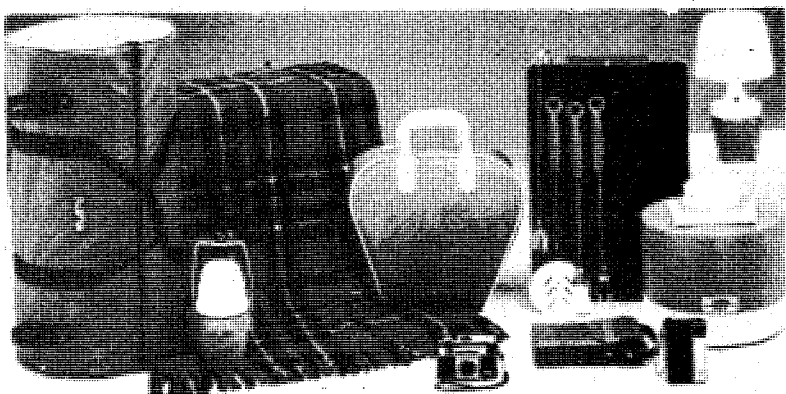
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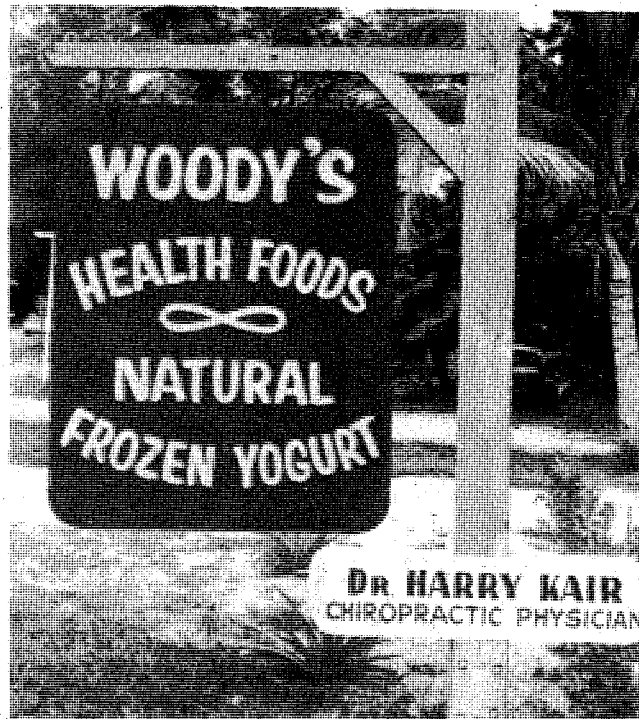
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# Sanibel's fire department ready for any emergencies

by Jack Roemer

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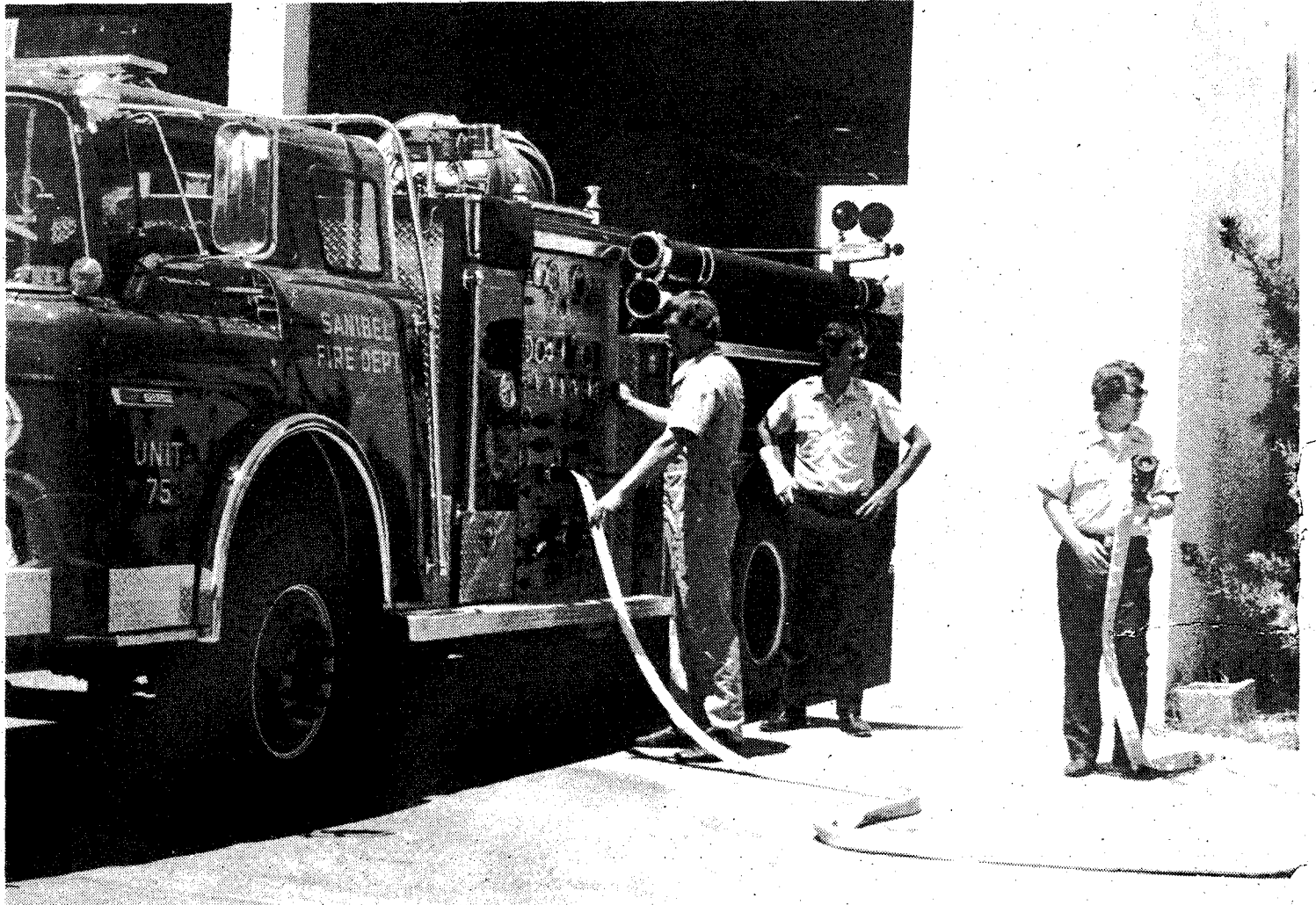
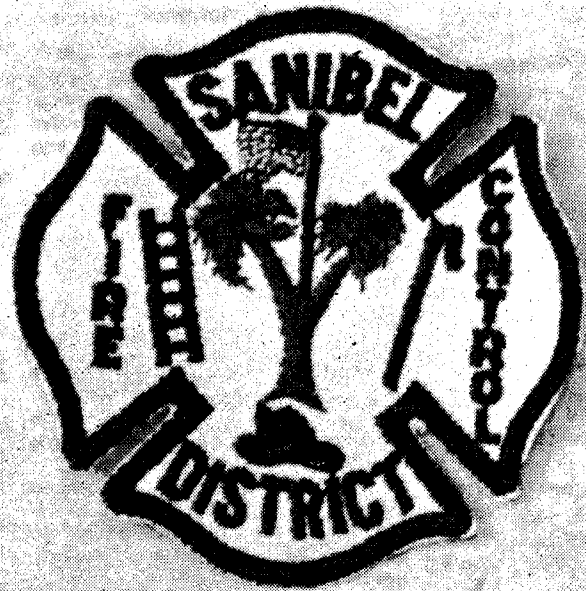
Headquartered on Palm Ridge Road, where equipment undergoes constant maintenance and complete living and recreation facilities are provided for on-duty firemen, the station provides protection for the entire island. However, a new station nearing completion at the corner of Sanibel-Captiva and Bowman's Beach Roads will be operational this Fall to service the area from Blind Pass to the schoolhouse and providing more rapid protection to all areas of the island.

The station is equipped to combat all fires to which Sanibel is subject, utilizing among other equipment a 250 gallon tank "quick attack" pumper and a 750 gallon tank pumper used in conjunction with a 2,000 gallon tank truck. Fortunately, Sanibel's river, many canals and widely scattered ponds provide a water source in many areas as the island has less than a dozen operating hydrants. The Fire Control District, in conjunction with the Island Water Authority, plans to remedy this situation by expanding the hydrant system to include all areas requiring service within the next three years.

To keep abreast of fire fighting techniques, members of the staff periodically attend the Bureau of Fire Safety's Fire College at Ocala, Florida which also provides training films shown during local "drill nights" held the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.

An additional service provided by the Fire Control District is the fire prevention program under which all commercial and residential buildings on Sanibel are inspected for violations of safety standards to "ensure the public safety."

One rather unique and highly sobering fact about the men who provide fire protection on Sanibel is that few of them can afford to live on the Island. These men are neither city nor county employees and they can presently look to neither for assistance. Until the issue of moderate cost housing is resolved on the Island, residents and visitors alike should offer firemen their full cooperation and moral support in all instances.



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# offshore sailing school: Rx for sailing fever

by betsey mallett



Ray Antweiler, an instructor for the Offshore Sailing School, checks the spinnaker rigging on the 27' Soling used for on-water instruction at the South Seas based school.

If sailors have more fun, then they also work harder than most boaters. I visited Steve Colgate's Offshore Sailing School at South Seas Plantation and spent the morning in on-water instruction on a 27' Soling in the blue waters just off Captiva.

What a way to go to school!

The Offshore Sailing School on Captiva is one of six such schools run by owner and director Steve Colgate. Similar sailing instruction is available on Hilton Head Island in South Carolina, Martha's Vineyard, Sarasota, Chestertown, Maryland and Tortola in the British Virgin Islands. For over thirteen years, these sailing schools have provided sailors with an expert knowledge of sailing craft, in combination with a first class vacation time.

I arrived at South Seas with sleepy eyes and some trepidation about the venture. As a sailor, I was apprehensive about venturing out with "beginners." Nonetheless undaunted, I was introduced to a crew who was efficiently rigging the sleek Soling in anticipation of the morning's lesson. The class included a mild-mannered electrical engineer from Wisconsin, a service station owner-operator from



The Offshore Sailing School has two 27' Solings for on-water instruction.

Atlanta, and a perfectly delightful she-banker from Pennsylvania. For 8:30 in the morning, they sure acted like they knew what they were doing. I figured we'd separate the men from the boys once we got on the water!

Instructor Ray Antweiler filled me in a little on the Soling. "One of the best teaching boats there is," he told me. "They're responsive and exciting...easy to handle and not too simple and not too complicated. And safe." The Soling is an \$8,000 boat with a fixed keel. She draws about four feet of water, which can be a lot, especially around these Islands that have so many shallow banks.

We were ready to head out the narrow channel from South Seas to open water and our hand at the tiller was the mild-mannered Wisconsin engineer. Sensing doom, I boarded the boat, laden with camera and checking for life vests, which were comfortably tucked away.

Wind filled the sails as our Casper MilkToast captain edged the boat away from the slip and started to tack across the channel. "This is where these beginners will really panic," I thought. "Narrow channel, light breeze...really difficult sharp tack."

"Prepare to come about...Hard a-

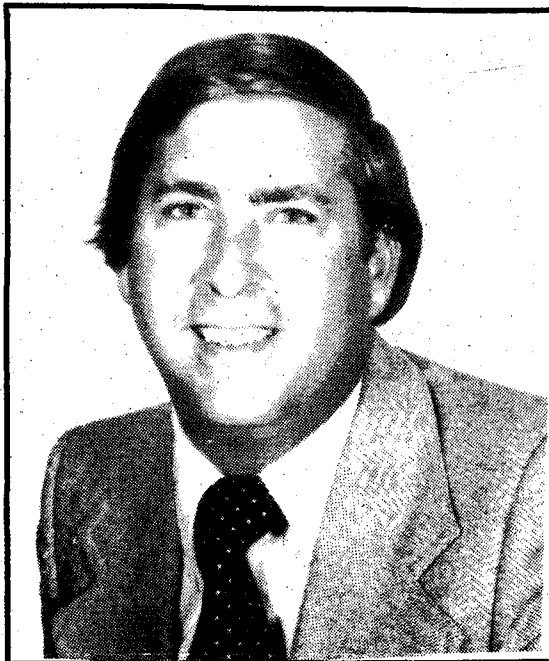
lee!", Wisconsin bellowed and his crew responded! I was sure Captain Bligh had snuck on board! Wisconsin was a Sailor! He tacked down that channel like a pro, bellowing orders like an old salt and kept us hopping from one side of the boat to the other. One week of lessons at the Offshore Sailing School had turned him into one heck of a sailor! Once we were out in open water, each student took a turn at the tiller, and alternated working the jib or mainsail. The lesson for the day was hoisting the spinnaker, not an uncomplicated process, but a delightful way to sail once accomplished. There's something magical about that big balloon of a sail pulling you through the water with so little effort.

This morning's working lesson was the last one the sailing students would receive.

They had arrived at South Seas on Sunday afternoon, and attended their first class Sunday evening. Each student had been provided with a manual when he registered for the class and was instructed to familiarize himself with terminology before he arrived on Captiva. After Sunday evening, students were scheduled for alternate morning and afternoon on-water instruction and on-land classes.



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Attended Stetson University (Deland, Florida) and graduated from Florida Atlantic University with a bachelor's degree in business administration in January 1971.

University education was interrupted due to four years active duty in the Army Security Agency with a one year tour of duty in Vietnam.

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The crew I visited with was delighted at the prospect of getting out on their own the next day. Apprehensive, but anxious. Without exception, each student had had little or no previous sailing experience before they arrived at the Sailing School. Karen, our banker from Pennsylvania, had always thought a little Sailfish "was terribly complicated." She handled rigging the spinnaker and maintaining her balance at the same time with aplomb. Our Atlanta visitor, Walt Neeld, was quiet and softspoken, but a wealth of information. He laughed when he explained a couple of points to me and qualified his knowledge as "according to the book," but he didn't fool me for a minute. In a pinch, he would come through as a qualified sailor. Mr. Wisconsin questioned every nut and bolt on the boat. In the land of a

thousand lakes, this man is a walking encyclopedia of sailing. His name is Bill Jacoben from Madison, and I'd sail with him any day.

Karen McElheney from Ebensburg, Pennsylvania was trying to figure out how to hijack a Soling back to Pennsy. Karen...and the rest of us on board...was also trying to figure out why the wind died every time she took the tiller.

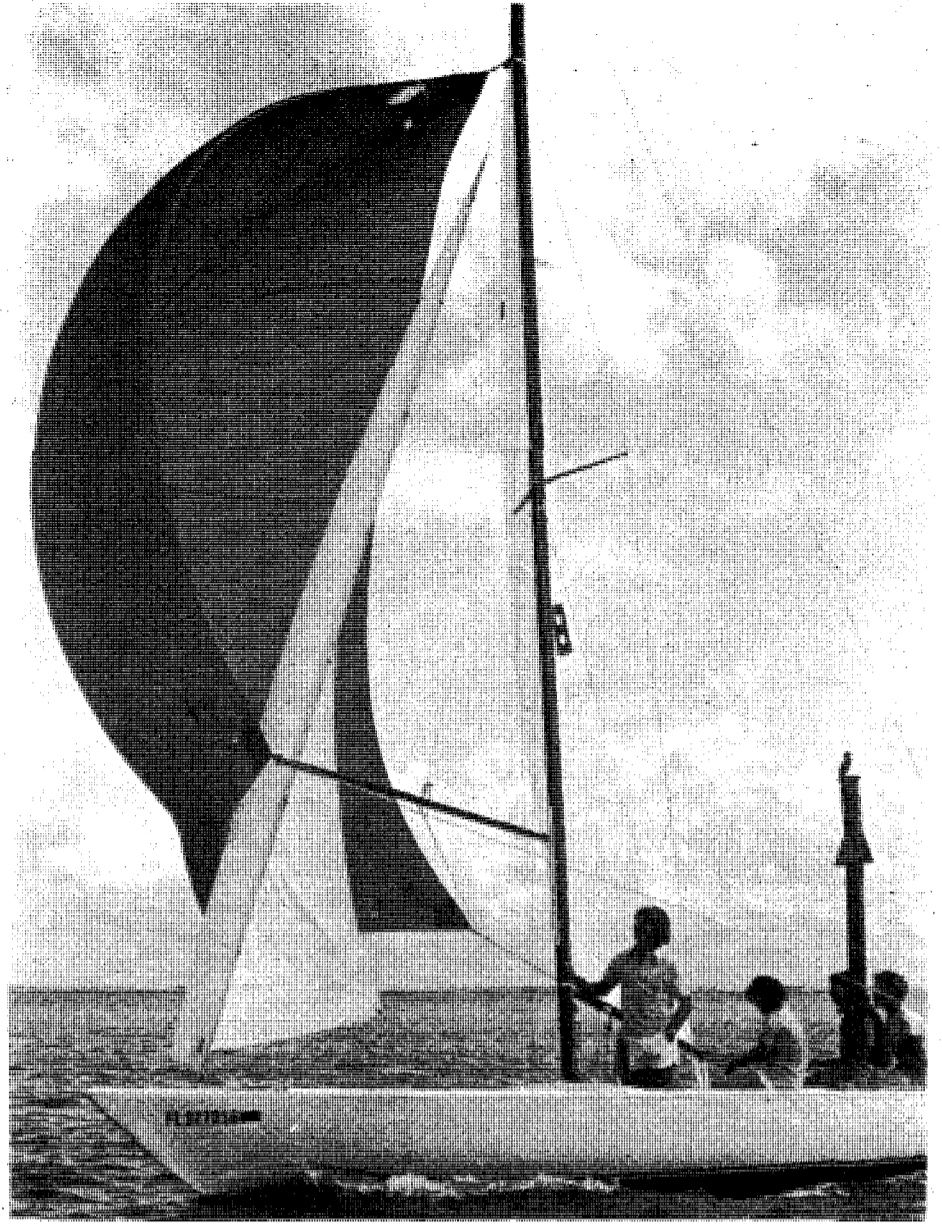
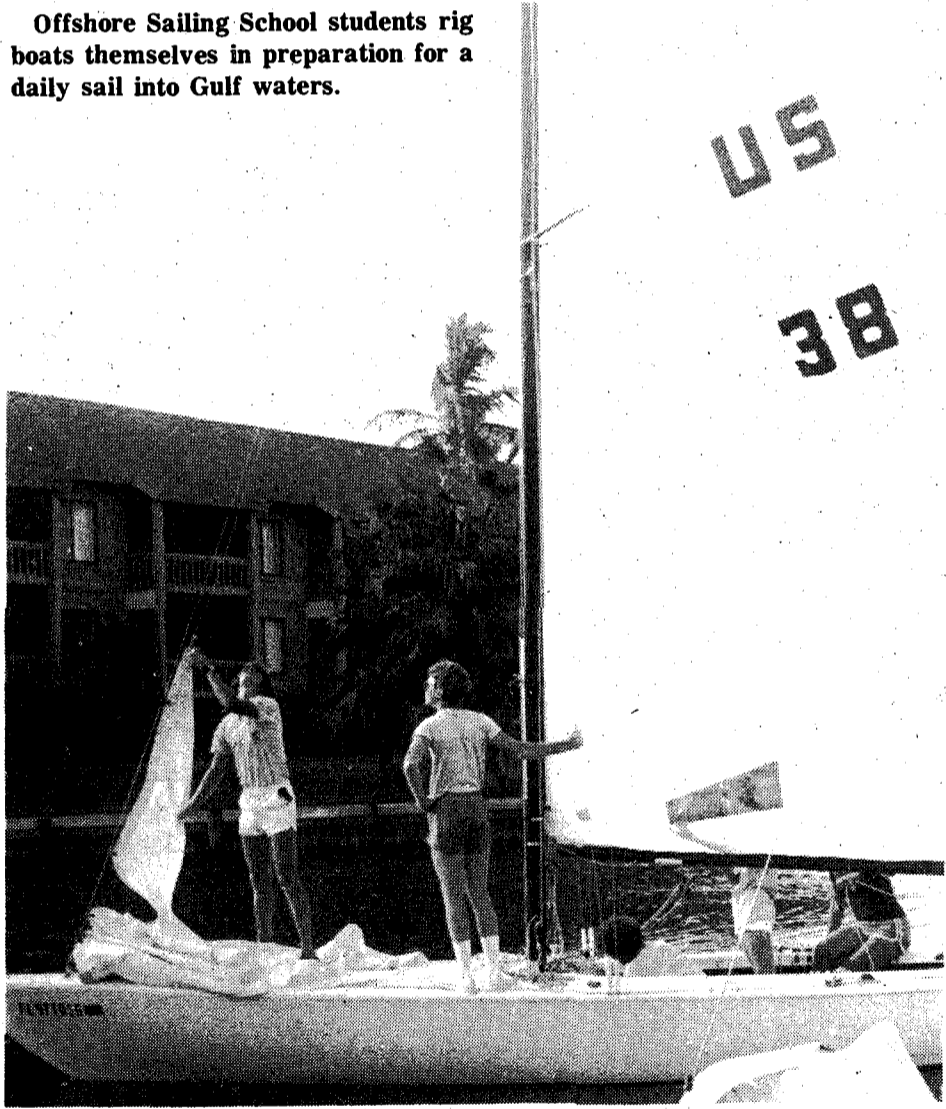
"It never fails," she laughed. "It happens every day when I do. Yesterday, we were coming through Red Fish Pass in the middle of a storm and it happened."

Instructor Antweiler suggested that we hoist the Spinnaker, find some breeze and head for home. The companion boat that had sailed near us all morning closed ranks and we headed down the channel to the South Seas Marina. With just a mere puff of wind. Karen was still at the tiller!

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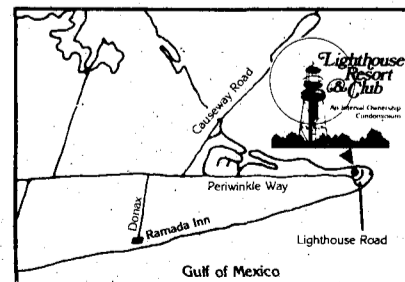
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Sunday September 3 please take heed...The day of the annual Labor Day Fish Fry.

Liquors to pick up the 2 for 1 dinners book.

Kiwanis also gave \$350.00 to Police fund.

## BOY SCOUT TROOP NO: 88

The first Court of Honor held by this troop under the direction of Scoutmaster Ron Sebald will be Tuesday, 7 p.m. at Sanibel Elementary school.

## SANIBEL BOY SCOUT TROOP NO. 88

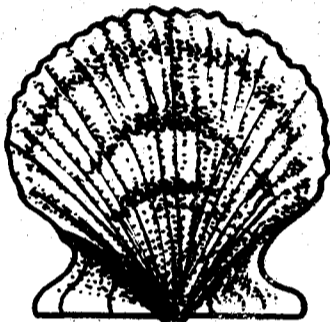
The Sanibel troop spent an active weekend camping at Cayo Costa, August 18, 19 and 20. The troop rented a cabin at the county park and prepared their meals over a ground fire. Saturdays' lunch and dinner proved to be a new experience as they fixed "minute pizzas" and "foil burger" dinners. Chef Ron Sebald treated the boys to his specialty, peach cobbler. When the scouts were not eating and sleeping, they spent their time swimming and fishing. Saturday's evening meal was interrupted by a brief storm with high winds. The cooking supplies were provided by Esperanza Woodring and transportation by Karl Wightman.

Scouts in attendance were: Eric Wightman, Keith Wainright, Dan Burns, Larry Raulerson and Scoutmaster Ron Sebald.

## KIWANIS

Now that the Kiwanis have been well groomed, the attempt is being made to show them what to do with their hands, essentially, pottery this time around. Barbara Hill and her able assistant gave a most interesting talk and demonstration on the fine art of pottery making.

Installation of new officers is set for September 29 at Chadwicks. Remember also when in R and B



## PAPER DRIVE

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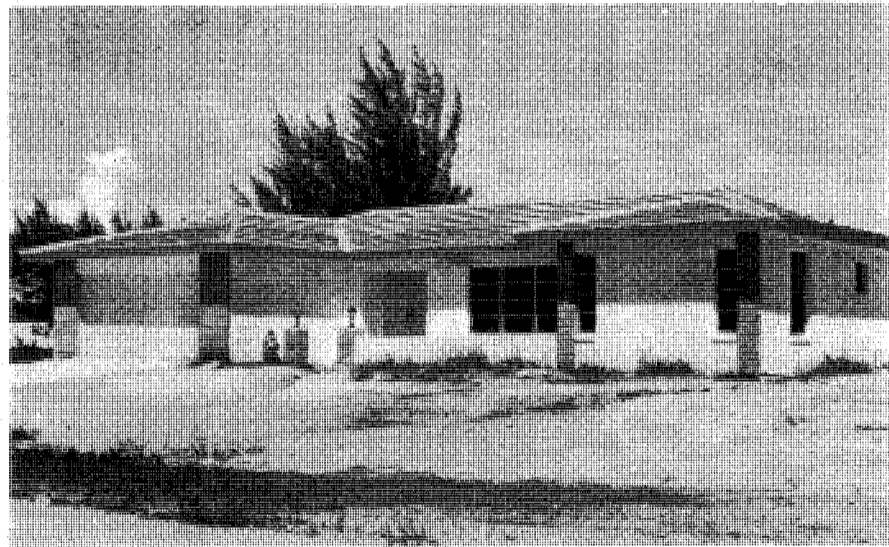
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**remembering**

by gwen stevenson

Looking back through old ISLANDERS is always fun to do, even while on ie ostensibly on vacation. Our files almost totally complete for other months back as far as 1961 seem to have the most holes in them in August issues. Wonder why that is?

1966 was definitely an election year. The front page of the four-page August 18, 1966 ISLANDER told residents that Roy Bazire and Priscilla Murphy were the source for tickets to a fund-raising dinner for gubernatorial candidate Robert King High. And Senator Spessard R. Holland advised Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce resident Al Muench that he had gotten after the U.S. Coast Guard and the Army Corps of Engineers to install better markers at the channel buoys at the electric cable crossing for San Carlos Bay. Evidently the lack of proper marking had caused an accident resulting in an island blackout. Nothing much has changed, has it?

That same week, Paul Stahlin of South Seas Plantation announced that the sodding, seeding and sprigging of the Plantation's nine-hole golf course had just been completed. Also installed that week was a new water system to keep, in Paul's words, "the greens green."

Incidentally, for those interested in the rate of inflation, the ISLANDER was 7 cents (for four pages). It is now 12 cents for 32 pages. Not bad.

The same week, Priscilla Murphy's office announced the sale of a duplex-zoned lot on Seagrape to Dick and Mary Wombell, and Mr. and Mrs. J.L.

Desrochers of Dearborn and Dr. and Mrs. B.J. Spencer of Minneapolis each bought lots in "The Rocks."

The Sanibel-Captiva teen club had started up again and met at the Community House every Thursday in August. President that year was Jimmy Jack, vice-president was Chuck Nave and Ray Rhodes was secretary-treasurer.

That summer Jim and Jo Pickens visited the American Museum of Atomic Energy in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Still in 1966, but a week later, the annual Labor Day Weekend Fish Fry was publicized and the ISLANDER announced that lights on the channel markers had been installed "to prevent further destruction of the electric cable by boats missing the channel."

Joe Green, then of the Cincinnati Enquirer had written "another fine article on the Islands" featuring Bailey's General Store, old and new. And Mr. and Mrs. Steve Muench who were living in Syracuse were home to visit parents Al and Betty Muench. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Akers of Rocky River, Ohio bought a gulf-front parcel of land from Priscilla Murphy.

Headlining the August 29, 1968 issue was a report by Charles LeBuff that the nesting season for the Loggerhead sea turtles along the Lee County Shoreline had ended for the current year. LeBuff stated that he was worried about the destruction of nesting sites along the Gulf and he evinced his concern about the conservation of the sea turtles.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Marshall moved

into their new home on Gulf Drive after leaving Erie, Pa., that week and the old Gulf View Inn on Captiva was purchased by G. Byron Kirby. The Red Pelican was featuring a new Lollipop Tree and spare ribs at Bailey's were 59 cents a pound. (That was just 10 years ago, folks.)


Plans were underway for softball and athletic facilities even then. The Sanibel-Captiva Sharks Men's Softball Team held a fish fry on the Causeway to raise money for the Sanibel school athletic field.

The front page of the August 23, 1973 ISLANDER had a picture of June Muench coquina gathering and the Aleck family (Mary, Alice Deena and Mary Anne along with Jeannie Kontinos (Loughney) and Irene Espinoza spent the weekend in Cocoa Beach. The trip was in preparation for Alice and Irene's school year. They started classes at Brevard Community College that year. Nancy and Bryce McNamara vacationed in Mexico, returning through California. Bryce's parents, Dr. and Mrs. McNamara began building their Island home that year. The new Island Water Association treatment plant was scheduled for a September 8 opening and the Kiwanians had a beach clean-up. Deena Nikki Aleck, daughter of Mary Aleck, then a senior at Cypress Lake High School, was notified that she was to be featured in the Seventh Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students and Breakfast of Champions topped MacIntosh Books bestseller list.

Heading the August 29, 1974 ISLANDER was a story about the presentation of a request by Zee Butler to the Lee County Commissioners for an incorporation referendum for Sanibel Island. And this year, the Lions held a clean-up day under the general direction of Bob Potts. The Children's Center was accepting applications and Sungkata Tongyai joined Priscilla Murphy.

The August 31, 1976 ISLANDER reported that the Islands were seeing the most active real estate (both buying and Building) since prior to the moratorium. The comprehensive land use plan had been in effect since July 19, 1976. The Sanibel Police Department reaped the bounty of a summer crop of marijuana in a vacant Gumbo Limbo lot and Tahitian Gardens shopping center had a "sidewalk sale."

And, last year at this time, the Island Water Association lifted their moratorium on new water hook-ups and 254 more Islanders received permission for connections. The Sanibel City Council set priorities for the Causeway Bond funds that included the Gulf Drive connector, the Causeway properties road, three island intersections, Donax St., and Sanibel-Captiva Road among others. The Committee of the Islands abandoned a class action suit against last year's property tax appraisals and an emergency ordinance establishing a 35mph speed limit on Sanibel-Captiva Road was rolled over, and anticipation was running high for the all-star games on Labor Day.



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# mind the step

by ruth hunter

from page 12

wall art...till it was time to eat. The British Museum has the best food in London, we think. Its put together with an eye to color and they make heavenly pie. At one closing hour I was two steps ahead of all the guards leaving. "Step on it - quickly ole boy" the Sergeant said. "We can't" said the captain she's in front of us." I did hop to it but it was fun having a hundred uniformed guys marching behind me - I felt like the Queen on parade.

A surprise on the train we took to Tillbury-on-the-Thames. We met up with the McCanns who had come over to London with us on the Russian ship, S.S. Lermontov and now were sailing home on the T.S.S. Stefan Batory too. This was a Polish ship named after King Stefan Batory of Poland. A lifesize portrait of him in a long red velvet robe graced the ship's lobby. He made an impression on the passengers. In fact when the children aboard had their own Art Show, a great many painted pictures of the noble king for their exhibit.

In the dining salon we sat at a round table near the officers'. On this ship however, officers did not fraternize with the passengers but sat by themselves. I got into the habit of counting them off as they came in looking very smart in blue uniforms with lots of "fruit" (that's what all that gold braid and emblems is called). Now out of a clear sky, these Polish officers took up this little game of mine - "one-two-three-four-five-six!" "no seven" the First Mate would call out or "Nine today" from the purser. They might have smiled on our fifty-second Wedding Anniversary when our waiter, Adam, in a native Polish outfit brought in a beautiful cake and a musician played Anniversary Waltz at our table but mostly like on the S.S. Michael Lermontov, the Russian ship, they were very reserved.

One of the nicest adventures on the

T.S.S. Stefan Batory was attending Mass celebrated in the ship's theater. A complete altar was moved onto the stage and Father Callum from British Columbia was easy to listen to. The gospel was read by a Polish passenger in his native tongue and then either Philip or I, read it in English. We had live music, not only for lunch but for dinner and an afternoon tea concert as well.

These concerts always brought passengers together and in this way we were able to meet up with many from Poland. When they spoke English, I always gave high praise to Pulaski and Kosiusko who helped George Washington in the war, and any other Polish gentlemen whose names I could pronounce.

At our Captain's Farewell dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Cooke from England's North Warrington were among our table companions, Harry and Doris. (By the time a voyage is over, you do call each other by first names.) I enjoyed Harry's stories about his pony for he must have been the gentlest beastie ever born. But most of all I liked what he said at our goodbyes, "You're a fine lass." Then this staid Scotsman kissed me reverently on the cheek. And Doris made us promise to visit them in England one day.

Our party was short lived that night for a storm came up. At times the waves were so high I thought we might all sink on the T.S.S. Stefan Batory and join the old King in the hereafter. It blew and raged and howled. I



remembered the Wreck of the Hesperus:

"We were crowded in the cabin, not a soul would dare to speak

It was midnight on the ocean and a storm was on the deep.

I tried not to remember the line that went "We are lost the Captain shouted

as he staggered down the stairs." ... all were "Busy with our prayers" and sure enough Act Three of "Mind the Step" was ending nicely I thought, as our Pilot tugged us into the Port of Montreal and we trotted down the gangplank, I, minding the step, all the way.

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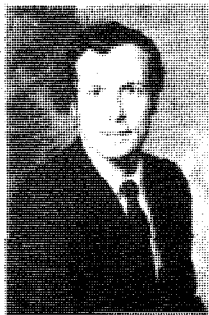
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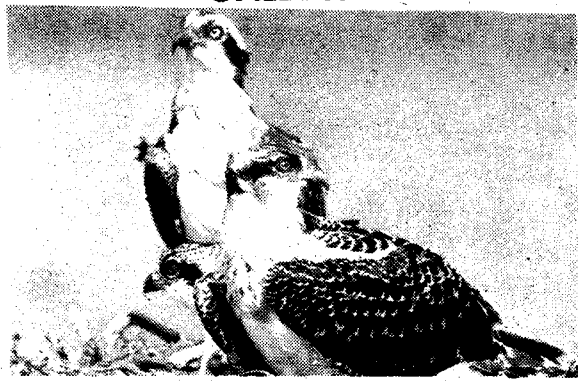
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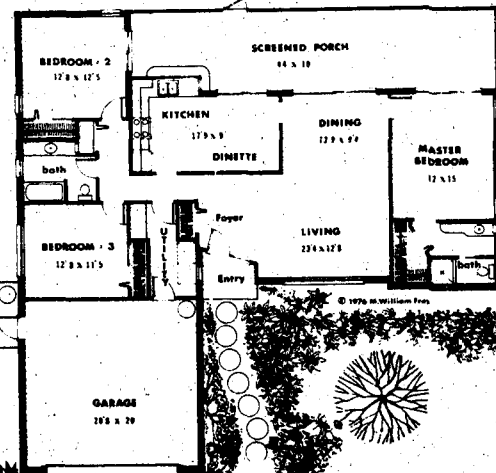
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# police report

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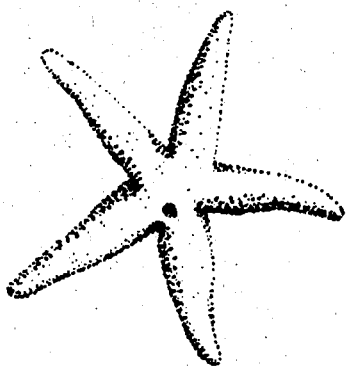
SPD responded to a call from a "frantic" woman that her husband was stuck in the bathtub. Police responded and found said tub...but no one was stuck in it. In fact, no one was in it at all.

One woman called about buzzards at her window. Yep, buzzards. They were frightening those inside...rightly

so...and would not go away. (If they had been turkeys, could SPD have responded to a "Peeping Tom" alert?) Well, they weren't. They were buzzards and they left after being doused with water, an action advised by local environmentalists.

Tar Baby, that wandering lost Lab, showed his true colors again. Being a dog of questionable sanity, Tar Baby took another midnight dip. (You may remember that Tar Baby visited a local pool not too long ago for a short swim). His choice of watering holes is lousy...this time he cooled off with a native alligator. Luckily, no harm came to the dog. SPD "advised" him to choose his ponds more carefully, lest his wanderings bring him to an untimely end.

One gentleman complained about dogs on a nearby beach. He hoped there was a leash law, which there isn't for this particular stretch of beach, and said that on one occasion, not only had he put his foot in "it," but received the final indignity from a passing male dog. While lounging in his beach chair, that dog...well, he...uh...um. Yep...that's what he did! Talk about insult to injury.



# Canada candidly

by lorraine ashford

It was gratifying to return from holidays to find a nice letter to your editor about my column on the Queen's maple syrup problems and also a lovely letter from a fellow columnist. Geographically speaking, its lonely here at the top and its so nice to know my columns are reaching some of you down there. Thank you.

I'm also happy that you take my affectionate ribbing of the Royal Family in the spirit it's meant. I have a great deal of respect for the Queen and as long as she is on the throne, I will remain a true blue Monarchist. She and I are the same age and sometimes I can't resist putting myself in her place, with all my imperfections.

Do you realize that with all the Queen's public appearances she has yet to fall out of a car or trip on the ramp of a plane. I have to keep telling myself she is human and puts on her pantihose one leg at a time like the rest of us. Ah, but that's the point. Does she? Maybe two maids grab her under the arms and drop her into them. We

will just never know.

For those of you holding your breath over the maple syrup sequel let me set your minds at ease. The Westmount City council met behind closed doors (no 'Sunshine' Law here) and voted to keep the gift going to the Queen but to cut it in half, thereby saving the taxpayers \$250. The Palace has assured Westmount that the Queen does, indeed, enjoy maple syrup and the lack of a thank you note was a "beaureaucratic oversight." (Freely translated; the Queen's pen ran dry.)

So, everyone is happy; the Queen gets her gift and the people of Westmount won't be branded as Indian givers and the harried council can retire back into the obscurity they so fervently wish they'd never left. I knew you would never close an eye till you knew the outcome of "the maple syrup caper."

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# south seas schedules children's program

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The program is available to children ages four through eleven of guests staying at the resort Monday through Thursday. Guests not on a "Super Summer" package can register children for the program for \$6 per child for up to four days of activities.

According to Mike Peceri, Vice President and General Manager of South Seas, the children's activity program has been nicknamed "Island Adventures" and is supervised by the resort staff. The program consists of morning cruises on the resort's 50' yacht, afternoon treasure hunts around the island, and evening cartoon or movie and game hours.

The program staff coordinator, Jon Jefferis, says that Captiva Island is a

natural campus for the study of ecology, marine biology, wildlife and history. "The program staffers help the children learn more about the shys of the world they discover on Captiva," Jefferis noted, "and from the guest response, we believe most parents like the educational aspects of our "Adventures." Captiva and neighboring Sanibel Islands, he added, are part of a national wildlife refuge, and were a

haven for pirates in the 18th century. South Seas offers Super Summer, sailing school, mini-vacation, and family package plans through December 14, 1978. Tennis school and honeymoon vacation packages are offered throughout the year. The resort is owned and managed by Mariner Properties, Inc., Sanibel Island, Florida, and represented internationally by Robert F. Warner.



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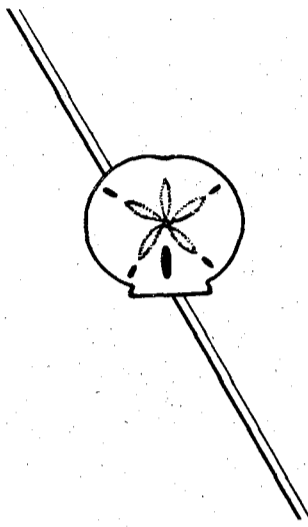
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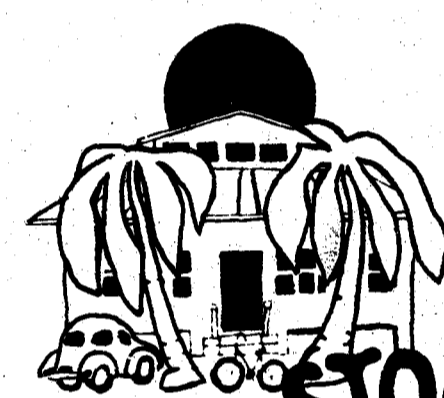
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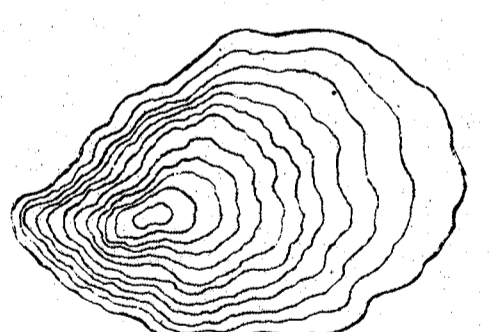
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## RAW OYSTER BAR



# bridge . . .

by Jimmie Smith

"Dear, why do you ALWAYS ignore my slam try? A young woman, quoting her partner, sent me the following SOS this past month. "Please," she wrote. "Help. I don't know what he means...and, honestly...I'm, too embarrassed to ask. 'Ignore'...what IS he talking about? He hadn't even bid '4 NT'."

It turned out that the couple was stuck together. They belonged to a couples' club and she was his spouse!

So, Readers, let's review for this distressed player some of the bids that are slam tries. Any of the following bids should alert even the most casual player that he has HEARD a slam try:

1. A jump in a new suit.
2. Opener makes a Reverse bid. Don't be too casual and miss the sound of the reverse bid—a most common fault—or you'll no doubt miss a slam, and you—if you'll pardon the mixed syntax—may find your partner missing the next game.
3. Responder gives a double-raise to opening bid in a suit.
4. A bid one level beyond game.
5. A positive response to a strong two-bid opening in a suit.
6. Opener names a new suit after receiving a double-raise to his opening suit bid.

We know that the world over Standard American bridge players use the Blackwood convention and the

Gerber convention most frequently when they want to go slamming after recognizing the possibility of taking 12 or 13 tricks.

So, you go Blackwooding or Gerbering to determine if you and your partner belong in a six or seven bid? Rvght? WRONG!

You use the Blackwood and Gerber conventions frequently to determine that you DON'T have the kind of hands that will bring home 12 or 13 tricks!

The Blackwood call is 4NT. His partner responds by showing the number of Aces in his hand in this manner:

**RESPONDER**

- |            |             |
|------------|-------------|
| 5 Clubs    | 0 or 4 Aces |
| 5 Diamonds | 1 Ace       |
| 5 Hearts   | 2 Aces      |
| 5 Spades   | 3 Aces      |

Once the Blackwood initiator locates all the Aces in his and partner's hands, he may be interested in the possibility of taking 13 tricks instead of ONLY 12. Looking for the missing Kings, he bids 5 NT and partner responds in the same manner in which he showed the number of Aces EXCEPT that he goes to the level of six instead of five.

The Blackwood bidder calls 5 NT and the responder bids in the following manner:

**RESPONDER**

- |            |         |
|------------|---------|
| 6 Clubs    | 0 Kings |
| 6 Diamonds | 1 King  |
| 6 Hearts   | 2 Kings |
| 6 Spades   | 3 Kings |
| 6 NT       | 4 Kings |

Let's look and LISTEN, to this slam try:

**OPENER**

- AKXXX  
KQX  
KQXX  
X

The bidding: 1 Spade 3 Spades

Now, what should our distressed young opener with a frustrated spouse recognize? A SLAM try!

A double raise in opener's suit IS a slam try — even a casual player must know this. The opener should expect from her partner good trump support and 13-15 points.

What, then, does opener see, immediately, in the two hands? She sees a minimum of 33 points -- SLAM ZONE! Opener had 19 points to open and 20 points upon revaluing the point count by adding one point for the fifth trump after support from partner. (She would add two points for each trump after the fifth one.)

With 33 points, why doesn't the opener jump from three spades to six spades? Chicken? No, a disciplined player. She still must be concerned with the number of Aces the opponents have. She knows that partner's point count is made up of Distributional Points as well as High Card Points.

What is the correct rebid over the double-raise to three Spades? 4NT? Right!

You students of bridge know that there are many ramifications to the Blackwood convention. Next month we'll go into some of the abuses of the convention, some of the bonuses in bidding it, some of the errors made in bidding it, and a look at the Gerber convention.

Let me hear from you. And fun and bridge out there!




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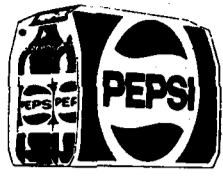
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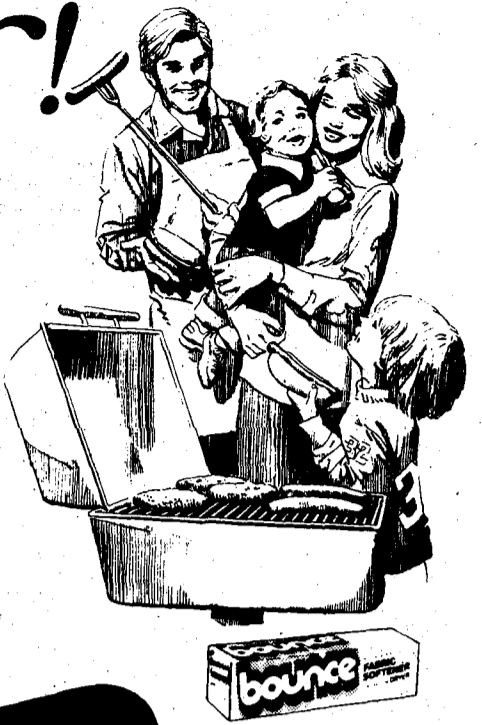
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# food for thought

by julie gray

## Thanksgiving in August

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Time is getting short.

A memorandum in the mail just informed me very seriously that there were only 12 weeks left until Thanksgiving, and I had better start making holiday entertaining plans.

With time so short, I thought you, my faithful readers, would appreciate a collection of some favorite fruitcake recipes to start in the works -- to be ready in time for Thanksgiving dinner.

My favorite recipe for fruitcake is that of my friend Mae Anderson. It seems to have struck a responsive note among many readers so we are repeating it in this column for a complete collection of "all of my favorite fruit cake recipes."

Traditionally, fruitcakes were the only possible type of wedding cake. It is from this tradition that the custom of saving the top layer of a wedding cake for "the first anniversary" evolved.

These days when some marriages don't survive, sad to say, until the first anniversary, and most wedding cakes are made out of a sort of white or yellow "cake mix" with jelly filling, it seems more appropriate to have the cake on the first month anniversary.

It was possible to save fruitcake for years, as it improves greatly with the judicious seasoning of more brandy or rum.

It is hardly advisable, even with the best wrapping, to keep any other cake in the freezer for a year.

Technically fruitcakes belong in the "butter cake" category but since they must be baked at a much lower temperature and for a longer period they are in a category all to themselves.

Because of their aging capabilities, most recipes you will find are for fairly large amounts, either for one really large cake or a number of smaller ones.

Even if you are hermit who lives on a mountaintop, go ahead and make the whole recipe. Unwrap them a little bit

at a time and enjoy.

These recipes are offered to you during these lovely August days so you can begin now. You'll be ready by Thanksgiving to serve that holiday bird, and invite me for fruitcake with hardsauce for dessert.

### NO BAKE FRUITCAKE

4 cups miniature marshmallows  
8 cups graham cracker crumbs  
2 cups seedless raisins  
1 pkg. pitted chopped dates  
1½ cups diced mixed fruit (candied)  
1½ cups walnuts, coarsely chopped  
½ tsp. cinnamon  
½ tsp. nutmeg  
¼ tsp. cloves

6 Tbsp. orange juice  
1 cup evaporated milk

Line two loaf pans with waxed paper and set aside.

In a large bowl combine all ingredients except orange juice and evaporated milk; mix well, using hands if necessary.

Add remaining ingredients; mix well with hands until graham cracker crumbs are moistened.

Pack mixture evenly into loaf pans; cover with foil. Refrigerate at least two days before serving.

### WHITE FRUITCAKE

1¼ cups light raisins  
1 can shredded coconut  
1¼ cups coarsely chopped cherries  
1¼ cups cubed candied pineapple  
Two-thirds cups coarsely chopped pitted dates  
1 cup dried currants  
1 jar (8 oz.) diced mixed candied fruit  
1¼ cups coarsely chopped pecans  
1¼ cups coarsely chopped walnuts

¾ cups coarsely chopped blanched almonds  
2¾ cups sifted all-purpose flour  
¾ cup soft butter or margarine  
1 cup sugar  
dash salt  
5 eggs  
½ cup orange juice

Lightly oil a 10-inch pan (tube). Line bottom and side with heavy brown wrapping paper; then lightly oil paper.

In very large bowl, toss fruits and nuts until well mixed. Sift ¼ cup flour over them, toss coating evenly.

Preheat oven.

In large bowl of mixer, at medium speed, cream butter until light. Gradually add sugar, beating until light and fluffy.

Add salt. Add eggs, one at a time, beating after each addition; then beat until very light and fluffy.

At low speed, alternately blend in remaining flour in fourths and orange juice in thirds, beginning and ending with flour.

Pour batter over fruit-nut mixture. With hands, mix fruits and nuts until they are distributed through the batter.

Turn into prepared pan packing very lightly; bake three hours or until cake tester inserted in center comes out clean.

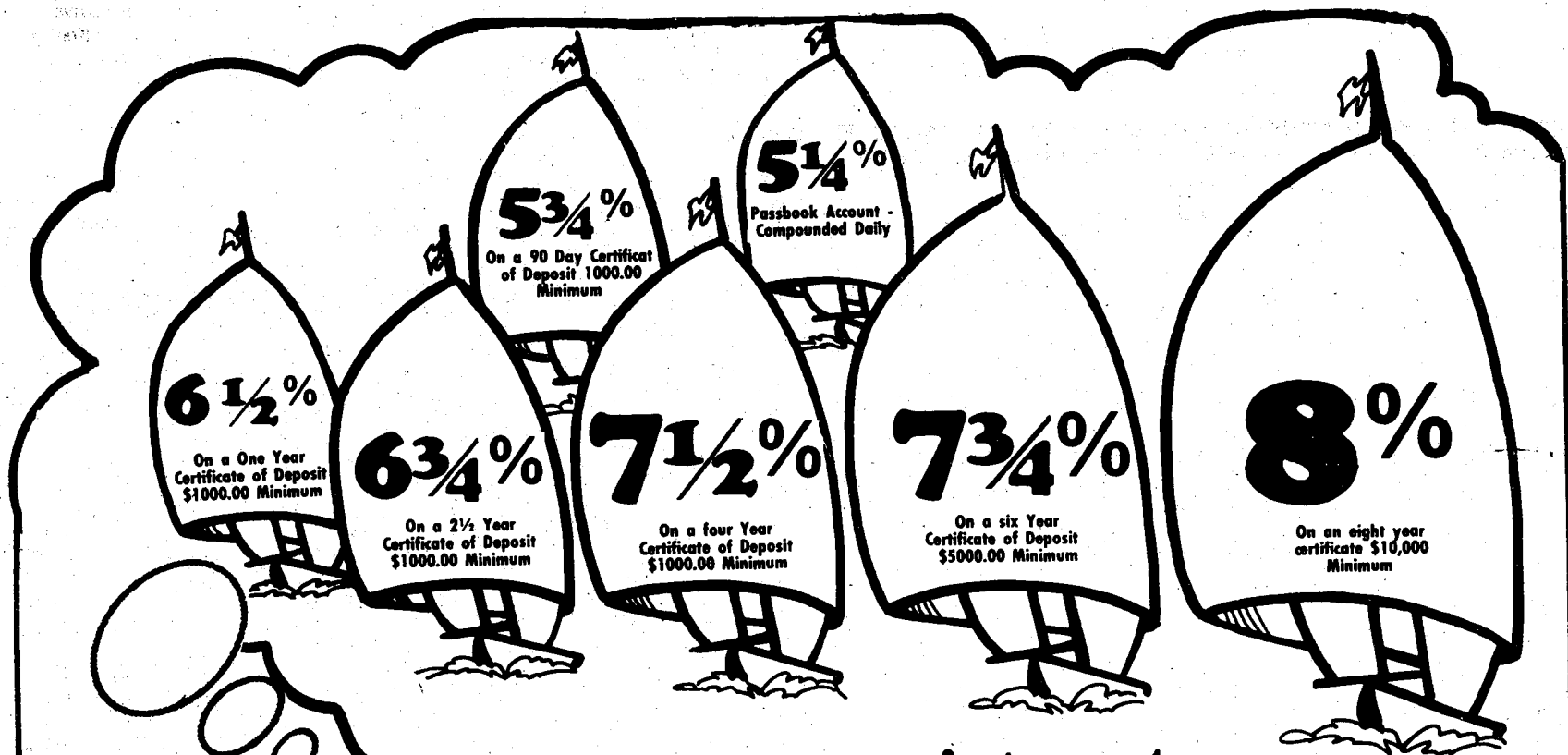
Cool cake completely in pan or wire rack. Remove from pan, and peel off paper. Glaze or wrap with almond paste and frost if desired.

### HEALTH FRUIT CAKE

4 cups ground figs  
4 cups grated nuts  
4 cups chopped dates  
4 cups unsweetened shredded fresh coconut

In a small six-inch plate or dish, spread a layer of one cup of the figs. Top with a layer of one cup nuts, then one cup dates and one cup coconut.

Repeat the four layers three more times. Apply light pressure to the top of the cake to enable all ingredients to hold together. Cut in small wedges and serve.



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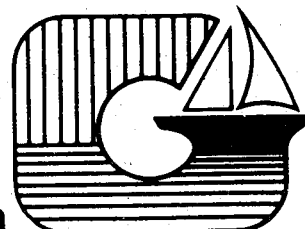
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## COMMISSION

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6, and July 19, Trost requested a meeting with the Planning Department to discuss his upcoming request for a development permit. That meeting was scheduled for July 25.

The Planning Commission also considered a request for a Specific Amendment requiring a four-fifths vote of the City Council where a proper protest by 20 percent of residents living within a prescribed area adjacent to a proposed development is submitted.

Considerable discussion centered around whether this was a policy discussion or a Planning issue and if a four-fifths vote might not be too restrictive and unwieldy. It was concluded that a staff report would be prepared regarding this subject and the discussion was continued.

Planning Commission also approved a development permit for twelve units -

six duplexes - four tennis courts and one swimming pool to be located on the East side of the Sanibel Causeway Road some 700 feet north of Periwinkle Way as submitted by Mariner Properties, Inc.

## Goode

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of that year. He included the existing commercial uses along Periwinkle, the islands supply of drinking water and the concern for emergency evacuation procedures as factors that were used in determining zoning under the land use plan.

Simon waived his closing remarks and presented specific sections of the land use plan for review by Judge Pack, indicating that he felt those sections would uphold the validity of the zoning.

Attorney Haverfield also agreed to submit a written summation by Friday, the 25 of August.

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# Allow Big Hickory Pass to close

By DONALD MOODY

Lee County Commissioners were told today they should allow the shifting sands of Big Hickory Pass to close that pass completely.

Suboceanic Consultants Inc. engineer David Tackney told commissioners that the closing of Big Hickory Pass is a natural phenomenon that has been occurring for more than 100 years. Tackney presented the commission with five alternatives for preserving the quality of the estuarian system behind Big Hickory Pass, located just north of Bonita Beach, but finally recommended that the commission do nothing for the moment.

Tackney's major recommendation and the one most likely to be accepted by the commission involved a 25 to 30-foot wide cut in the mangroves behind Big Hickory Pass to attach it to a small inlet which flows north into New Pass. Tackney said the commission should proceed in acquiring permits from the state Department of environmental Regulation (DER) to allow the cut-through if water quality behind the rapidly-closing pass should deteriorate suddenly. "That way you will be in a position to open up that area to inter-tidal flushing in just a matter of days," Tackney said.

The study found that the construction of the causeways connecting Fort Myers Beach and Bonita Beach did not have a major impact on the shifting sands that are rapidly closing Big Hickory Pass. "But they certainly did have some secondary effect in this whole process of change along these dynamic barrier islands," Tackney said.

Between 1944 and 1954 the Big Hickory Pass area was swept by at least six hurricanes that caused major changes in the system of barrier islands and passes. Included in those changes was the complete disappearance of several small barrier islands and the creation of a major new pass, appropriately named New Pass, and the continued accretion of sand that will eventually close Big Hickory Pass entirely.

The study has found that Big Hickory Pass itself has continually been migrating northward and has become increasingly narrower and shallower. As this natural process was taking place, New Pass gradually assumed a greater and greater share of the tidal flow in and out of

Estero Bay, until it now accounts for almost 20 percent of the tidal flow into that massive back bay eco-system.

Big Carlos Pass, separating the southern end of Estero Island from the chain of low-lying mangrove islands to the south, has also been widening until it now accounts for almost 60 percent of the total tidal inter-action between the bay and the Gulf.

The consultants found, that the actual ratio of water flowing in and out of Estero Bay has been virtually unchanged in spite of the closure of Big Hickory Pass and the creation of the causeway, which has shut off numerous smaller channels through the mangrove islands.

Suboceanic Big Hickory Pass project manager Chris Jones said the flow of water into Estero Bay "is still insured even if Big Hickory Pass closes."

New Pass now serves the entire southern part of Estero Bay and Big Hickory Pass actually serves only a very small area behind the pass entrance. The area of tidal interchange from Big Hickory Pass now does not even extend to the causeway bridge at Little Hickory Island.

The report indicated that Big Hickory Pass will eventually merge with the entrance of New Pass before it closes completely. Over a period of years the narrow channel behind the rapidly-closing pass will grow shallower until it becomes dry land.

Other alternatives suggested to maintain water quality in the twisting waterways and myriad tangle of mangroves behind Big Hickory Pass include:

- Construction of culverts at an estimated cost of \$300,000 to connect the interrupted channel of what used to be Sque Creek before the causeway was constructed. That solution would open up the Big Hickory Pass area to a flushing action from the rear of Big Hickory Island.

- Continued annual dredging of the Big Hickory channel at an estimated cost of \$10,000 - \$20,000 a year. Consultants say the pass will continue to close and new dredging would be needed.

- Stabilization of Big Hickory Pass which would include dredging and the construction of a series of jetties in the pass.

The final course of action, Tackney said, would be simply to take no action at all in the future. That course could

cause some deterioration of water quality in the back bay but would not affect the Estero Bay eco-system significantly.

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