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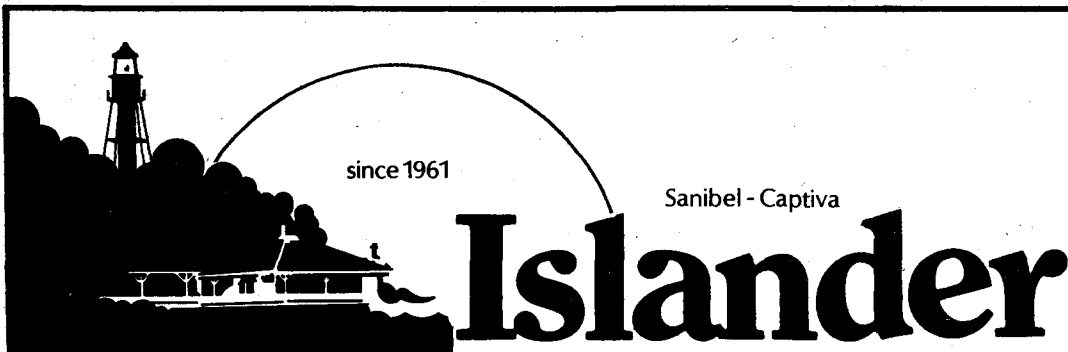
Be sure to have plenty of treats on hand tomorrow night to avoid the wrath of terrifying tricksters. The weak of heart and shaky kneed are better off staying at home and hiding their head under the bed - for the Islands will be a'haunted with spirits and goblins and ghosts!

Those unafraid to face the fearful All Hallow's Eve include the inhabitants of both the Sanibel Elementary School and the

Children's Center of the Islands. Both aggregations will celebrate the horrible holiday with festivities, including a 2:00 p.m. spook house at the Elementary school. The Sanibel Police Department - those fearless souls - will be treating tricksters who cross their path, as will the Burger Emporium (free ice cream to those holding the Islander coupon inside this paper).

Happy Hollerween!

photo by mark harmel



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one section 15 cents

IWA calls membership meeting to settle April controversies

by gwen stevenson

The Island Water Association (IWA) has called a general membership meeting for 10 a.m. November 7 at the Community Association to decide the answers to issues raised during the annual members' meeting last April.

During that meeting, there was a heated dispute about the propriety of a dismissal by the IWA of the candidates placed in contention for Board seats by a nominating committee. The Board's attorney, John Fletcher, told the members that the nominating committee had been

illegally authorized. His opinion came after the committee placed three names in contention for the Board's position that did not coincide with the three people the Board had recommended.

Because of the outcry at the April meeting, the IWA chose two committees, one to recommend whether or not the IWA should have a nominating committee and one to recommend whether or not the Board should be increased from five to seven members. After several meetings, the committees recommended both those

changes. In its recent letter to the membership the IWA has disagreed with both of the recommendations.

Fletcher, in a letter to George Tenney, Chairman of the Committee to consider the change in the nominating procedures, said that the proposed change "is in direct conflict with a controlling provision of the Florida General Corporation Act...specifically Section 607". At the request of the Board of Directors, the Committee sought another legal opinion on the issue from Macfarlane, Ferguson,

Allison and Kelly who said that "it is our opinion that the proposed amendment does not violate Florida corporate law. Fletcher has contended that the Board, by authorizing a nominating committee, is illegally delegating its authority. Macfarlane et al maintain that Florida corporate law allows the Board to authorize the delegation of corporate powers saying that a Board of Directors has the ability "to designate, from among its members,

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shelling committee steps up educational efforts

by mike fuery

Efforts to further curtail the massive and illegal taking of live shells from Sanibel Island beaches are being stepped up with the aid of more informational signs and an educational program.

The City's Live Shelling Committee met last week to not only try to lend more efforts to slowing down the lingering problem of the taking of live shells, but also to hear from an area water consultant on the problem.

Two representatives of Missimer and Associates, Inc., of Cape Coral, spoke to a handful of visitors and three members of the Committee about the possibility of using local volunteers to monitor live shell activity. Collected information could eventually be used to make future decisions on where the live shell population is headed in

terms of numbers of shells.

What researchers, both private and public, want to know is what will happen to Sanibel's shell population in the foreseeable future.

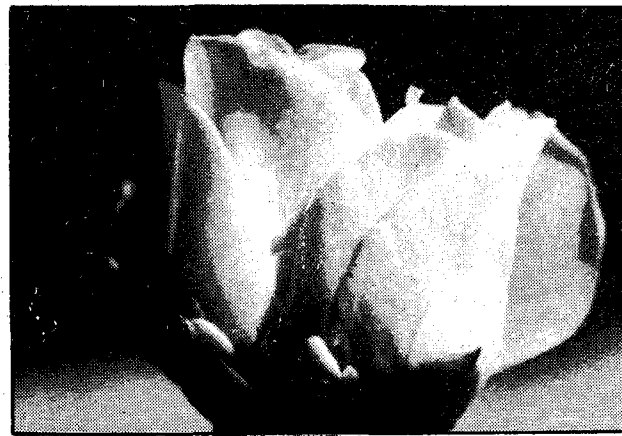
One of the main reasons many visitors give for coming to the Sanibel-Captiva area is the shelling. The shells, both live and dead, are an important natural resource for the Island economy and many residents are very interested in preserving the live ones.

Bob Weight, representing Missimer and Associates (a consulting hydrologist - geologist - environmental service), said that he would suggest the Committee determine the extent of the shell life presently

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ISLAND AUTUMN

"How can you tell when the seasons change?" Ask our Northern friends. Why it's very easy indeed! Our 90° summer days have cooled to the 80°s; the inevitable



"snowbirds" enlarge our community; and plants and flowers are blooming everywhere. Fresh fruits, vegetables, and flowers, like the ones pictured here, are a sure sign that autumn is upon us.

photos by mark harmel

Happy Birthday Sanibel!

The fifth anniversary of Sanibel Island's incorporation will be celebrated Saturday, November 3.

Scheduled festivities include a parade, picnic, and dinner dance.

The parade will begin promptly at 11 a.m., rain or shine, at the corner of Palm Ridge and Periwinkle Way and will end at the Dunes. Travel time is expected to be one and a half hours for the lineup led by the 255 member Cypress Lake Band. Parade participants will include 42 riders from the Sheriff's Posse, two Shriner's bands, an oriental band, a bagpipe band, 35 floats sponsored by local businesses, churches and civic groups, and innumerable clowns.

The Octoberfest picnic at the Dunes will start at 12 noon and features German

sausage, salad, Bavarian sauerkraut, home baked beans, beer, soft drinks, coffee, 25 home baked cakes and hot dogs for the kids. The whole shebang will be held under a huge tent and entertainment will be furnished by a steel band courtesy of Priscilla Murphey Realty.

The dinner dance will be held at Sundial beginning at 7:00 p.m. and will feature the music of Lee Barclay's Orchestra. The Barclay Orchestra has played at Governor's balls and for President Carter's visit and promises to provide a joyous evening of dancing. Cocktails will be served at 7:00, with a sit-down prime-rib dinner scheduled for 8:00. A huge, tiered birthday cake honoring the City promises to be the highlight of the evening.



City manager decision meeting set for Wednesday

The Sanibel City Council decided last week to postpone a decision on appointing a City Manager until a special meeting tomorrow, Wednesday, October 31 at 11 a.m. Sanibel Mayor Duane White requested that the Council wait the extra week so that he and other Councilmen could interview additional candidates at the Florida League of Cities meeting held in Orlando the latter part of last week.

White said that two candidates he was very interested in hadn't applied for the position out of fear that the attendant publicity might harm them in their current positions. "One is a city manager and one is an assistant city manager," White told the Council, adding that their ages were 34 and 46 or 47.

Councilman Goss raised the question last week of the salary level for the manager, noting that although the City had advertised at a level of \$25,000 - \$30,000, they were talking to candidates who made much more than that. (The candidate the Council interviewed two weeks ago, Bernard Murphy, currently makes \$38,000 per year. Former City Manager Bill Nungester, who had been with the City for over three years, was

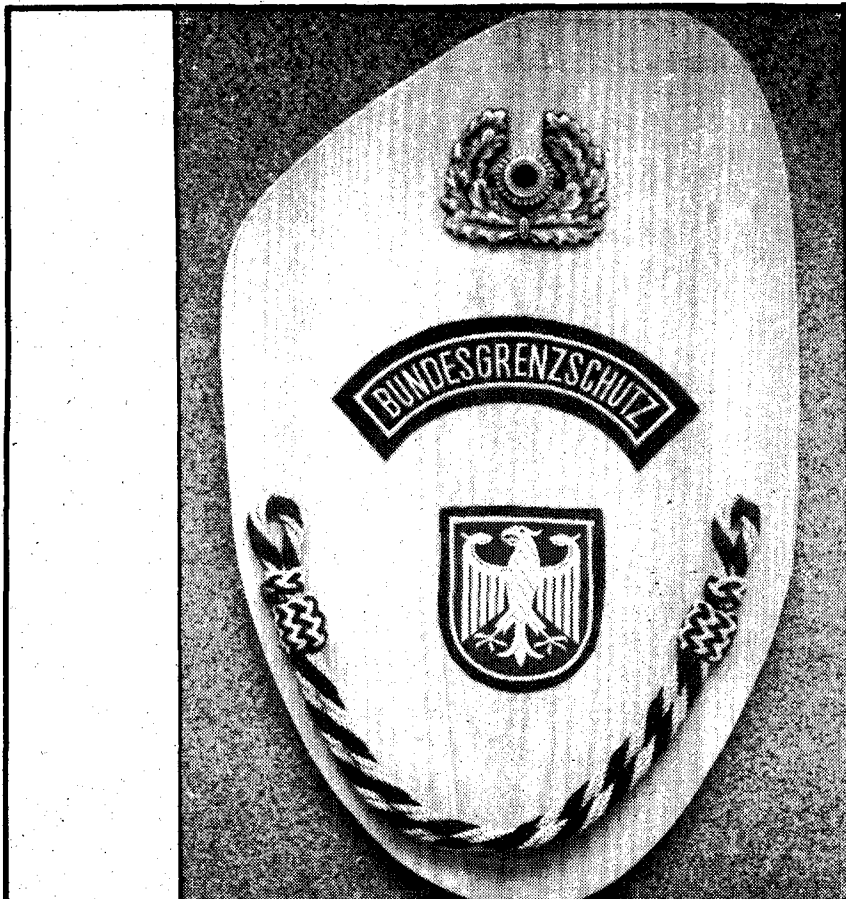
making approximately \$33,000 when he resigned.)

"You get what you pay for," White stated. "A top-notch man will make the City more money than we pay him."

Councilman Francis Bailey, who earlier had opposed White's request to wait, disagreed. "Thirty-eight thousand dollars is too high," he said.

"We did make a public announcement about the salary range," Councilmember Zee Butler argued. "I think we're doing an injustice to the other applicants if we raise the ante. If an applicant wants to work on Sanibel, then he may have to take a cut. He applied knowing the salary range."

Responding to requests from various audience members who supported White's request to wait until October 31, Goss pointed out that a "professional" City Manager was often more interested in his career than in the particular community. "Murphy is very, very qualified," said Goss, adding that "he is so qualified he'll leave. It's very hard to find someone who wants to live here and accept it and commit himself to Sanibel. I'd rather have a guy making decisions who's concerned with the long-term impact," Goss stated.



The Sanibel Police Department recently received this wooden plaque bearing two official patches, braid and a badge from the Prime Minister of Germany. While vacationing on the Island last summer the Prime Minister learned of the Department's police badge and patch collection (numbering about 170) and sent, as a symbol of gratitude for the special protective services he received here, these samples from his country.

Neighboring counties placed on encephalitis epidemic alert

Two neighboring counties, Hendry and Collier, are among four in the State placed on an encephalitis epidemic alert last week by the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services.

The four are among 16 counties in the State that have detected signs of St. Louis Encephalitis. Charlotte County health officials also report traces of the mosquito-

borne disease but not enough to warrant an epidemic alert.

Two confirmed cases of the St. Louis "sleeping sickness" have been reported in Hillsborough and Palm Beach counties.

Wayne Miller, Director of Lee County Mosquito Control, reported last week that no signs of the disease have turned up in tests directed by his department.

"I'm sure that we're doing more tests

right now than any other county in the State except Hillsborough," he said. "All results have been negative so far."

Lee County Mosquito Control monitors obtain mosquito and blood samples from flocks of "sentry" chickens to detect signs of the illness.

His department is also trying to control the population of the particular mosquito species that carries encephalitis, according

to Miller.

A small, freshwater mosquito carries St. Louis Encephalitis Miller said, and because of the flooding rains last month, the carrier's population skyrocketed.

Counties where encephalitis has been detected include Brevard, Dade, Desoto, Highlands, Indian River, Martin, Orange, Osceola, Polk, Sarasota and Seminole.

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Vegetation Committee releases native plant brochure

by pat harmel

More than a few immigrants to Sanibel have found themselves mired in a green tinted maze of City Ordinances, vegetation permits, and land use plan requisites when they decided to "chop down that scrubby looking tree in the back yard."

Newcomers know that Sanibel is different than Cleveland, or Ann Arbor, or where ever it is they came from - but what they usually don't realize is that those differences are, more likely than not, protected by law.

On Sanibel you are better off not chopping down that "scrubby looking tree" or planting a banana tree next to your beach cabana. In fact, you had better not even have a beach cabana unless its been approved by the City.

What at first appears to be beaurocratic baloney to the newcomer begins to make sense as you learn more about the structure of a barrier island.



photo by mark harmel

There are 36 native plants protected by law on Sanibel and at least three that may not be planted anywhere on the Island.

Protected plants, like sea oats and mangroves, are the very webbing that holds a fragile island together. The removal of such plants, or the planting of "exotic" species capable of choking out native vegetation, promotes deterioration of beaches and disruption to wildlife.

The City Vegetation Committee has drafted a guide for the new Islander which will soon be available, free of charge, at City Hall. The guide explains the City's regulations and the rationale behind them. Explanations are included for the preservation of wetlands and beaches, along with information on pruning, vegetation removal, seawalls and docks.

Members of the City appointed vegetation Committee and the City Planning Department are always willing to answer questions pertaining to Island vegetation. For assistance call 472 - 4135.

representatives study County water control agency

A countywide agency to control water management and resources will be studied by a panel of representatives from Lee County, the cities of Cape Coral, Fort Myers and Sanibel and private water firms operating in the county.

The Lee County Commission voted 5-0 to form a committee, including county staff members and representatives of the cities and water companies, to discuss the countywide agency.

The recommendation for a countywide agency to control management and use of water was produced by a county staff

committee studying local water systems.

In addition to the committee formation, the commission also voted to continue with its planned construction of water facilities, and not interfere with the construction plans of Florida Cities Water Company. The county has been considering purchasing Florida Cities as part of expanding county water service.

At last week's regular commission meeting, Director of County Development Jack Harper outlined an immediate and long-range policy plan for the county that includes the gradual takeover of all water

resources in the county, crossing municipal boundaries.

Local control of Lee County's water supply is necessary, Harper said, if we are to have a strong, unified, quality potable water program. The county's water supply is currently under the management of the South Florida Water Management District, an agency that Harper said has done little to benefit Lee County.

"We've paid SFWMD more than \$2 million in the three years we've had their services, and I know we could have seen more positive action had we managed that money on a

local basis," Harper said.

Under the new proposal, the county agency would have control over all water withdrawals up to 100,000 gallons per day.

Any withdrawals over that amount would remain under the management of the SFWMD, a fact that has caused the commissioners to raise some questions.

"If a local agency's decision was in conflict with the water management district, who would have the final word?" Commissioner Wade Scaffa asked Harper.

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Letters to the editor . . .

enough is enough!

To the Editor:

I heard some very distressing news with reference to the banning of Christmas carols (especially Silent Night and Away in the Manger) and any religious pageants such as the Nativity Scene, because they are considered a form of prayer.

Dear Fellow Americans, why are we letting these groups and organizations do this to us? When are we going to say STOP enough is enough? We have allowed prayer to be taken out of our public schools and assemblies. We are throwing away our Freedom and placing the welcome mat outside our doors for Communism. It is not too late to wake up American Citizens and let's fight back before Christmas is banned in America.

Bill VonEiff
Sanibel

give the taxpayers a break

The Islander was given a copy of the following letter for publication.

The City Council
City of Sanibel

Dear Members;

It is noted in the October 24 "local" edition of the Fort Myers News Press that discussions by the Sanibel City Council concerning whether to continue a tax consuming beaurocratic monolith or to give the taxpayers a break and employ a capable non-professional administrator to fill the City manager's position still go forward apace.

The City Manager Staff and Programs established by Bill Nungester are well established now and, so far as can be observed, are working well, so why start a new political beaurocracy by hiring another professional "Expert"? Let us not start all over again with a set of new faces to get acquainted with during the next year or so.

As one humble private taxpayer, and President of a business taxpayer, I say enough is enough.

Thank you for the patience shown by you all in listening to all the Pros and Cons of what should be a simple issue.

William Kimball
Sanibel, Fla.
President
Island Inn Company

Mosquito Control fogs youngsters

The following letter was given to the Islander for publication.

Mr. Wayne Miller, Director
Mosquito Control
Fort Myers, Florida

October 13, 1979

Dear Wayne:

You can't imagine how many Sanibel mothers of young children called me yesterday to protest the application of malathion directly on their youngsters who were waiting for school buses all over the Island. I can't imagine why you fogged so very late - at my place it was 8 a.m.! That is the latest I have noted in five years of careful monitoring.

I explained to the mothers that you are the one to complain to, not me.

One of my scholar friends with a mathematical bent spent yesterday counting dead bees at the tide line. Using accepted methods of sampling and extrapolation, he computed that 1,305,000 dead bees were on Sanibel's tide line on the Gulf side only. Bee yards were observed by me to be suffering heavy mortality, proving to me that the tide line mortality was only a small part. Earlier fogging would not have caught so many bees away from the hive. F.A.O. has declared the domestic honey bee, which pollinates major crops worldwide, to be endangered. Certainly you have contributed to this unfortunate condition.

You are to be congratulated for your successful radical reduction of adulticiding on Sanibel this year. My records show only two episodes - yesterday's (Oct. 12) and May 11. Also, both instances employed malathion, not the far more dangerous fenthion of the past. (I don't mean to imply that I approve of the use of malathion - illegal use - for it is used in a manner inconsistent with its EPA approved methods. I'm just saying that malathion is the lesser of the evils.)

I also want to congratulate you on the many advanced research projects undertaken by qualified scientists at your labs. I hope you will be successful in soon eliminating entirely all adulticiding from fixed wing aircraft (some of which, I read, are older than half the history of aviation).

I don't want to close without recognizing with appreciation your participation in the Florida St. Louis Encephalitis surveillance program employing sentinel animals. "This program represents one of the first times that an animal surveillance system has detected epizootic SLE activity

before human cases have been recognized." (Quote from Center of Disease Control 10-5-79 MMWR No. 39)

Your critics - to the best of my knowledge - will never oppose sensible, species-specific, modest but intelligent attacks against the SLE vector. But these huge, flamboyant air raids have seen their day. Why don't you quit while you are ahead - before one of those ancient behemoths tears up a large hunk of landscape, spilling concentrated organophosphate, and possibly destroying some homes, cars and people too? Your sober, scientific efforts make your old-time air circus unnecessary. You have proved that this year on Sanibel - the most mosquito-free summer of the last six years.

Sincerely,
George R. Campbell

OBITUARY

Former Sanibel resident Willard Haskell died October 16 in Topeka, Kansas.

Mr. Haskell, 81, was a member of St. Michael's Episcopal Church of Sanibel and the Sanibel Lions Club. He was a retired general manager for Beatrice Foods in Topeka and a trustee of the Menninger Foundation in Topeka.

He is survived by his wife, Ellen Haskell Topeka; one stepson, Lowell Owsley of Jeffersonton, Virginia; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Nancy Toedman of Topeka and Mrs. Peggy Sue Ogle of Baxter Springs, Kansas; one brother, Everett Haskell of Chicago, Illinois, and nine step-grandchildren.

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commentary

This weekend, with the parade and picnic, will be the Island's way of celebrating the incorporation of the City of Sanibel and paying tribute to those who worked hard to achieve that incorporation.

But we should also remember that plaudits and kudos are in order for those who may not currently be in the forefront of City activities, but who nevertheless helped start Sanibel down the incorporation path...members of the old Sanibel-Captiva Planning and Zoning Commission for instance, and what about those Islanders who helped start some of our Island services? People like Pat Murphey who sat at the Community Center, gathering members for the water company, or Marty Holtz, who has been called out for every fire during the past 20 years. These people too, deserve our recognition and gratitude.

Certainly, tribute should go to City Council and Planning Commission members who give freely of their time to work on City business, often at some personal inconvenience. But let's not overlook those whose attendance at Council meetings helps foster the village spirit that promoted incorporation.

Naming everyone who has worked for the good of Sanibel over the years is an impossible task, so we won't attempt it, but nor should we overlook their contributions nor should we forget those in City Hall who do an exceptional job of ringing the City charter and land use plan to life.

There has been criticism leveled, and probably with cause, that the tightening circle of people on the "inside" is removing City government from some of the very people who helped get the City underway. This concentration of power in the hands of a few has led in recent months to a growing decline in the credibility of the City's actions.

One important change that Sanibel's governing members could institute to reverse this would be to incorporate more of those Islanders who are concerned and do care into City committees - even if their views may not always follow party lines.

Incorporation has not been an unmitigated blessing, but to consider what Sanibel would be like today without incorporation is to imagine an island that would bear scant resemblance to what we now call home. There is no doubt that, thanks to the efforts of many people, it's working. It could work even better if more people became involved on both sides of the table. Certain changes,

such as night time City Council meetings should be instituted in a conscious effort made by those who decide committee memberships to include the "non-regulars." With just a few changes, the next celebration of incorporation will be an even warmer one.

Nature Center sponsors logo contest

The Lee County Junior Museum and Nature Center is sponsoring a logo competition, with a \$500 first prize for the winning entry.

The Center, which is located near the corner of Ortiz Avenue and Colonial Boulevard, is looking for a new image, an image which will identify it as a place to discover wild flowers, glimpse native animals, check out the latest solar technology and, in general, identify it as a place to learn about the total environment.

Future plans also call for a proposed "multi-media" theatre, THE OCTAGON.

Designs submitted must be entirely original, be in black and white and of reproduction quality; they must be at least 2 x 2 inches in size and should lend themselves to reproduction on brochures, letterheads and outdoor signs. Entries must be submitted by November 20, 1979.

Further information may be obtained by writing The Nature Center, P. O. Box 06023, Fort Myers, Florida 33906, or by calling the Center at 332-2206.

Society of Symphony Women announces luncheon-fashion show - card party

The Society of Symphony Women has announced a major fall fund-raising event, - a Luncheon-Fashion Show-Card Party to be held on Friday, November 9th, at Palm Tree Hall of the Cape Coral Country Club, starting at 11:30 a.m.

Donations of \$4.50 will be for the benefit of the FORT MYERS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS ASSOCIATION. The Fashion Show is by The Gold Carriage of Fort Myers, Donna Brink, Moderator, and will feature Symphony Women as models.

Social hour will start at 11:30 a.m. Salad Lunch at 12 noon; Fashion Show at 12:30; Drawing for Microwave oven, Needlepoint piece, Ceramic Planter and Gift Certificate at 1:15 p.m. and Cards at 1:30. Those attending make up tables for cards and bring cards.

Co-Chairmen Betty Meints and Ella Cunningham are putting the affair together. Ticket co-chairmen are Estelle Smallwood and Charlotte Fawcett. Marian Mirani is in charge of the Drawing for the Microwave Oven. The Needlepoint Bench Cover was designed and made by Edith Hopper. Decorations Chairman is Jimmie Smith. Fashion Show Coordinator is Mary McKenzie. Luncheon Chairman is Barbara Elliot. Music by Eileen Cripps.

Reservations may be phoned to Sara Kroll, 542-4997; Charlotte Fawcett, 482-0786; Dorothy Pabian, 542-5272; Alice Opalich, 542-3405; or Virginia Elder, 694-4510.

All are welcome. This affair is not limited to members of the Society of Symphony Women. Come and bring friends!

Independent filmmakers festival slated for spring

Independent filmmakers will get a unique chance to show their work at the second Florida Independent Filmmakers Festival, March 1 and 2, at the beautiful Tampa Theatre in Tampa Florida.

\$6,250 will be awarded to the independent short films selected to be shown. All independent filmmakers who are residents of Florida or have made their film in Florida are eligible to enter. Entries must be 30 minutes or less. All entries must be post-marked by January 25, 1980. Both 8mm and 16mm filmmakers are encouraged to attend.

The Florida Independent Filmmakers

Festival will be held on Saturday, March 1, and Sunday, March 2. Workshops on 8mm filmmaking technique, 16mm film distribution, programming and fundraising will be held in conjunction with the Festival.

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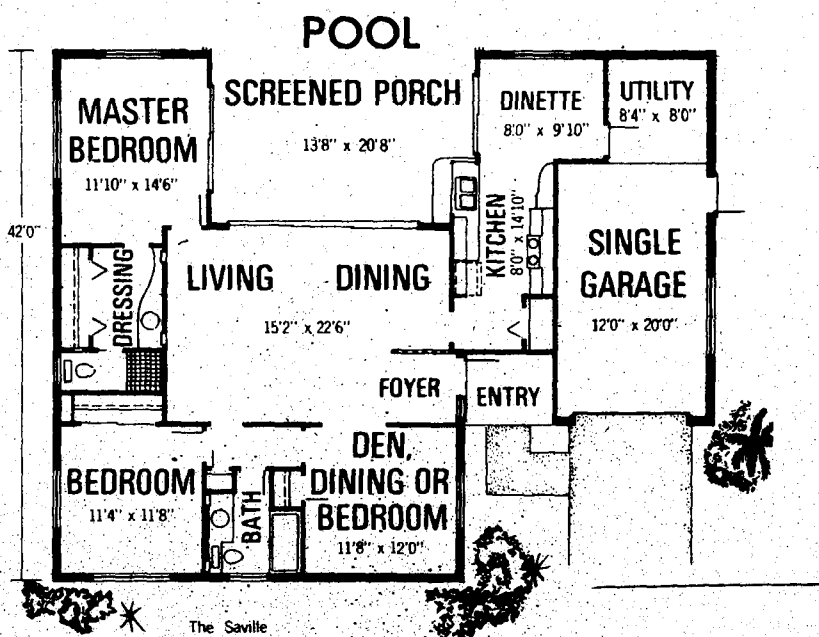
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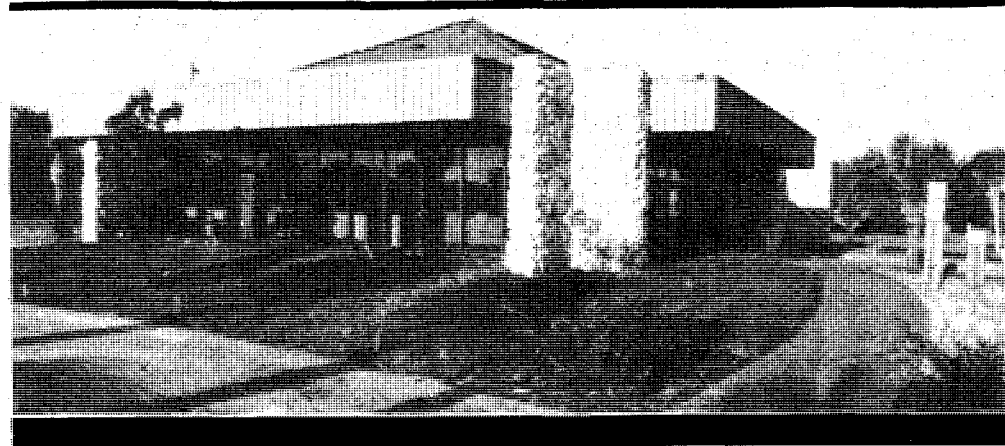
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BUILDER - Michigan Homes
MODEL - Saville
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First Federal opens doors Nov. 8

First Federal Savings and Loan will move into their new Island office on the corner of Palm Ridge Road and Florence Way on the 8th of November. Their old office facilities in Bailey's Shopping Center will close November 7.

A Grand Opening celebration is scheduled for the week of November 13 (the 12 is a holiday) and door prizes and refreshments head the celebration activities. A grand prize of \$300 worth of groceries from Bailey's Store will be awarded in the final drawing at the ending of the Grand Opening week.



Peceri elected to Hotel-Motel board

Michael B. Peceri, Vice President and General Manager for South Seas Plantation Resort, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Florida Hotel and Motel Association (FHMA), a professional association of hospitality executives affiliated with Florida properties.

According to Thomas Waits, Executive Vice President for the FHMA, Peceri will serve as a Director beginning January 1, 1980, for a three year term, assisting the association in planning professional programs and activities. The Board currently numbers 40 members, selected for their experience in the hospitality lodging field.

two new shops open

Two couples new to the Island have opened two new shops in the recently completed addition to the Heart of the Islands Shopping Center.

Newcomers Lynn and Michael Young from Crystal Lake, Illinois have opened the TimTara Casuals shop, featuring island-minded attire for men, women, and children. The Young's are in partnership with Michael's parents, Micky and Nick Young, who also own the Tennis Anyone? store in the Periwinkle Place Shopping Center.

The Heart of the Islands addition also features the Showcase Shells shop, run by Major Albert Deynzer, U.S.A.F. Ret. and his wife Bev. Specimen shells from both the Deynzer's 20 year hobby of collecting and their world-wide travels can be found in the shop, along with many other collector's treasures.

Both new businesses are open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

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

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of the By-Laws of the corporation, that a special meeting of the members of The Island Water Association, Inc. will be held at the Sanibel Community Association building, Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, Florida, on Wednesday, November 7, 1979, at 10:00 A.M. The only business to be considered follows:

1. Shall the By-Laws be amended to include a provision for appointment of a nominating committee to prepare a slate of candidates to fill vacancies in the Board of Directors by a vote of the membership?
2. Shall the Board of Directors of the IWA be composed of 7 members instead of 5?
3. Should the IWA reduce connection fees for moderate cost housing (such housing to be dedicated to a formal moderate cost housing program which shall guarantee that such housing will remain moderate cost in perpetuity)?

Respectfully,
THE ISLAND WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.
Carol B. Davenport
Secretary

community calendar

TENTATIVE CALENDAR FOR
NATURE CENTER ACTIVITIES
September - December 1979

Power Squadron offers free boating course

The free public boating course will again be offered by the Sanibel-Captiva Power Squadron, a unit of the United States Power Squadrons, a fraternal boating organization dedicated to boating safety. The 13-week course will cover boat handling under normal and adverse conditions, seamanship and common emergencies, rules of the road, aids to navigation, use of the compass and charts, required lights and safety equipment, trailering of boats, and elementary plotting. Except for a modest charge for the course materials, the course is without cost. It is open to men and women, young and old, and to those interested in sailing as well as motorboating.

Classes will meet on Monday evenings at

7 p.m. at the Community Association building on Periwinkle Way. Registration for the course will take place from 6:30 to 7 p.m. on Monday, November 12. The course will run for 13 weeks (excepting December 24 and 31) and the final session is scheduled for February 18. Volunteers from the USPS on Sanibel and Captiva who are experts in their specialties will serve as lecturers and instructors.

Further information on the course can be obtained from the course leader, Alex Wadkovsky at 472-2580, or from the assistant course leader, Elliott Arnold at 472-2396.

Barrier Island Group for the Arts welcomes new members

The newly formed Barrier Island Group for the Arts sponsored their first official event last week when Frank Guarrera, leading baritone for the Metropolitan Opera, played to a standing room only crowd.

The organization, composed of Sanibel and Captiva residents dedicated to furthering the arts, is presently incorporating as a non-profit Florida Corporation.

Future plans of the group include sponsoring cultural events - a jazz concert is slated for November; offering educational activities; locating a cultural center; generating programs with existing regional and educational groups; and "promoting the islands as a natural focus for the arts in Southwest Florida."

The Barrier Island Group for the Arts invites all interested persons to join them. Membership dues are \$25 a year for working members, \$50 yearly for sustaining members, and \$500 for lifetime members. For further information write the organization through Post Office Box - Hold, Sanibel.

YMCA offers water exercise class

The Lee County YMCA, located at 3775 Evans Avenue in Fort Myers, is hosting a course in water exercise. You need not be a member to participate and the course will be held on a monthly basis. You may start any time. This is a great way to get in shape and stay that way!

Courses are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 11 a.m. For more information call the YMCA at 936-7666.

Gymnastics classes begin this Friday

Sanibel - Captiva Gymnastics, Inc. has announced their Fall schedule of classes to begin November 2. All classes are held at the Community Association Building and registration will be held the first day of classes.

Two new teachers have been hired this season; Kathryn Quisenberry, who presently teaches at Gymnastics World in Fort Myers, and Larry Fox, the gymnastic coach at Edison Community College.

Ms. Quisenberry, 19 years old, has won many awards in gymnastic competitions. Her latest honors include second place at State on the intermediate level and seventh place at State on the advanced level. Mr. Fox has agreed to pinch hit for us until we find a permanent coach and is expected to be with us for most of the school year.

Schedule of Classes:

Beginner Gymnastics - Mondays 3:45 - 4:45 p.m.
Intermediate Gymnastics - Mondays - 4:45 - 5:45 p.m.
Ballet II - Mondays - 3:45 - 4:45 p.m.
Ballet I - Mondays - 4:45 - 5:45 p.m.
Team Gymnastics - Wednesdays - 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Team Ballet - Wednesdays - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Team Gymnastics - Fridays - 4:15 - 7:15 p.m.

CHECK MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS OR AT THE CENTER FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

Every Sunday afternoon beginning September 30th at 2 p.m. there will be a "Sunday Afternoon at the Nature Center" program.

November 4 (Sunday Program) - Lee County Natural Systems Workshop
November 10-11 - Marine Biology Workshop

November 11 (Sunday Program) - Lee County Marine Environments

November 17 - Exploring Nature with Your Child Workshop III

November 18 (Sunday Program) - Audubon Tour of the Nature Center and Program

November 24 - Cayo Costa Field Trip

November 25 (Sunday Program) - Patterns in Nature from a Photographer's View

Week of November 26 - Ringling Art Exhibit - Corita Kent Posters

December 1 - Nature Center Canoe Trip

December 2 (Sunday Program) - To Be Announced

December 9 (Sunday Program) - The Florida Panther

December 15 - Six Mile Cypress Field Trip

December 16 (Sunday Program) - Wetlands of Lee County

December 22 - Art Through Natural Materials Workshop II

December 23 (Sunday Program) - Ferns and Their Allies

December 29 - Nature Film Festival

December 30 (Sunday Program) - To Be Announced

Additional field trips may be scheduled.

Course taught at the Nature Center:

Reptiles and Amphibians - Tom Crutchfield. Tuesday evenings, 7-9 p.m.
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YMCA has swimming lessons for adults

The Lee County YMCA, located at 3775 Evans Avenue in Fort Myers, is holding adult swimming lessons. These lessons are open to all members and non-members. Lessons are held Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. This is a great opportunity for housewives and retired citizens!

For more information contact the YMCA at 936-7666.



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ISLAND SPORTS

by mark harmel

Sanibel swimmers fare well in Pumpkin Open

Twenty swimmers from the Sanibel Swim Team swam with the Fort Myers Seahawks in the AAU sanctioned Fort Myers YMCA Pumpkin Open swim meet last Saturday.

The meet attracted heavy competition from eleven teams and over 400 swimmers. The meet marks the end of the summer-fall swim season. Sanibel swimmers will have a three to four week break before practice starts up under the lights at Casa Ybel.

Two Sanibel swimmers placed in the breaststroke event. Heather Muench finished fourth, and Lisa Fenton placed sixth in the 8-under 25 yard butterfly.

Sanibel residents fared better in Seahawk relays. Jennifer Muench helped the "A" medley relay team to a third place finish. Amber Noon was on a "B" medley relay team that came in fourth. Lisa and Laura Fenton, and Heather Muench were on a third place "B" medley relay team. David Buntrock and Garret Goss finished third on a 10-under medley "A" relay team. David Muench helped the "A" 200 yd freestyle relay to a fourth place finish. Jenifer Muench was on the third place finishing "A" 200 yd freestyle relay team for 10-under swimmers. Heather Muench, and Laura and Lisa Fenton teamed on the "B" 100 yd freestyle team to place third.



TENNIS

Tournaments Cancelled

The C.R.O.W. tennis tournament and the Casa Ybel volleyball tournament were both cancelled last weekend for different reasons.

The Second Annual Volleyball Tournament scheduled for last weekend was rescheduled for next weekend at the airstrip across from Casa Ybel in order to avoid a conflict with The Fort Myers YMCA Pumpkin Open swim meet, and a CROW tennis tournament. Ironically the CROW tennis tournament was cancelled because of the lack of interest.

The deadline for registering a volleyball team is today. A mixed team of 6-9 players may sign-up by contacting Casa Ybel. The entry fee is \$15 per team. The winning team will receive a \$150 credit toward dinner at the new Thistle Lodge restaurant at Casa Ybel.

This week's results

Division A

- Casa Ybel 2 - Rangoon 2
 Costanzo - Zeiss 6-3, 6-3
 Muench - Thompson 3-6, 6-2, 4-6
 Parker - Pfahler 3-6, 2-6
 Bjerke - Meyer 6-1, 7-5

Division B

- Dunes 3 - YMCA 1
 Polk - Tetreault 5-7, 6-3, 6-2
 Vernon - Simon 2-6, 3-6
 Bissel - Andrews 6-2, 6-7, 6-3
 Wadkovsky - Fisher 2-6, 6-4, 6-3

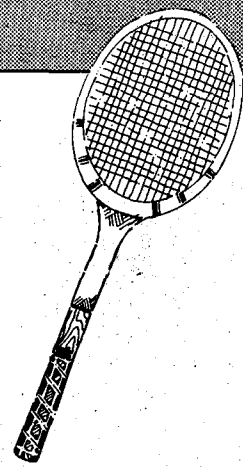
Lee County Women's League Standings

"A" Division

	won	lost
1. FM Racquet	16	4
2. Landings	14	2
3. Burnt Store	8	8
4. Cape Coral	8	8
5. Casa Ybel	8	8
6. Port Charlotte	6	10
7. Rangoon	6	10
8. Lehigh	2	14

"B" Division

	Won	Lost
1. Cypress Lake	13	3
2. Landings	13	3
3. FM Racquet Blue	12	4
4. YMCA 1	11	5
5. Cape Coral	8	8
6. FM Racquet Red	7	9
7. YMCA 2	7	9
8. Dunes	4	12
9. Rangoon	3	13
10. Park Meadow	2	14



Sanibel Tennis Ladder Standings

Children's Tennis Ladder Standings

1. Mahlon Thompson
2. Joey Hammett
3. Ross Bjerke
4. Billy Zeiss
5. Kit Toomey
6. Peter Epranian
7. Lolli Bartdol
8. Jim Toomey

Women's Tennis Ladder Standings

1. Lou Anne Parker
2. Pam Thompson
3. Pam Pfahler
4. Marge Peck
5. June Muench
6. Dorothy Andrews
7. Wendy Bissel
8. Linda McCarthy
9. Kathy Clapp

Men's Tennis Ladder Standings

1. Brian Newberry
2. Ben Bjerke
3. Bob Thompson
4. Tom Fisher
5. Jerry Muench
6. John Conway
7. Jim Fisher
8. Lem Clements
9. Jim Pfahler
10. Bill Hatcher
11. Steve Corbin
12. Bill Pickering

Sanibel team joins Cape Coral over 50 softball league

This year the league takes another jump forward in the formation of the brand new Inter-City League with the Ravens, Hawks and Eagles representing Cape Coral and a team from North Ft. Myers and a team from Sanibel. They are already playing a 50 game schedule which began on October 14 continuing until the end of April with games again being played at Waterway Estates Park on Thursday nights from 7 to 9:30 p.m. and Sundays from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Two additional teams are presently being formed who will enter the league at mid-year making a seven team league all composed of men over 50.

In addition to playing Softball, the League has three Covered Dish Dinners, a Christmas party and a "Ribs and Roast Banquet" at the seasons end. The first of the covered dish dinners

will be on Saturday, November 10, at which time the wives of the players each bring a covered dish with the club paying for the meat and beverages. The by-laws of the organization provide for a Ladies Auxilliary enabling the ladies to take part in the activities.

The team practices on Tuesday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon. Anyone who is interested in joining the 50 Plus League may do so by coming out to the practices on Tuesday morning or by calling Jack Mudri, president at 542-0923, Bill Butcher, vice-president, 542-8225, Pete Parker, secretary at either 995-0202 daily or 997-0838 evenings or Bob Kollai, team general manager and treasurer, 939-2226. The dues this year are \$15.00 for the season.

Eligibility for team membership requires that players be 50 or over. Anyone who is 49 years of

age but will be 50 during the season (October 14 to May 1) is eligible for membership.

This Cape Coral Organization was first incorporated in May of 1978 as a non-profit entity primarily for the purpose of playing softball but also to promote good fellowship, friendly competition, healthy wholesome exercise and socialibility. The Cape Coral Old Timers League in its first year comprised four teams; Falcons, Ravens, Hawks and Eagles with games played at Waterway Estates Field on Thursday nights and Sunday afternoons. The originators of the Cape Coral League began from a nucleus of 17 men as a spin-off of the Ft. Myers 50 Plus softballers.

The Cape Coral Softball Club was incorporated by John (Jack) Mudri, a retired Cleveland attorney, who was the general manager of the Ft. Myers 50

Plus Softball Team in 1977. In the first year, the league had a membership of over 60 young old-timers.

In action Thursday night, the Hawks defeated the Eagles, 12-10. Tony Kaspreyk was the winning pitcher with Sacco catching. For the Eagles, Kaiser took the loss with Hannerman catching. Landerfield had two home runs for the Hawks.

In the second contest, Sanibel defeated North Fort Myers, 23-15. Hauser was the winning pitcher with North catching. On the mound for North was Slip while White was catching. Nave clobbered a homer for Sanibel.

The Hawks are leading the league with a 3-0 record with North Fort Myers second at 2-1. Sanibel is in third spot with a 2-2 mark while the Eagles are fourth at 1-2 and the Ravens trail the field with three losses.

Players interested in challenging the ladders are allowed one open challenge, challenging any player on the ladder. After the initial challenge, players can challenge two rungs up. If you're interested in making a challenge, contact the tennis pro at Casa Ybel, Dave Anderson, by calling 472-3145.

plans announced for Sanibel-Captiva Cycling Society

Plans for the formation of a Sanibel-Captiva Cycling Society were announced this week by veteran cyclist Allen G. Mainard, a full time resident of Sanibel.

"The basic difference between a club and a society is that the latter provides for a wider range of activities," said Mainard.

One of the founders of the Oklahoma Bicycle Society, which is composed of bicycle clubs from around the State, Mainard is a retired executive of Rockwell International. He began cycling seriously following open heart surgery in 1972. Less than a year later he rode his first Century-100 miles in less than 12 hours over a specified route.

Mainard estimates that he has ridden some 18,000 miles on his bicycle. He is a member of the League of American Wheelmen (the national tour club), the United States Cycling Federation (the national racing club), the Oklahoma Bicycle Society and the Fort Myers Big Wheels Bike Club.

"We have all the usual high sounding aims but our main goals are safety and to make bicycle and tricycle riding fun for the family and the individual. One reason many bike clubs fail is because its leaders do not accept the fact that all members do not ride the same type of bicycle or even for the same purpose," said Mainard. "We hope to change that approach."

Society activities will include lessons in maintenance, effective riding practices and information on the laws and ordinances governing cycling on Sanibel and Captiva.

The SCCS will be geared to the type of riding and rides desired by its membership. Specific routes and activities are planned for those who wish to ride for short distances. Riders who want speed and distance will find the same kind of planning, and there will be a special childrens' program.

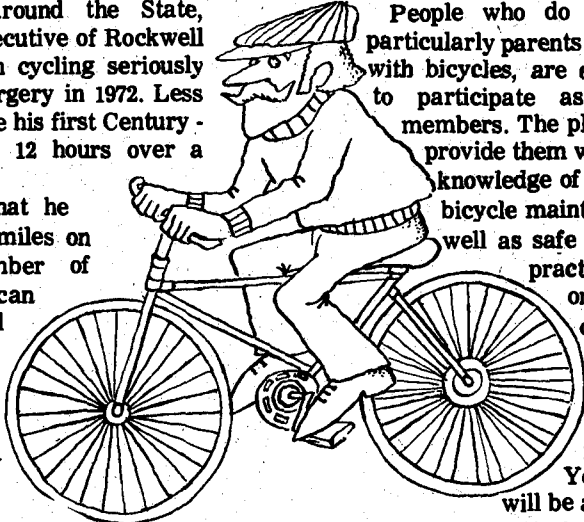
Moped owners are also invited to join the Society since they are basically riding a motorized bicycle.

"We will help teach them basic maintenance - except for the engine - as well as effective cycling practices," said Mainard.

The SCCS will be affiliated with the League of American Wheelmen so that members can take part in sanctioned rides which earn them commemorative shirt patches. Affiliation also provides other support and bicycling materials.

According to Mainard, the SCCF has the approval of the Sanibel Police Department. "There are special problems on Sanibel and Captiva," according to Mainard, "because of our narrow roads and tremendous increase in traffic during

the season. A main objective is to show the cyclist how to ride in this environment in safety and still have fun."



People who do not ride, particularly parents of children with bicycles, are encouraged to participate as sustaining members. The plan is to provide them with knowledge of basic bicycle maintenance as well as safe riding practices to pass on to their children. Anyone 12 or older is eligible for membership. Younger riders will be accepted as

associate members only if their parents accompany them on planned rides.

Mainard will be at the Sanibel Community Association Building during the Cystic Fibrosis Bike-A-Thon, Sunday November 4 from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Anyone interested in becoming a member should contact him there or by calling 472-1874.

The Beachview Men's Association hit the golf course with twenty players on Tuesday morning, playing in foursomes and shooting for individual scores. The winning foursome, with a plus six, consisted of Tram Sessions, Ted Hartshore, Jack Davidson, and John Furseter. Also winning in the individual competition was Tram Session with a plus four.

After Tuesday's match the members voted in new officers for the year. Charlie Uhr was elected President of the Association and Roy Hull was named Treasurer. Outgoing President Clay Marsh and his committees were also given a vote of thanks.

Larry Simon was hitting well on Saturday. His plus five game won him the individual prize, and helped push his foursome into the winner's circle. The other members of the foursome were George Fletcher, Ed Reed, and Mac McClintock. The team finished with a plus eight.

Bowling

The Odd Couples

Standings	Won	Lost
1. Alley Cats	29	3
2. Mole Holers	23	9
3. Turkeys	22	10
4. The Aces	15	17
5. C.B's	15	17
6. Alley Oops	14	18
7. Odd Balls	14	18
8. FUBAR	14	18
9. The Nurds	14	8
10. High Hopes	13	19
11. Guys and Dolls	11	21
12. Dee's 104	8	24

High Game of the Week

George Dunham - 242
Diana Mays - 256

Wednesday Mourners

Standings	Won	Lost
1. Ron's Trailer Supply	17	7
2. Heir's Construction	16	8
3. Century 21	16	8
4. Captiva Island Realty	14	10
5. Open Gate	13	11
6. Crown Plumbing	12	12
7. Loggerheads	12	12
8. The Housekeeping Co.	8	16
9. Mucky Duck	8	16
10. Casa del Mama	4	20

High Game

Ruth Mays - 215
Dona Berger - 200

GUN SHOW

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1979 Schedule

November 2nd, 3rd, 4th

Friday - 6-10 p.m. (Dealer Set-up)

Saturday - 8-7 p.m. (Public)

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The nice thing about blues is, they're not picky about what they chase in the way of lures. The other day, while staying in a large school of blues, we lost every lure in the box...about 12 in all. When they feed like that, even the craziest looking lure will work like a champ, which allows you to justify the purchase, even if it never got another look before!

I use a combination set of lures, whether for drifting and casting, or for trolling. What I have hooked up is the number 2 Clarkspoon, followed by a yellow jig.

You can use the jig first on the leader, with a drop loop, if you want. Just make sure you use the Clarkspoon, because it rarely twists your line. The other spoons will do this, but the Clarkspoon has a built-in swivel that eliminates this aggravating problem.

Some fishermen use a tandem white and yellow set of jigs and that works great, too.

Mackerel and bluefish are back, feeding frantically and providing some exciting fishing fun. This week, let's examine some of the ways and places you might use to get in on this fishing action.

It's been a couple of years since mackerel in any numbers have appeared on our shores. The sport fishermen have tended to blame the net fishermen up along the St. Petersburg shores for netting the large schools of these migratory fish long before they could get to the Sanibel-Captiva area. But either the netters missed or, more likely, the conditions offshore are right...either way, the mackerel have been around the major Passes and I would expect they will remain there for the next few weeks.

Along with the mackerel have come the jacks, ladyfish and especially the bluefish. All are fun to catch, as they strike hard and fight even harder against your light tackle.

There is a major change in fishing these school fish this year, however. The gas shortage and resulting high prices have forced the majority of fishermen to stop the trolling method for these fish...a technique that has worked so well in the

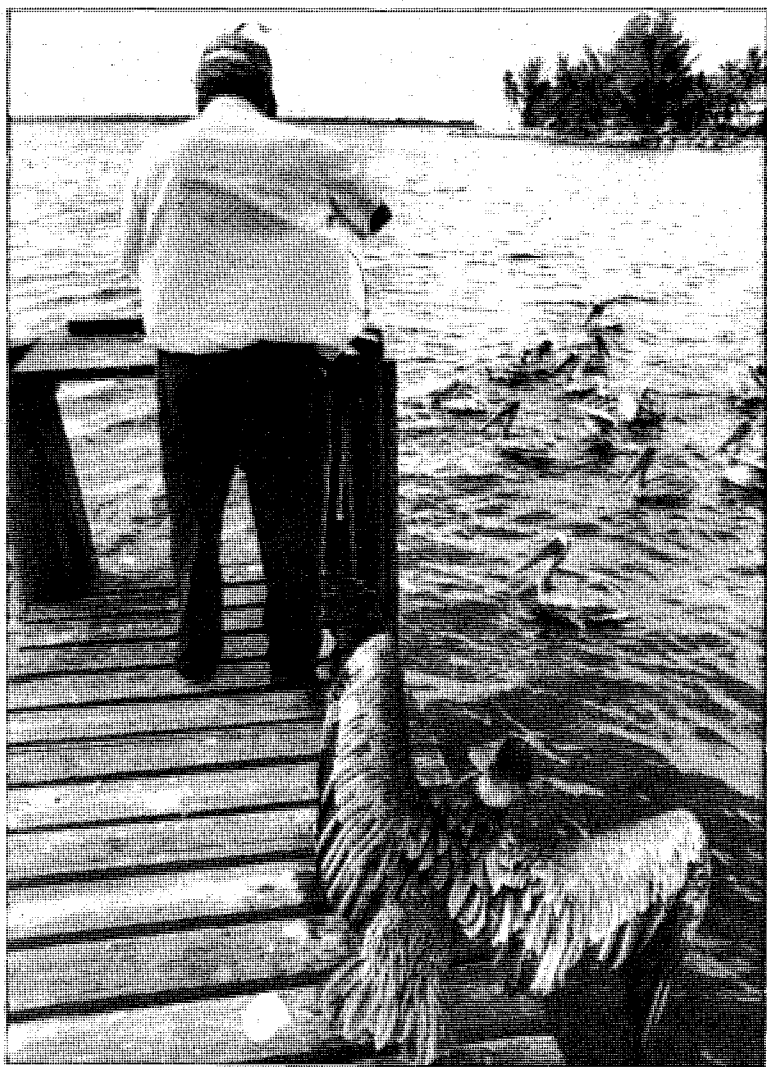


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A single spoon or a single feather-jig work well, but it's relatively often that you will get two mackerel or blues when you have the two lures out behind the boat.

For mackerel, I usually prefer just the single Clarkspoon, trolled at about 1,000 to 1,500 rpm behind the boat. And, to make sure you get some of those spoons and jigs back, pick out a small diameter wire leader of about 18 inches. Try and get a black swivel so the macks don't get excited and hit the swivel instead of the lure. You'll find this does happen and all you get back is an empty line.

I've had days when in the thick of the

battle, there will be four anglers, each with two bluefish on their lines at the same time. That's fun, but it's enough to give a fishing guide a bad heart.

These fish have the potential to spoil quickly, so keep lots of ice on board and keep those fish covered. There is a tendency to take more than you really can use when the fish are hitting on every cast. Keep in mind that sport fishing and meat fishing are two different things, so take what you need and turn the rest back. Good angling and look outside the sandbars at Redfish, Captiva, and Boca Grande Passes for these fish.



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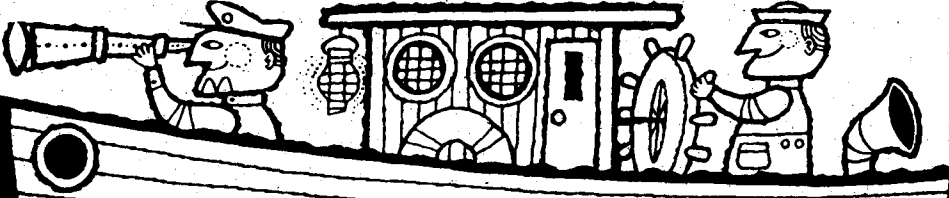
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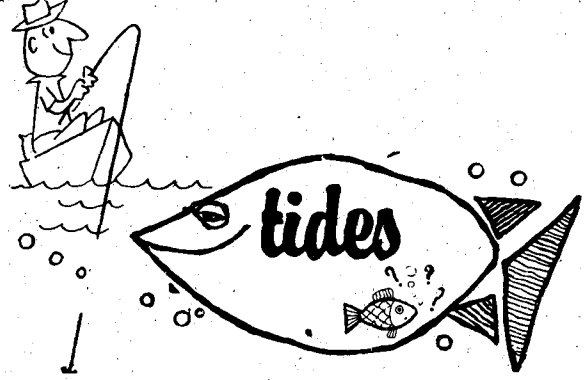


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shelling tips... by capt. mike fuery

It isn't often that I get into the technical aspects of shell collecting, but it's interesting to note that there is not one type of shell, rather there are three.

If you are a casual collector then a shell is a shell. You pick it up if it strikes your fancy and if it fits into some little nook at home.

One day, however, you may run into a person out on the shelling beaches who starts talking about bivalves or gastropods. And perhaps they tell you that an octopus is a shell too! Well...it is you know!

That will be the day you reach for the

shell books - and there are many good ones - for some information. This week, lets take a peek at the two major types of shells you are likely to find on our island beaches.

You probably already know the differences in shells but just never thought much about it. Take the common clam for example. If you pick up a dead clam you will notice that it has two sides, usually of similar size. If you look around you will notice lots of different shells that have matching sides with a hinge in the middle. These are called pelecypoda or bivalves. The prefix bi means of course "two," as in bicycle (two wheels). There are probably more bivalves in the world than any other kind of shell. Some of the islands most famous bivalves are the sunray venus clams, angel wings, cockles, and even the oyster.

The other type of shell most often found on our islands is usually larger than the bivalves and is called gastropoda, or univalve shell. The uni (one) valves are perhaps the most valued of the two types. These shells are somewhat akin to snails. The conchs, olives and whelks are some of the more famous of the univalves. Junonia and bonnet shells are also members of this group.

There is a third group, called the cephalopoda. This includes the soft shelled squid and octopus. You shouldn't have much luck finding either of these on our beaches.

When you get into the more technical side of shelling every trip to the beach becomes a learning experience. It's an interesting hobby and if you are on either Sanibel or Captiva Islands you are on some of the best shelling ground in the worlds.

(Capt. Mike Fuery offers both shelling and fishing trips daily from Tween Waters Marina, on Captiva Island. Call Mike at 472-3459 for information.)

islander angling by mark harmel

The best shot for anglers this week is trout fishing. The grassflats all around the Islands are producing good catches as are the flats by the Causeway, in Tarpon Bay, and near Buck Key.

A variety of fish are attracted to the pier. Big reds, up to 20 pounds, are being reported, along with 2-3 pound sheephead and a few snook in the early morning and evening. Some small Spanish mackerel are also being caught at the pier by anglers floating shrimp or shiners from a 6-8 foot line. The Bait Box also reports catches of drum, flounder, sheephead, and redfish from the Causeway, and whiting and black tip shark have been caught in the surf.

Redfish have been biting in the Sanctuary and near the mouth of the Caloosahatchee, according to Sanibel Marina. They also report the surprise catch of a couple of 20 pound cobia from the Causeway. And in the Gulf, Tween Waters reports catches of mackerel and blues.

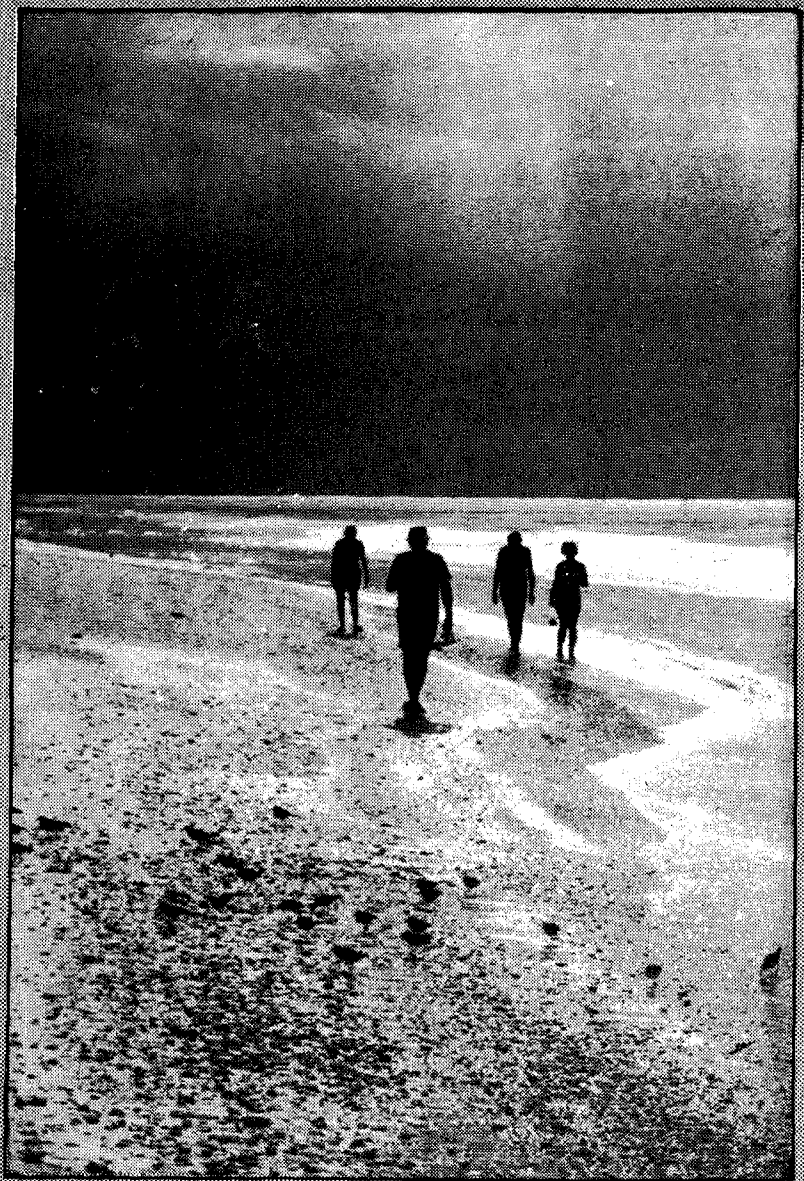


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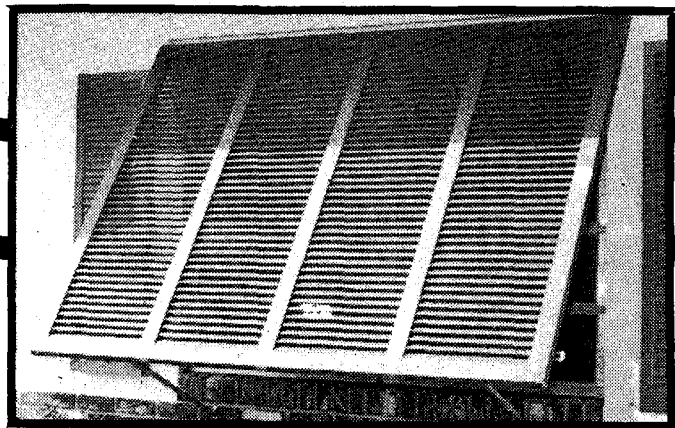


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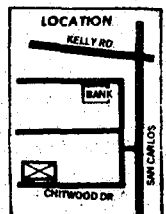
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Two Commissioners favor protection of barrier islands

By BILL SCHEEL

The chairman of the Lee County Commission, Dick Steele, and Commissioner Roland Roberts both say they are in favor of some kind of public protection of Lover's Key and Little Estero Island, even though no resolution concerning the barrier islands has come before county government.

Last week the Sanibel City Council became the first local government body to support the creation of an Eastern Gulf of Mexico National Seashore in which barrier islands, such as those located near the southern end of Estero Island, would be purchased with government money and protected from development.

The impetus for such a move came from the Barrier Island Coalition, a group of local and national conservationists who are also working for public acquisition of

barrier islands in Charlotte and Collier Counties.

Although Dinesh Sharma, a leader of the Coalition, eventually wants the islands to be part of a federal preserve, Commissioner Steele would like to see Lee County purchase the undeveloped islands.

"We're lacking recreational sites in the Fort Myers Beach - Bonita area," said Steele. They're not making any more land, and we've got to get it before it's all gone." Steele said the islands would be more accessible to residents if they were county owned as opposed to being under state or federal control.

Roberts, whose district includes Lover's Key and Little Estero Island, as well as Fort Myers Beach, was more cautious in his support of public purchase of the barrier islands.

He said he has asked the county attorney to investigate the possibility of laying claim to Little Estero Island, since it is a newly forming island that appears to be ready to join the mainland.

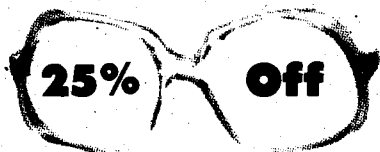
Sharma, a former planner for the county, said he would be going before the Commission "as soon as possible" asking for their support for a resolution similar to that passed by Sanibel.

Porter Goss, Sanibel City Councilman who drafted that resolution, said that the devastation of Dauphin Island, near Mobile, Ala., by Hurricane Frederic points out the folly of overdevelopment of barrier islands. He called Dauphin Island "a living testament to bad planning and bad building", and said it was in the "public welfare" to protect those barrier islands not already developed.

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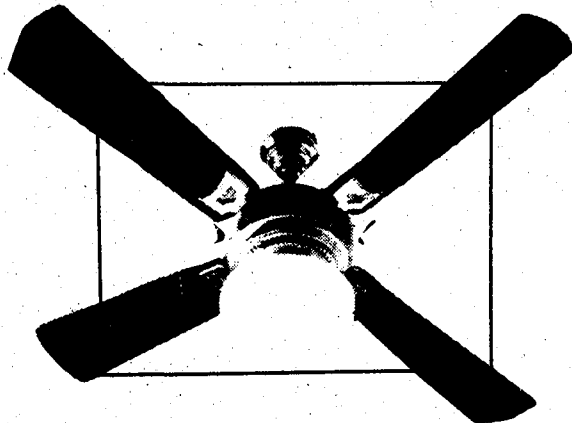
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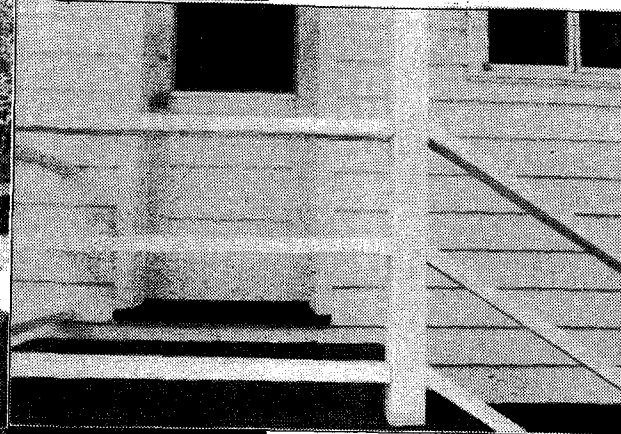
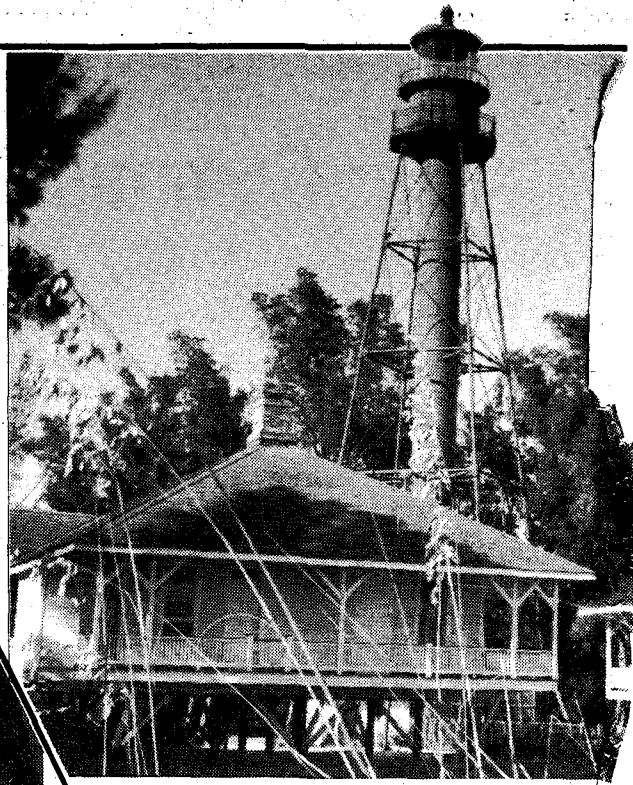
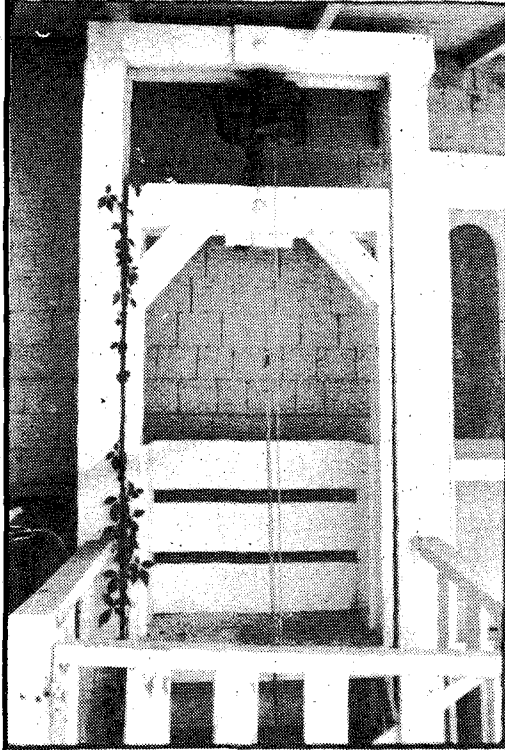
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Eleanor Dormer, Island historian: "I know right away what my favorite spot is. It's called Gray Gables and is on the beach near the Rocks subdivision. It's a very old

homestead and I think it's a very interesting house. I think it's typical of those days and that time. I think it's very suitable to Sanibel because it's wooden - which gives with the wind - and there's room for the storm waters to sweep through underneath. To my knowledge its never been severely damaged in a hurricane."



My ia Island Ar

By Pat Harmel

The topic of architecture, like religion and politics, lends itself to argumentative debate. Beauty it seems, is not only in the eye of the beholder, but in his heart and mind as well, and woe be to him who dares challenge the integrity of aesthetic choice.

There seems to be little common ground on the topic among the Island's notables,

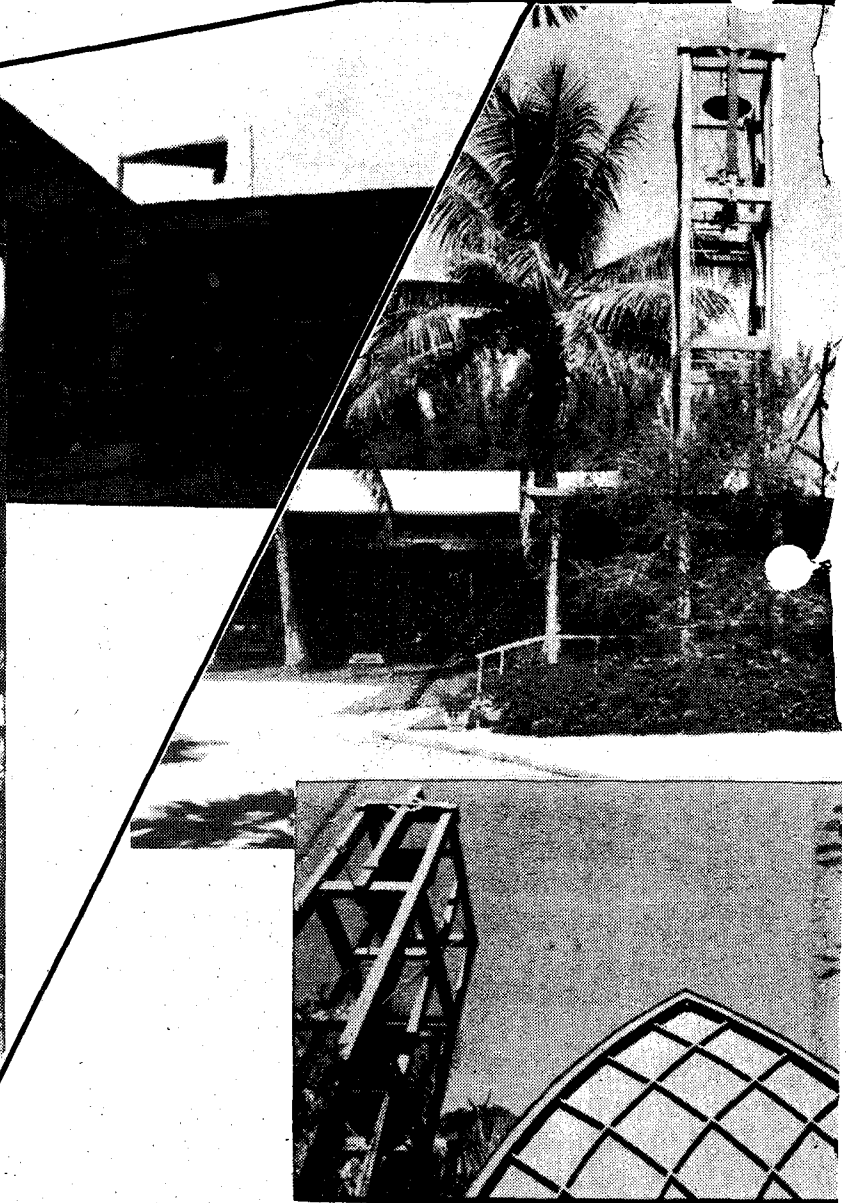
Bailey House

Emil Fray, Manager of the Photographer's Gallery: "I like old architecture, old Florida architecture, myself. For instance, McCullough's house on Woodring Pointe. It's probably about 50 years old - wrap around porches and that sort of thing. I also like Sam Bailey's old house on the Beach off

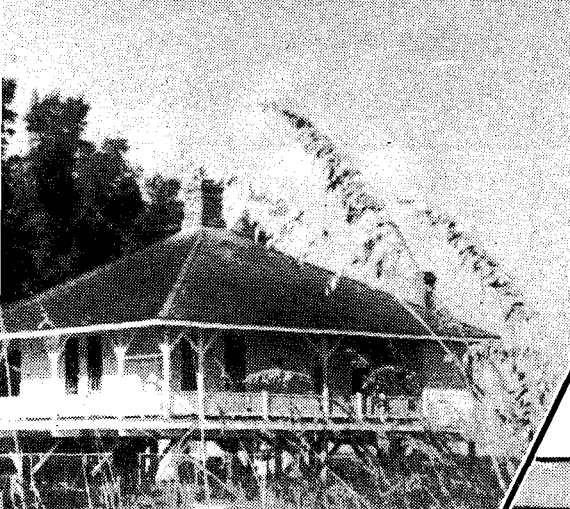
Tarpon Bay Road. It's old architecture. I don't like much else. I'd like to see more old Florida architecture - like you see up on Boca Grande."



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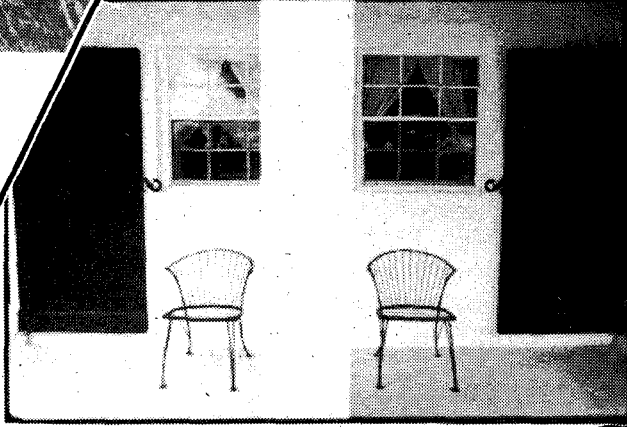


Dan Burner, architect: "It's the lighthouse on Sanibel. It's environmentally sound, taking into account the sun, the breeze and the climate. And its got those great wide angled porches all around it."



Mike Klein, director of the Sanibel Vegetation Committee: "The old Once Upon A Time house (now the law offices of Reed Toomey) on Periwinkle Way (next to the Burger Emporium). It's quaint and sort of unexpected. It's nicely landscaped and an inviting-looking little place."

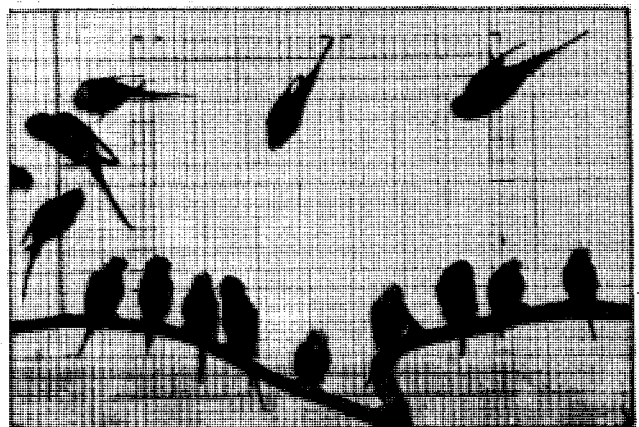
On Captiva my favorite place is the English tudor house near Tween Waters Inn. For some reason or another those homes appeal to me. They have a simpler sort of charm."



Favorite Architecture

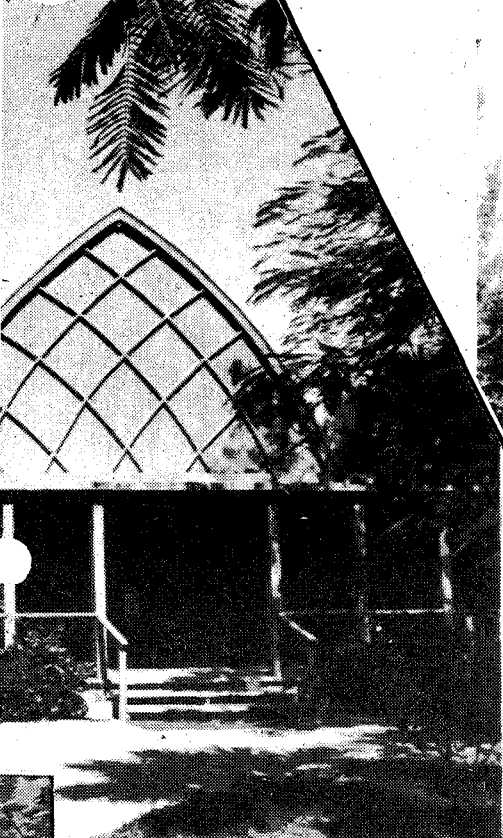
Photos by Mark Harmel

And what appears a sow's ear to an artist may likely be deemed a silk purse by a planner. For your enjoyment the Islander contacted a few of the Island's more daring personalities and asked them to commit themselves by naming their favorite Island architecture. Their responses may surprise you.



Mayor Duane White: "I would say the Winterbotham home is my favorite."

To me it feels safe. It is environmentally correct. It is aesthetically compatible with the Island, and it utilizes native vegetation very well."



Lewis House

Anne Winterbotham, Planning Commission Chairman: "My favorite, and I guess it's quite obvious, is wooden, piling houses. I like my own house! I think it fits in with the Island environment but of course I like other houses too. I like several houses that fit in with the Island environment that are of that style. I like Emmy Lou Lewis's house on Gulf Drive. I like the Fuller house on Palm Lake Drive. There are several on Captiva too. I like Francis Bailey's house. I just like wooden houses on pilings because I think they fit the environment. Lots of people have done the kind of thing I think is attractive. I think it all depends on the environment and the setting you have. I know some piling houses on a flat piece of filled land that look terribly ugly - but they're not when they fit the contours of the land and the foliage environment. Then they have something special about them."



Ray Fenton, Planning Commissioner and architect: "My favorite would have to be the Episcopal Church on Periwinkle Way. It's a very simple, economic structural system. It also blends well with the environment."

property speaking

Today's high interest rates are the topic of conversation at nearly every social gathering. As Americans, we're accustomed to breaking records, but breaking all-time interest rate records is a sobering thought to most of us who can visualize the impact. It certainly doesn't take an economist to tell us that periods of extremely high interest rates are usually followed by a recession.

This was the case in 1960, 1970 and 1974, to mention only the most recent downturns. Nonetheless, the last recession was not felt seriously here on our Islands. The situation in '74 and '75 was a bit different because financing was generally available for residential purposes at around 9 percent. Today, we find that money is not always available, regardless of the interest rate.

I talked to some bankers a few days ago about financing a small commercial complex, and, while they quoted an interest rate of 17 percent, they really didn't want to make the loan at all, due to a shortage of funds. Bankers all over are telling us that personal savings are at an all-time low and so they lack money to lend.

Most of us realize that tight money is the

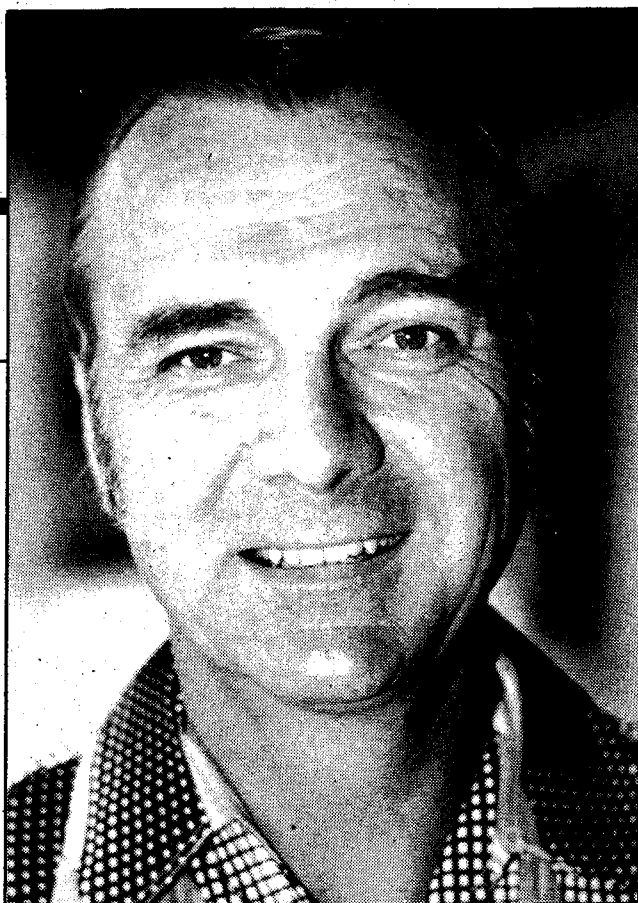
high interest rates affect Island sales

bitter medicine that our economy has needed for a long time. Certainly strong demand and speculation in housing has created a great deal of the tremendous increase in housing costs over the past 10 years...an astounding 300 percent.

What do all these bits and pieces of information mean to the Sanibel or Captiva property owner? Probably not very much, unless he wants to sell his property. Historically, Island property owners have timed their sales to take advantage of the best market conditions. Should someone need to sell during this period of high interest rates and get cash, however, or cash

to mortgage, a seller could definitely feel the negative impact of the situation. This is true because a prospective purchaser will not let go of his money unless he sees a real bargain -- a genuine opportunity that is better than the attractive interest rates available on Money Market Certificates.

As a result, property probably will not sell quickly and may not sell at top dollar because financing is the key to successful marketing of real estate. At this point, the owner will have two options...either hold the property until interest rates go back down to within reason, or lower his asking price to make it attractive to people with cash.



By Bert Jenks

President of Sanibel Realty

If high interest rates continue for a considerable period of time, some potential sellers are going to be forced into the latter position of accepting a low offer. Looking back to '74 and '75, there were very few distress sales. During that period, however, the situation was somewhat different in that an owner could usually make his mortgage payments with rental income. This is not true today, for property values have risen faster than rental rates.

The bargain hunter who hopes to pick up a property below the market price needs to stay liquid and be ready to move quickly when a special situation arises. Sanibel and Captiva have a multitude of astute investors with financial clout just waiting in the wings.

The property owner who feels he may need to liquidate his property in the near future should seek assistance in putting together some kind of financing for his property in order to avoid having to deal with the cash purchaser.

The months ahead promise to be a real challenge to buyers, sellers and realtors alike. Only time will tell which, if any, of the financial experts has read the economic "tea leaves" correctly.

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PORTRAIT

by mark harmel

Marie Kalman

Age: 57

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Roots: "Bristol, Virginia and Captiva. I have the mountains and the sea."

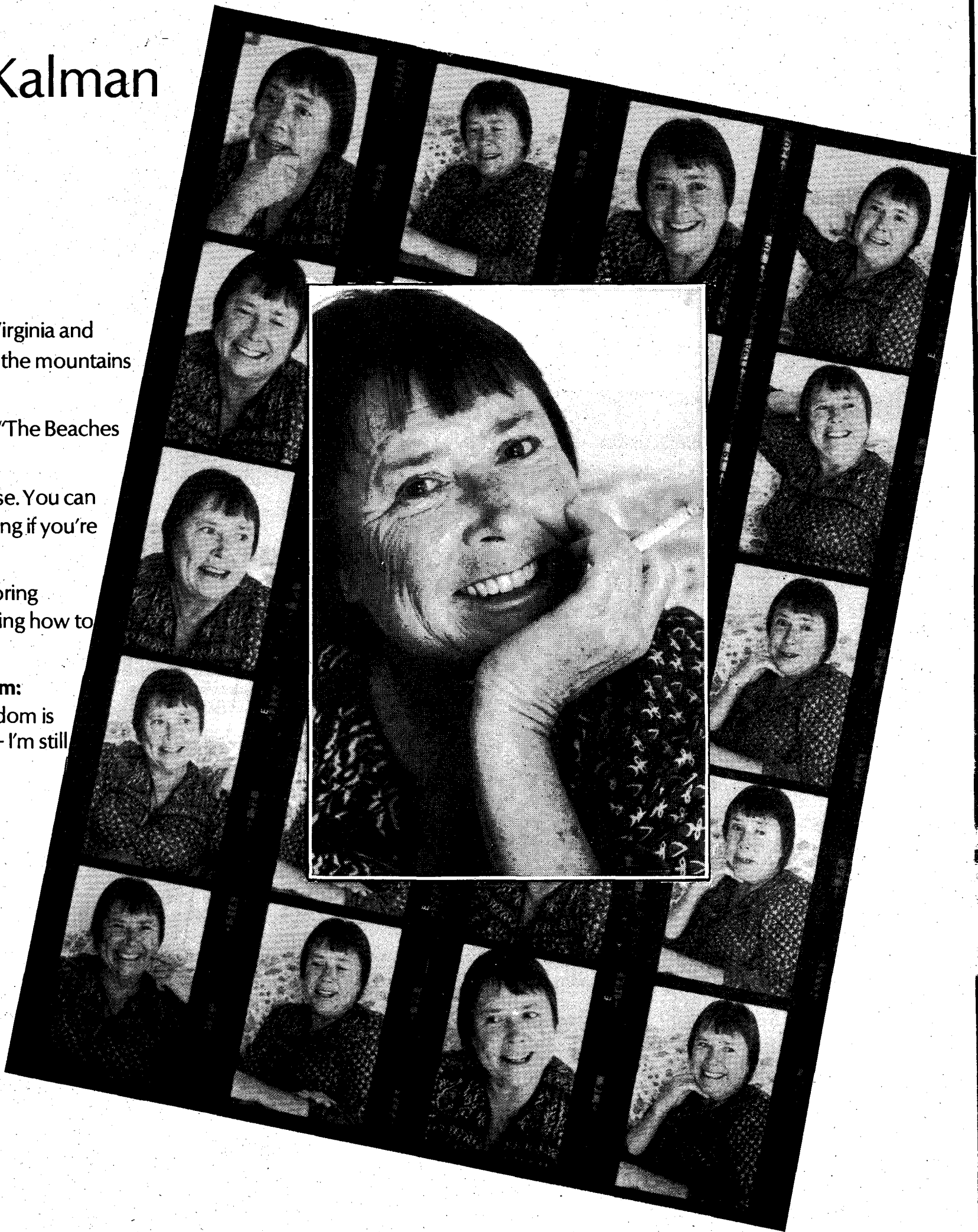
Last Book Read: "The Beaches Are Moving"

Wish: "To be wise. You can handle anything if you're wise."

Pleasures: "Exploring nature - learning how to live with it."

Words of Wisdom:

"Because wisdom is my one wish - I'm still searching, still growing."



Having first come to Captiva at the ripe old age of six weeks old, Marie Kalman is justified in describing herself as "One of the oldest living relics around."

Having spent every winter of every childhood year growing up on Captiva ("those were the good old days - long before the developers"), it was only natural that when Marie decided to truly settle down seven years ago she would choose Captiva.

Her grandfather had come to the Island first, purchasing property in 1904. Later, he gave some of his land to friends from Virginia - just to have their company. Her grandfather also started a family tutoring tradition, bringing a teacher to live with them, which was carried on in the November to May months Marie lived on Captiva as a child. "It was wonderful," she recalls. "I never knew what grade I was in and I always had to be tested when I got home. The room over the boat house was my school house."

Her Island education certainly did her no harm, for at the age of 16 she entered the University of Virginia. Later she attended Columbia where she studied motion picture production.

She made films in conjunction with the New York Film

Council but only made one that was solely her own. It was called Pirates and played at the Island Cinema - after getting good reviews in New York and playing the Coronet. That was 10 years ago, and "one period" of her life.

Another "period" was being a wife and mother. Married for 30 years, Marie has two children, a daughter in the advertising field and a son in computers. Both live in New York.

The most recent "period" of Marie's life includes the role of activist. She vehemently opposes the recent proposals to renourish Captiva's eroding shoreline - an unusual philosophy for a person living on the narrowest strip of the Island. "For those people to come in here and disturb the bottom of the Gulf," says she, "just to protect their real estate, is very upsetting. I think we're being very cavalier and capricious to start playing around with that. There's too much to lose."

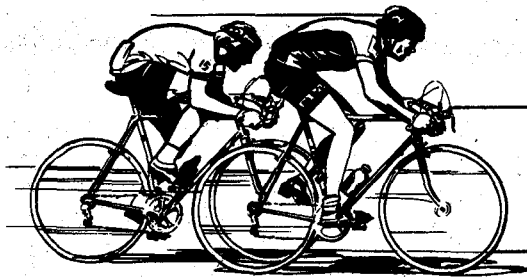
She acknowledges her own precarious location of property, but it somehow only adds credibility to her sincerity. "If anyone would want to protect real estate just to protect real estate," she says, "this would be the place to do it!" But instead of worrying about her real estate Marie is

studying up and preparing reports and trying to find "some answer" to the problem.

Along with cramming on the subject of erosion and serving on the Board of the Conservation Foundation, Marie is also "boning up" on China. She will make the trip later in the week with Sanibel environmentalist George Campbell. "To my way of thinking," says she, "I'd like to get there before the Holiday Inns."

Marie believes strongly that "One does what one wants to do if one wants it bad enough," a legacy passed down from her German grandmother. An adventuress at heart, she misses the old Island residents of harder stock and treasures the memory of her Captiva girlhood spent with her best friend Dottie Wakefield.

"Dottie and I would take off in our boats and be gone all day. All we had to do was tell our parents in what direction we were going - in case we didn't come back they could head in the proper direction. We were all over these Islands. I can't remember when I couldn't swim. I certainly wasn't one of those girls in skirts and hair ribbons.... We were like little savages. Actually that's what we were. It's still hard for me to wear shoes."



Cystic Fibrosis Bike-a-Thon this Sunday

More riders are expected to turn out for the second annual Cystic Fibrosis Bike-A-Thon this Sunday than rode in last year's event.

"We're going to need more riders if we expect to beat last year's record - which was the best in the State," said chairperson Madeleine Fitch.

Fifty-one people, ranging in age from seven to their 60's, turned in more than \$5,000 in the 1978 effort - the most contributed by any CF Bike-A-Thon in Florida.

More than 18 Island businesses are contributing prizes and services this year. Ms. Fitch has no count on the number of individual volunteers, but more are helping

this year than last, she says.

"This year we are hoping for more individual riders sponsoring themselves," she added. "Most people seem to feel that Bike-A-Thons are primarily for children to ride in. Hopefully this year, many adults will sponsor themselves and get some healthful exercise in the process. Certainly they'll

have a good time and see many of their friends."

Cystic fibrosis is the number one genetic killer of children in the United States. One out of every 20 Americans carries the gene that causes cystic fibrosis. Money raised by Bike-A-Thons and other efforts is used for research on this and other lung related diseases. Thus far, efforts have raised the life expectancy of afflicted infants to the teen years.

The ride next Sunday begins at 1:00p.m. at the Sanibel Community Association Building. The 4.5 mile circular course goes east to Casa Ybel Road, then to Tarpon Bay Road to Periwinkle and back to the Community Association Building.

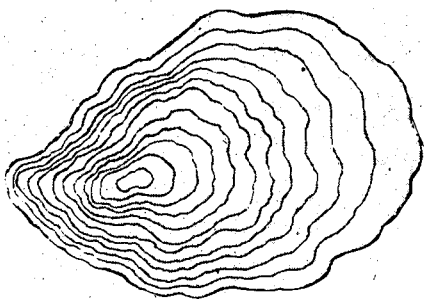
Riders will carry "lap" cards which will be checked at the half-way point and the Start-Finish line. There will be free refreshments for all riders, donated by Island merchants, as well as prizes for the riders who turn in the largest amounts of money within 10 days following the Bike-A-Thon.

First and second prizes are bicycles, third prize - dinners at the Coconut Grove Restaurant, fourth prize - a backpack donated by the CF Committee, as well as 50 doorprizes donated by Island merchants and businesses.

Sponsor pledge sheets may be obtained at Bailey's General Store and the Bank of the Islands. They may also be obtained from Madeleine Fitch (472-2866), Sanibel Coordinator Bella Kontinos (472-1366), Marilee Wightman on Captiva (472-1410).

The Sanibel Police will again mark and patrol the route. Free bicycle inspections will be made on request at the Community Association Building by Bike Route Bike Shops of Fort Myers and Naples. Pumps will be available, as well as patch kits and tubes.

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Water... from page 3

Harper said the state-controlled water management district would have the final say.

Scaffa replied he wants the county to have final authority. "I wouldn't want to see us create something that would have no credibility and would put us at constant conflict with the state agency," he added.

Commissioner Harry Rodda warned against making a county agency that would do nothing more than cause additional paper work for those trying to obtain water permits. "Otherwise we are getting into m-

bureaucracy," he said.

"If we are going to have an agency that is a bunch of paper shufflers, we don't need it," Commissioner Doug Taylor said. "If we are going to have an agency that is a duplication of the water management district, we don't need it."

The commissioners agreed with Rodda that more research is needed as to how the SFWMD feels about the situation. "We must have an agreement from them (SFWMD) that they will turn over to us certain powers. Otherwise, we'll just compound the problem," Rodda said.

Harper stressed the fact that county-wide takeover of water resources would be done on a gradual basis. "People are concerned that we want to take over everything immediately," he said. "But the first phase of the program would have the county gain control of the water for unincorporated areas only. The other areas would be taken over as deemed necessary and desirable."

Island Temperatures

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Like humans, all plants need the proper nourishment in order to lead a long, healthy life. Our outdoor plants receive their nourishment from decaying debris, but our indoor plants are not as lucky and must depend upon us for nourishment.

Let's begin by discussing the two different types of fertilizer. Organic fertilizers (like cow manure and fish emulsion) are great for outdoor gardens, but they have two drawbacks as far as the indoor gardener is concerned. They work very slowly and they smell terrible.

Chemical fertilizers are a much better choice, for their nutrients are not only immediately available to the plant, are odorless, and their nutrients are identical to those derived from organic sources. So, as you can see, the chemical fertilizer is the better choice for the indoor gardener.

There are three nutrients in chemical fertilizers and all are imperative to healthy plant growth. They are: phosphorus, which stimulates root development; nitrogen, which gives

foliage that lush, green color; and potassium, better known as potash, which aids plant metabolism to ward off disease.

Chemical fertilizers are identified by a series of three numbers that represent the percentages of the three nutrients in the particular brand you buy. These three numbers are always in the nitrogen-phosphorus-potash sequence. For example, 10-20-10 is 10 percent nitrogen, 20 percent phosphorus, 10 percent potash and the remaining 60 percent is filler, consisting of sulphur, boron, copper, iron, manganese, zinc, etc.

A mild fertilizer with a composition of 1-3-1 will provide most house plants with a balanced diet. Azaleas and gardenias take a specific type of fertilizer that is high in acidity. When you buy, or receive, a plant, ask your florist about the proper fertilizer for your particular plant.

There are about a dozen different type of fertilizers on the market: liquid forms, some of which need mixing and some of which do not; powders that are scratched

into the top of the soil or mixed with water; capsules, that allow a slow release of fertilizer into the plant's soil. These, in my opinion, represent a very good system as the capsules are mixed right in with the soil at planting. Finally, there are tablets and nutrient-impregnated stick that you place directly into the soil. All do a very good job....some just do it faster.

The fastest way to get nourishment into a plant is with a liquid fertilizer. This also includes the powders you mix with water. They begin to incorporate nutrients into the plant's system within an hour - or less. The other types are of a slow release nature which can last from two to three months or as long as a year. One word of caution, however. Always be conservative with your feedings. As a rule of thumb, it is best to use any fertilizer at half strength.

The death of plants by overfeeding is second only to overwatering.

In closing, I'd like to tell you that you should never feed an obviously troubled

plant, or one that is about to enter dormancy. Also, if you have just purchased a green plant (not a blooming plant) it's best to let it be on its own for about six months before putting it on a feeding program. Blooming plants should be put on a feeding program when received, as they are in the prime of their life at that time and will need nourishment.

Happy growing!

If I can help you with any of your horticultural problems, just give me a call at 472-3125, or drop me a note, along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Don Rulle, Kandy the Florist, 1619 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, Florida 33957.

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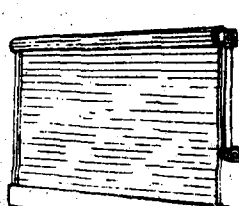
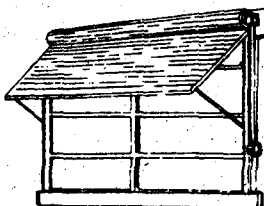
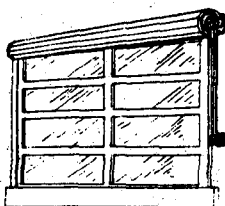
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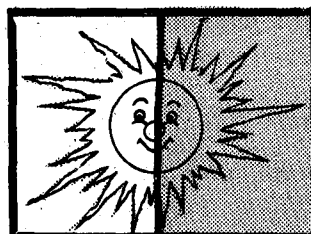


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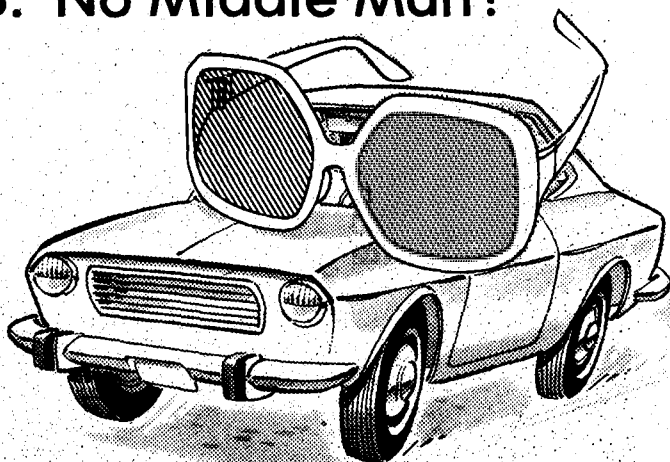
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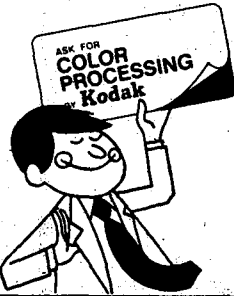
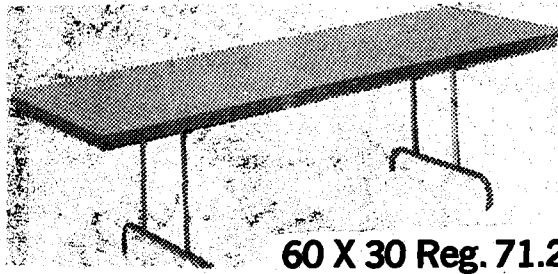


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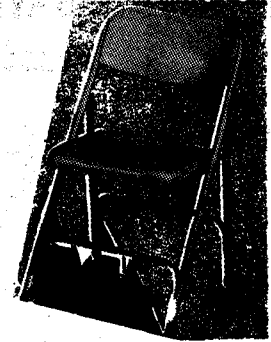
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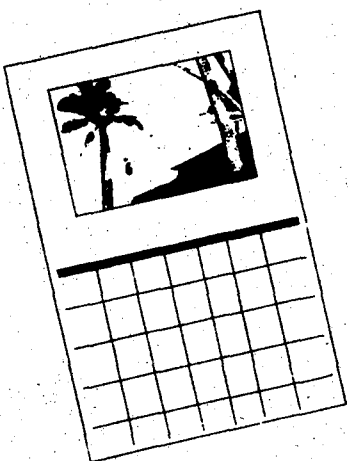
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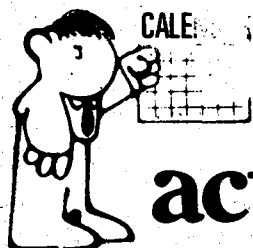
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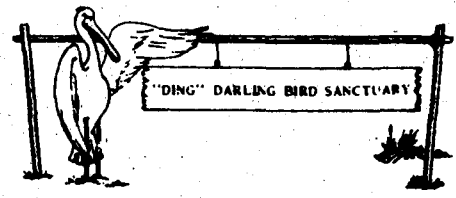
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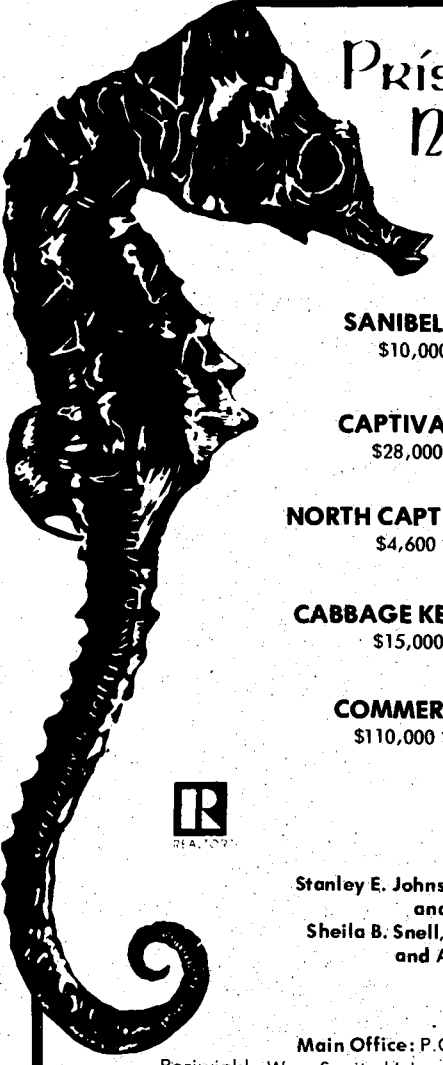

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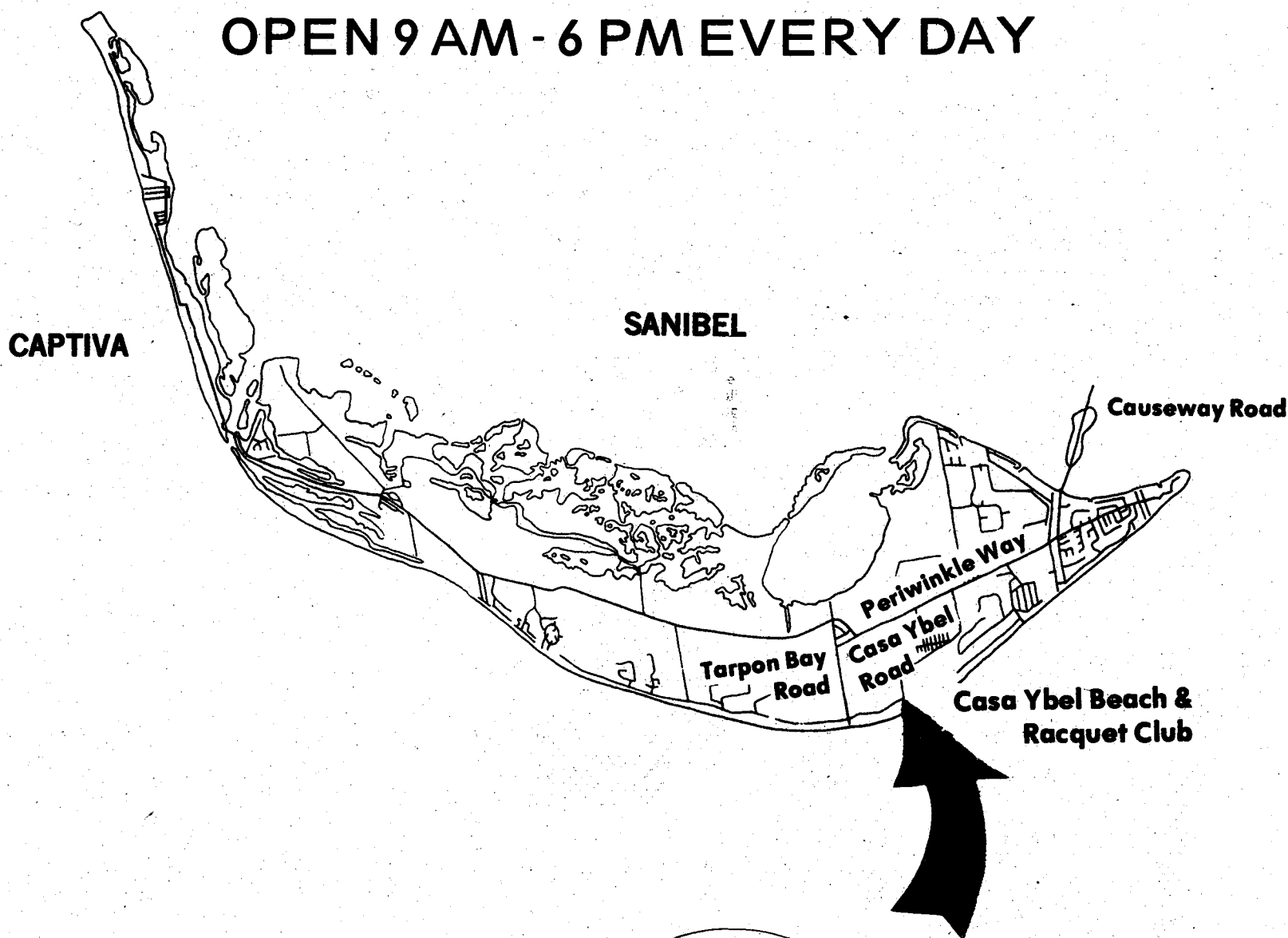
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IWA from page one

committees to exercise the authority of the Board." Nevertheless, the IWA Board has recommended to its members that they vote against the proposed change.

In the other proposed change, the Committee felt that increasing the Board from five to seven members because the job was "too great a burden" for "too small a number". They cited the fact that the water situation grows more complex yearly and a greater amount of expertise is required and also that the problems of illness, travel and other business duties take away from the time a Board member can devote to the job. (Former IWA Board president Jim Robson cited his business as one of the reasons he left the Board and illness has plagued both current and former Board members.)

The Committee also felt that the current quorum requirement of three members is not sufficient in light of the decisions required.

In the letter to the members, the Board recommends against the change, saying that the Committee has misunderstood the scope of the Board's job. "The administration of IWA, in conformance with Board policy, is carried out by a staff of great competence," they stated. They also feel that a seven-member Board would be "ungainly".

A final issue on the agenda is a request by Community Housing and Resources, Inc. (CHR) for a reduction in the water hook-up fee for moderate cost housing. The current fee is, they feel, about 6.8 - 9 percent of a total construction budget for moderate cost housing. The Board also recommends against adopting this

provision because they have always "avoided discretionary action of any kind." They feel the effect of the proposal is to ask Islanders to subsidize moderate cost housing to an extent and the action would, in their opinion "create a dangerous precedent".

Shelling Committee from page one

surrounding the Island. Armed with information on the population, an estimate of different shells, and a determination of nursery areas, the Committee could then proceed with a study on the future of the live shells.

The Pine Island Sound side of Sanibel is a particularly sensitive shelling area, and Weight suggested that an information gathering group would want to monitor several areas along the islands.

The Missimer representative said there had been a shell survey study done on Sanibel back in the late 1940's and early 1950's, but that it had been somewhat superficial. It is expected that a much more complicated study would be needed to validly present information to the City should it become necessary to call a complete halt, or impose a moratorium, on live shelling in the future.

Weight said there was a great deal of information needed in a shell study such as water temperature, water clarity, and even the spraying for mosquitos would play an important part in knowing how or why a settlement of shells will stay in a certain area of the bay.



There are some innovative thoughts regarding dwindling shell populations, including "seeding" beds to bolster a sagging population of horse conchs, angel wings, and other shells often found and taken live in great numbers.

One of the prime goals of the Shell Committee is to inform the public by strategically placing signs that point out the detrimental effects of collecting live shells in excess of the City's ordained two live shells per species, per person. Within a short time, a large educational effort will be implemented by the Committee using posters and metal signs to inform the public of Sanibel's City Resolution 79-08.

Most of the public beach access routes will eventually have metal signs and the Committee, in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce office at the entrance to the Island, will have more information on the limiting of live shell collecting. The Committee will also be seeking the cooperation of motel managers in placing live shell information cards in their lobbies and rooms.

Concerning the City's Resolution, Committee members George Campbell and Paul Howe discussed enforcement of what has been termed the "toothless" law. A check

with the Sanibel Police Department will be made to determine if a person suspected of taking live shells in great numbers can actually be arrested. Howe said he thought the Police could enforce the Resolution, but, he added, that he understood there was no monetary penalty incurred by the offender.

Most people interested in preserving live shells however, preferred to see the shells replaced alive rather than have the offender tangle with the law.

The Committee also discussed the possibility of volunteers helping with a shell survey study, should there ever be a formal move in that direction. The volunteers might also help patrol sensitive shelling grounds to inform visitors not to take excessive numbers of live shells.



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