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Shopping center development request denied

by gwen stevenson

The Sanibel Planning Commission yesterday voted to deny a Development Permit for a proposed 56,000 square foot shopping center at the corner of Periwinkle Way and Casa Ybel Road on the grounds that the project does not conform with the intent of the land use plan and that it violates the unique and natural Island environment.

The motion to deny the Deveopment Permit request by Gerald A. "Jerry" Paulsen came after a long afternoon session of the Planning Commission that played to a crowd of over 70 people.

Commissioner Betty Robinson opened her part of the discussion with questions about the legality of making a decision that might be based on three people. (Two commissioners, Ray Fenton and Don Manchester did not participate in the debate - each has a conflict of interest since Fenton is the architect and Manchester is the realtor involved with the property - and Commissioner Robinson was worried that a majority vote of three people would determine the outcome).

"I have no trouble determining questions about a setback," she said, "but

I worry that such a decision (deciding on a Development Permit for the Center) can be made and be legal.

Robinson told the Commission that she was not worried about the performance standards in the proposal but was, in fact, more concerned with the size of the proposal, "not size per se," she said, "but the impact of this Center on the community and on a barrier Island community".

She cited a stipulation in Sanibel's comprehensive land use plan that all projects must conform to the intent of the plan, as well as to its standards.

Questions that Commissioner Robinson felt she had to raise at yesterday's meeting included the impact of the number of employees Paulsen expects to be employed by the Center on Island housing. "You say you expect to hire 300 people, 25 percent of whom are under 20. Under the plan, we are obligated to provide housing for this low to minimum income group and we're already finding it more than difficult to find moderate cost housing for those who are already here. With a sustantial number of employees, we

Community Association holds Third Annual Christmas Dance

Housed in their new hall for the first time, the Community Association held their Third Annual Christmas Dance

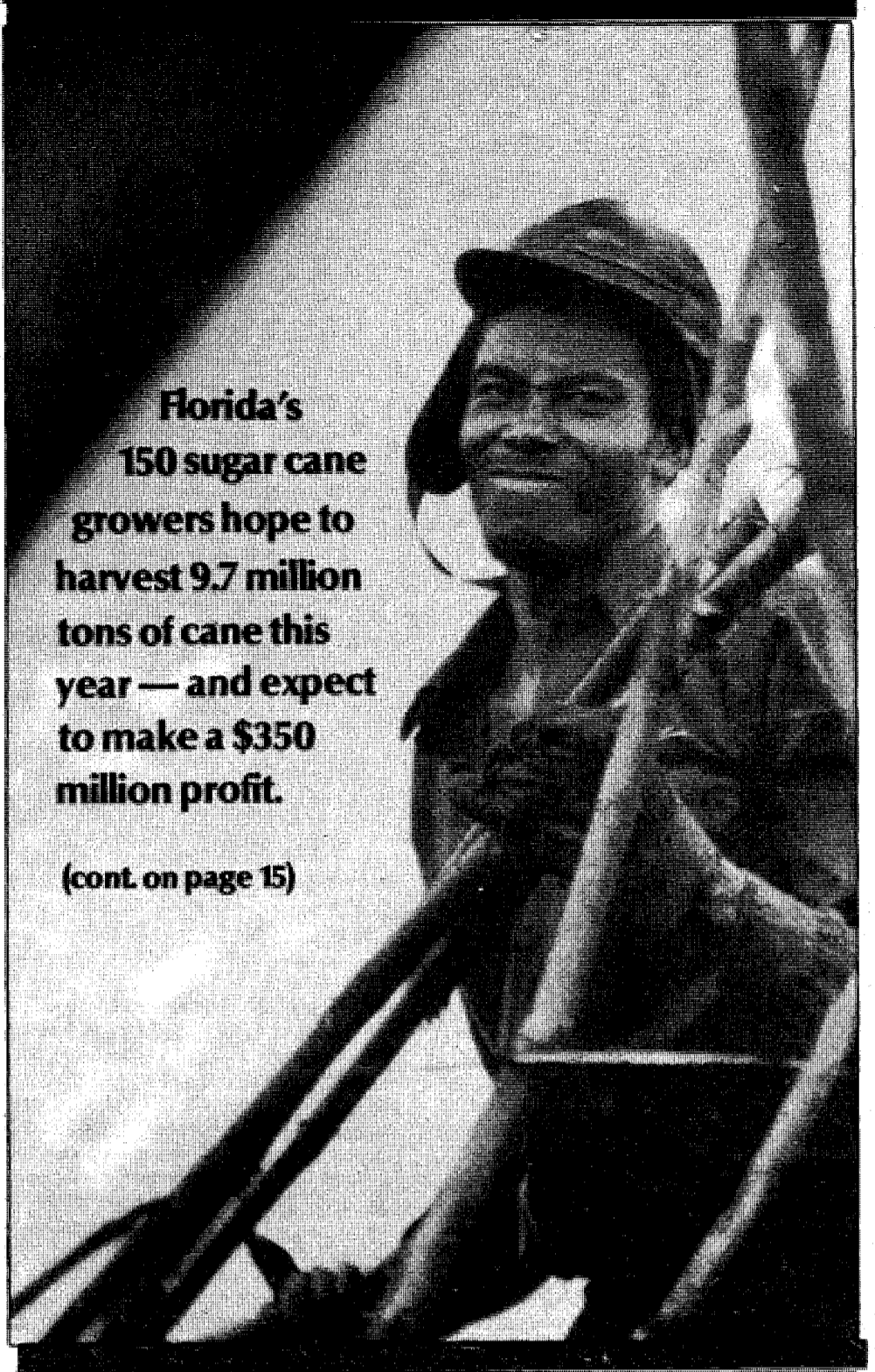
Saturday night. Over 130 people shared a dinner dish and danced the night away to the music of Sal's Vibratones.



No disco for Jim and Mary Kreamer; they snuggle up when they dance. photos by mark harmel

Florida's 150 sugar cane growers hope to harvest 9.7 million tons of cane this year — and expect to make a \$350 million profit.

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are using up all the moderate cost housing on the Island for years," she said.

Tim Stone, of Fenton, White and Associates, told Ms. Robinson that the figure of 300 was an outside number and represented Center staffing four or five years down the road.

Robinson also raised the question of whether a marketing study that Paulsen had done by Super Valu that showed that \$70 out every \$100 food dollars was spent off the Island was valid. Paulsen has cited the study as justification for the Center. Robinson pointed out that, while she believed some people went off the Island just to shop for food, many people grocery shop to and from Fort Myers on their way to do other errands. She also questioned whether or not the super market could be competitive considering Sanibel's high land prices, weight restrictions and fuel costs.

Robinson also pointed out that, according to a recent commercial study undertaken by the City planning staff, the proposed shopping center would comprise 62 percent of total commercial build-out. "It looks like this would pre-empt seven or eight years of commercial development," she said.

Stone pointed out that a project such as Paulsen's would be preferable to the strip center development that is currently occurring along Periwinkle Way.

Robinson said that she questioned whether "such a leap ahead could be considered orderly growth". Her remarks prompted an outburst of applause from the audience.

Commissioner Twink Underhill led off her questions with a statement that she "apologized if you think some of the questions are impertinent but this is back home to us," she said. Paulsen had started his testimony with a statement that he was "a grocer not a developer" and that he wanted, like many other residents, to take his business from back home and move it to Sanibel, his future home. Paulsen recently bought a house on Sanibel.

Underhill voiced concerns about the proposed package plant. Tim Stone told the Commissioners that the plant was as good or better than any on the market but he would not commit himself to a statement that it was odor-free.

"Have you heard the hissing from the one at Tahitian Gardens?" she asked, adding that she was very concerned about the odor problem. Underhill said that, even though the developer might agree to pay for a traffic director at the intersection, enforcing that agreement would be difficult.

"One day there will be an accident there and that will necessitate a traffic light and you know how Sanibel feels about traffic lights."

Underhill went on to say that densities in the land use plan were to be considered maximum densities and some parcels cannot accommodate the maximum number of units they are permitted. (The Planning Commission last year voted down a proposed condominium on Buttonwood Lane that conformed to the land use plan but did not, the Commissioners felt, fit into the surrounding area. That decision is currently being challenged in federal court.) "Island compatability" is something that should be considered as well," Underhill said.

Other questions she felt affected whether or not they would issue a Development Permit included housing, demand for public services by the Center and its employees, paying for the public services, the economic impact on existing businesses and the perceived character of the Island. Although the Planning staff found that the proposed center was not inconsistent with the Island, "I take exception", said Underhill.

Commissioner Judy Workman pointed out that, although the developers had offered to make the center a refuge in case of a hurricane, the Bank of the Islands was

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Peter Matthiesson addresses annual SCCF dinner

by gwen stevenson

Noted conservationist and author Peter Matthiesson charged that because Americans are weary with the snail darter, the tiny fish threatened with extinction that has held up completion of a multi-million dollar dam in the Tennessee Valley, that "some of the greatest archeological sites in this country are now going under water".

Matthiesson was the keynote speaker at the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation's (SCCF) annual dinner last Thursday night. Matthiesson is the author of "The Snow Leopard" and "At Play in the Fields of the Lord" and is the son of one of the Foundation's original and hardest working members, Erhard Matthiesson. The young Matthiesson, whose views on the Teleco Dam are the subject of "My Turn" in this week's issue of Newsweek, said that the controversy surrounding the six-year hiatus in the dam's construction even "made me a little uncomfortable about this little fish holding up this multi-million dollar dam". Matthiesson's discomfort eased, however, when he visited the site of what he termed an "abomination of irresponsibility" and a "monument to what is wrong in Washington". In addition to the loss of archeological remains, Matthiesson decried the destruction of the homeland of the Cherokee Indian tribe.

Matthiesson told his audience that the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) who are responsible for the dam, invited a University of Tennessee team of scientists to investigate the grave sites in the currently flooding areas (flooding began ten days ago) and even, "offered them the use of bulldozers" in 1967. The University people, thinking that flooding was eminent, leveled the Indian mounds.

"The valley is full of historic echoes," Matthiesson recounted, "that ring of old events." He related how the Cherokee had fought the battle of Horseshoe Bend for Andrew Jackson in 1814 - the battle that Jackson claimed sent him to the White House. "Then," Matthiesson continued, "Jackson paid them back by moving them to Oklahoma on the 'Trail of Tears' when a third died on the trip."

"We now estimate that 1140 Indian graves were looted at the time of the University of Tennessee dig," he continued, adding that the Indians believe that removing the graves of their dead meant that their spirits were restless and wandering. According to Matthiesson, the Indians requested the Indians be returned to their graves, but they weren't.

According to Matthiesson, the TVA officials are claiming that the lake formed by flooding the valley will be used for recreational purposes and help bolster the sagging economy of the region. He disputes the claim. "There wasn't a boat on the lake," Matthiesson said, "even though it was a beautiful day". He admitted that he had climbed onto the property and had been "busted" and escorted away. Matthiesson said that



Outgoing SCCF Chairman Ed Underhill gives the "State of the Foundation" report.

officials also got permission to continue with the dam by basing their request on this Country's energy availability concerns. The TVA also contended that the small darter could be transplanted and Matthiesson lambasted Presidential hopeful Sen. Howard Baker for sneaking the dam through on a whole energy bill package. "Baker," Matthiesson charged, "betrayed the unanimous findings of a committee he had chaired that investigated the damn and ordered it stopped and the long-term interests of the country he hopes to lead."

On November 13, the last hold-outs were evicted and Matthiesson recounted tales of condemnation that sound like a 30's novel. The residents were told their homes and belongings would be spared, he said, but when the people returned, they found them burned to the ground.

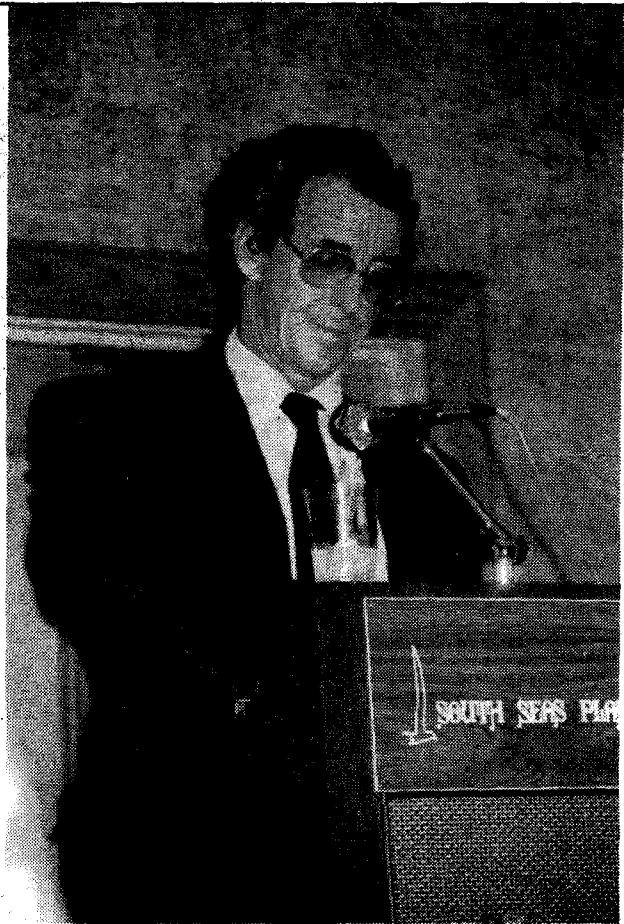
Matthiesson concluded by issuing a clarion call for action. What has been filled can be drained, he believes, and he exhorted the SCCF members to write their representatives in Washington to halt the flooding and return the valley to its original state.

"Are we so weary that we can allow this?" he asked. "I don't think these people should get away with it. Only the small pretty gleam of the snail darter should show through the waters of the old river, he believes, and not the faces of the dead Indians whose homeland has been destroyed and whose resting place has been so rudely violated."

The Foundation voted unanimously to write Washington voicing their disapproval of the flooding of the valley.

In other Foundation business transacted last Thursday night, the proposed slate of Directors were voted into office. They

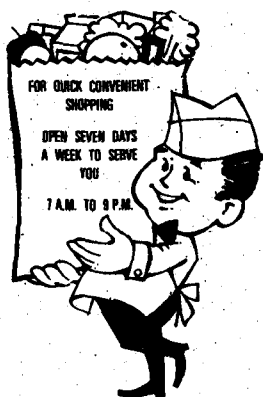
include Barbara W. Jones, Frederick W. Schlup, John J. Weinzettle, Kenneth S. Preston and Nancy Brock Johnson.



Noted conservationist and author Peter Matthiesson delivered the keynote address.

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Bailey named Mayor of Sanibel

We know about reluctant debutantes and have heard about reluctant dragons but Sanibel now has itself a reluctant director of city council. According to the newly appointed mayor, Francis Bailey, the most substantial problem facing the City during the coming year is "me as mayor". The reason for the reluctance, according to the new mayor, is that he doesn't feel that he is "qualified and I don't have the time."

Bailey was nominated for the position by Councilman Porter Goss, who was in turn nominated by outgoing Mayor Duane White. (White had said earlier he was disinterested in a second mayoral term because he felt the job should be passed around the Council. "I am looking forward to being your 'honorable has-been', White joked.)

White said that he had put Goss' name into contention in case Bailey declined the nomination. Bailey himself nominated Zee Butler but she withdrew her name from consideration during the discussion preceding the vote.

In discussing his nomination of Bailey to the position, Goss cited the changing role of the mayor as his reason for nominating Bailey, who, although he has been vice-mayor twice, has consistently declined the mayor's job because of business pressures. Staff competence, Goss declared, would mean that the mayor's job in the coming year would be more as it was designed to be in the City Charter, i.e. largely ceremonial. Chairing City Council meetings and performing ceremonial functions will constitute the majority of



the mayor's tasks in the coming year, Goss maintained.

Goss expanded upon a recurring theme of his that council members should take a less active role in City government in the future. Goss cited certain staff support, such as stenographic and mailroom functions as the only needs the Council should have at City Hall. This is a theme Goss has espoused in the past and he suggested that, apart from a room to meet Sunshine Law requirements and to see constituents, the council should take up no room in City Hall.

Following the unanimous vote for Bailey as Mayor, Councilman Charles LeBuff was also unanimously elected Vice-Mayor. LeBuff had told White before the meeting that he did not feel he had the time to devote to being mayor to do, as LeBuff put it, "the job properly".

A new era was ushered in as White handed the gavel to Bailey. "I don't want any of that 'Your Honor' crap. My name is 'Francis', not Mr Mayor. I didn't want this job - I was forced into it," Bailey stated emphatically, as he moved into the Mayor's seat.

Vice-Mayor Charles LeBuff refused to give up his traditional seat between City Attorney Neal Bowen and Councilman Goss. "I've had this seat for five years," he said. "It's my lucky seat and I don't want to leave it."

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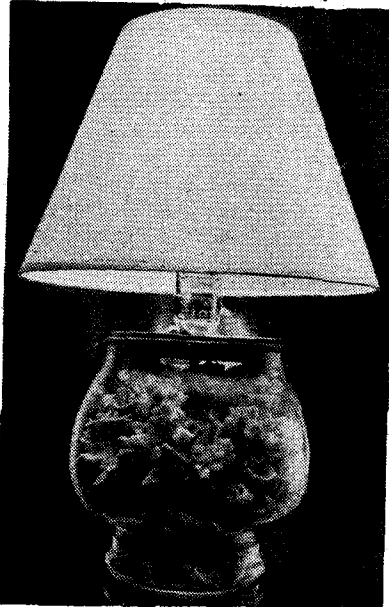
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Joe Searing
December 5, 1979
Sanibel Island

(Editor's note: Retired restaurateur Eben Joy was the subject of last week's portrait by Pat and Mark Harmel.)

Post office needs stamp machine

To the Editor:

For many years with the old Post Office on Sanibel, we have waited for stamps in long queues, or else wasted two-fifths of our money in the local stamp vending machines.

Now we have the gorgeous new Post Office, but still no self-service stamp machine. The Post Office machines deliver \$.25 worth of stamps for \$.25 deposited, and are available for use evenings and weekends.

Personnel in the Post Office would also like the machine here and now there is room for it. However, one will be granted to Sanibel from Washington only if consumer desire is demonstrated.

Forms to request such a machine are available in the Post Office. The holidays are approaching and the Post Office queues will become longer and longer unless citizens request this service.

Betsy O'Neill

An invitation to Island children

On December 14, the Sanibel-Captiva chapter of the American Legion, Post 123 will host a Christmas party for the Island kids of all ages. We will have gifts for each child, plus two bikes (one for a boy and one for a girl) and two walkie-talkies will be given away by Santa. There will also be ice cream, cookies and soft drinks for all.

We would like to invite any Island visitors to come and bring their kids too. Fun, games, gifts, and caroling - just one way of showing our appreciation for your support. No donations are necessary. Just come and enjoy and have a merry old time.

Sincerely,

Wm. "Mac" MacArthur
Commander
American Legion Post 123

Obituary

Whitney Eastman

Well-known conservationist Whitney Eastman, a regular visitor at the Colony, died December 3 at the Boca Raton Community Hospital in Boca Raton, Fla. He was born April 24, 1888 at Fort Ann, N.Y. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1910 and, at the time of his death, was serving as president and secretary of his class.

He was engaged in the linseed oil, soybean and organic chemical industries. As an early pioneer in the soybean industry, he organized the National Soybean Processors' Association and served as president. He served as vice-president for Archer-Daniels-Midland Co. in Minneapolis and later as Vice-president for General Mills, Inc. He was also one of the founders of the National City Bank of Minneapolis, serving as board member until 1976.

He was an honorary member of the Milwaukee Rotary Club, having served that organization as president. He was active in Scouting for over 50 years, serving as a life member of the National

Executive Board of Boy Scouts and receiving the Silver Buffalo, Scouting's highest award for distinguished service to boys. He also served on the Boards of the National Audubon Society and the Minneapolis Athenaeum and Metropolitan Parks foundation.

His work in the field of conservation received recognition in 1974 when the Whitney Eastman Nature Center in Elm Creek Park Reserve was dedicated in his name.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Eastman, a daughter, Mrs. Morrow Peyton, grandsons John and Whitney Peyton of Minneapolis, Jay Peyton of Evergreen, Col., Thomas Hicks, Sonoma, Cal., and three great grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Metropolitan Parks Foundation, designated for the Whitney Eastman Nature Center, Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, Dartmouth College or the Donor's choice.

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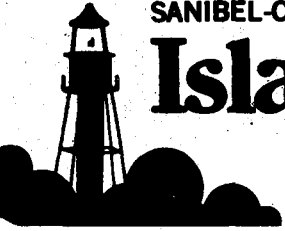
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County to begin negotiations with financial consultant on Causeway sale

By Gwen Stevenson

County Commissioner Harry Rodda requested an emergency meeting of the County Commissioners last week where he received Commission approval to authorize the County's special attorney, Jim Humphrey, to begin negotiations with a financial consultant, Arch W. Roberts, to join the team working on the sale of the Causeway to Sanibel.

"There are a number of technical and legal questions that have to be answered by someone with expertise in that field," Rodda said, adding that there wasn't much the committee could do until legal issues were clarified.

Only Commissioner Roland Roberts voiced any concern about the move. Roberts insisted that the County not get into any obligation to the financial consultant. Roberts represents Fort Myers Beach.

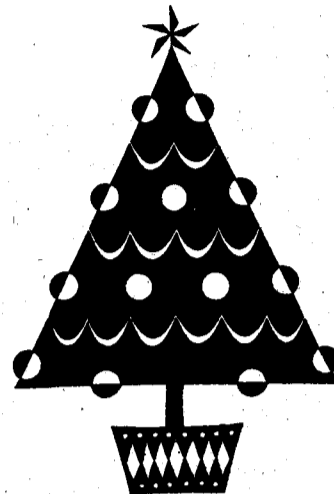
Rodda said later that the financial consultant's information would be made available to Sanibel, although he added, "Sanibel will have to seek out their own bond consultant at a later date". Rodda denied reports that the bridge sale could not be financed with a revenue bond because of its bad condition. "The bridge deterioration is not that severe and the

county is repairing it anyway," Rodda stated.

The final two members of the City's negotiating team for the Causeway purchase were selected at last week's City Council meeting. They are Ed Underhill and Carleton Simmons. Councilman Zee Butler recommended Simmons because he is a former bond counsel.

Rodda said that he plans to add a Captiva representative to his side of the table but said that he had not yet decided who it would be. The other two members of the County's committee are Bob Doragh and Tom Barrett.

Christmas tree lighting this Saturday



This Saturday, December 15, is the date set for the annual Christmas tree lighting by the Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club across from the Community Association building. The lights are due to go on at 6:30 p.m.

Before that, beginning at 3 p.m. the Kiwanis and the Lions will treat island youngsters to a Lee County Children's Theatre production of "Beauty and the Beast" featuring Molly Brodeur, Kelly Duncan and Richard Brodeur.

After the performance, Santa Claus will visit the children and there will be carols, games and refreshments.

For the young, and the young at heart, don't miss the fun this Saturday.

Bishop Larkin visits Sanibel Island

Solemnity and celebration marked the first visit to Sanibel of Bishop Thomas Larkin, newly consecrated Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of St. Petersburg on Friday, December 7. Bishop Larkin came to the Island to dedicate and bless the new addition and multi-purpose room of St. Isabel's Church and to lead the celebration of the Mass of the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Assumption, a major holy day of the Church year, commemorates the death of the Mother of Jesus Christ, who was assumed into heaven by her Son. In his homily, Bishop Larkin spoke of the special

reverence of Mary by all members of the Church.

Vivid, colorful vestments and a special presentation by the St. Isabel choir enhanced the ceremony as priests from neighbouring parishes joined the Bishop in a procession around the new addition for the blessing.

Bishop Larkin also spoke of the beauty of Sanibel and its friendly welcoming residents and said he found it "very relaxing to visit the area". He also alluded to the growth of St. Isabel's parish from six families in the early 60's when Mass was held in the homes of the parishioners of the

then mission church. St. Isabel's now serves 160 families and became a parish in 1973 under the guidance of its pastor, Reverend Gerard Beauregard.

The Bishop said this growth was shared by parishes in all of southwest Florida because of Catholics moving to the state and the increasing number of vacationers.

Father Beauregard, joined by Assistant Pastor Reverend Louis Reczek, welcomed the visiting priests to the Mass and a dinner held in the St. Isabel Rectory following the ceremony.



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Started on November 1, 1954 as the Sanibel Business Association, the group decided that, among other goals, they would study orderly growth and planning on Sanibel. Longtime Captiva resident Paul Stahlin was their first president. It was eight years later that the group, now boasting over 70 members, became the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce. Today there are 340 members of the organization and they have an annual budget of almost \$75,000.

The group applied shovel to sand and constructed their first permanent home in 1964 - which was remodeled ten years later.

The current executive director of the Chamber, Walter Klie, took over his position in 1975. And, even though Island tourism increases every year, Klie's Chamber staff remains fairly constant with one full-time permanent employee and other part-time staff when needed.

The current Chamber president Fred Valtin said Saturday night that the Chamber's concern with preserving the unique atmosphere of the islands has not diminished. "Most of us," he said, "came to the Islands because we loved them and, only after we moved here, did we decide to go into business. Few," Valtin declared,

Chamber of Commerce celebrates 25th anniversary



"came to Sanibel and Captiva to make their fortunes."

Past Chamber presidents who still reside on the Islands - and there are 12 of them - were presented with silver medallions to commemorate the 25 years of Chamber activity. After the reception, guests were invited to sample some of Chamber of Commerce special dishes that are being featured in many Sanibel and Captiva restaurants.

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already a Refuge. She said that she felt the proposal in no way conformed with the transportation element of the plan since it encouraged increased intensity of use and the use of the private automobile.

She also questioned a permanent population figure used in the Super Valu survey of over 10,000, saying that, if that figure is mistaken, then the entire survey might be invalid. Paulsen replied that the engineer who conducted the survey realized that it was an erroneous figure and had accounted for it.

She went on to say that "anything related to Publix or Eckerds is a chain and is out of character on Sanibel." Paulsen has said that he is looking for an Eckerds type of tenant.

Stone replied the names of the chains had been used merely to illustrate the types of services that they were planning to offer.

"A grocery store and a chain related drug store represent a change in Sanibel's environment which would make a turning point in the Island's conservation-based economy", argued Workman.

She also said that the added employees, along with their families would not be able to live on Sanibel. "I know from personal experience that it takes \$28,000 per year to live here," she said. She also pointed out that the additional 15 shops proposed for the Center would duplicate goods and services already on Sanibel and would "undermine our economic base and put long-time businesses out of business."

Who is going to pay for the impact on our services she asked? Not the \$15,000 in taxes and not the people with low incomes.

Alice Kylo presented the Commissioners with a petition containing 847 signatures which she has been gathering in preparation for yesterday's hearing. "This makes it plain that people on the Island don't want such tremendous development."

A motion by Judy Workman to deny the Development Permit application passed on a four to one vote with Commissioner Betty Robinson dissenting. Robinson continued to feel that the issue was important enough to be taken to the Sanibel City Council for final determination.

HELP WANTED

All Island Artists And Craftsmen Please Note

You are cordially invited to participate in the 9th Annual Exhibition and Sale of Island Arts and Crafts for the benefit of the Sanibel Public Library to be held on Friday and Saturday, February 1 and 2, 1980, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. daily at the Sanibel Community House. Participation must be limited to Sanibel and Captiva Island addressses. Set-up will be on Thursday, January 31, from 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. After 4 P.M. space will be forfeited.

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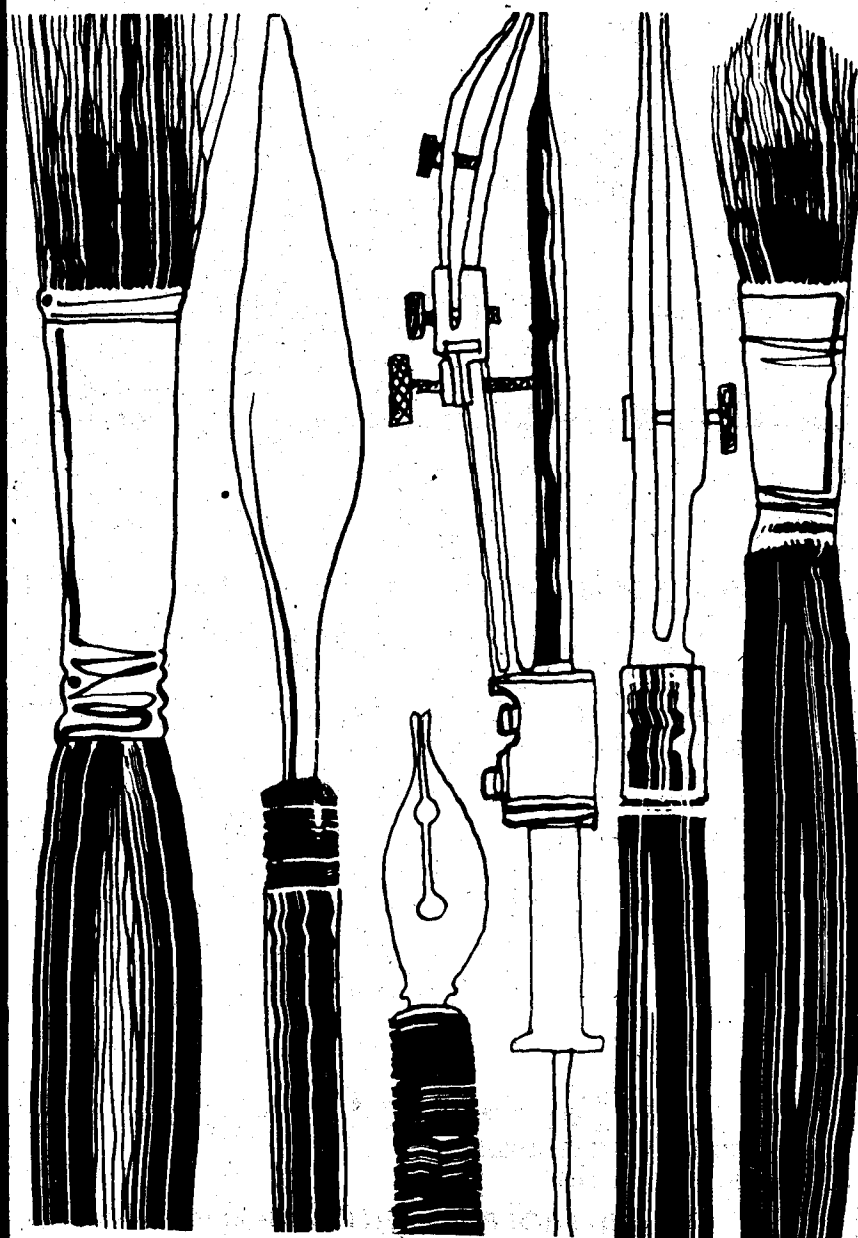
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The sixteenth season opens at the Pirate Playhouse on Saturday, December 22 at 8:15 p.m. in what promises to be a fine evening. Once again, the Hunters (producers of the Pirate Playhouse shows) have come up with a rip-roaring melodrama "M'Liss" (My Western Miss) - an excellent adaptation of Bret Harte's famous novel by the same name.

The cast, which handles the broad strokes of the turn-of-the-century comedy with finesse, includes Jeannie McLoughlin, Alan Pote, Jean Culpepper, Allen Mainard, John Wilcox, Judy Kennedy, Jack Roemer, Robin Pickens and, of course, the Hunters, Ruth and Phillip.

The Hunters report they are looking forward to this, their sixteenth season on Sanibel, with as much enthusiasm as they did that first season in March of 1965. A lot of very talented Island actors (about 350 or more they estimate) have "trod-the-boards" on the intimate playing stage of the Island's unique arena theatre since that time. Their contribution to the cultural activity of the Islands has been much appreciated by their audiences.

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Gulf Ridge donates plants to SCCF

by gwen stevenson

Work began last week on removing several hundred native species from the 95 acres comprising the future Gulf Ridge subdivision located on Sanibel's north Gulf shore.

Norma Jean Byrd, who heads the nursery for the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, tagged species that she termed "are unusual or on the endangered list". The developers were using their equipment to remove the plants and take them to the SCCF nursery on Sanibel-Captiva Road. Ms. Byrd was especially pleased with 300 - 400 golden creepers. "They are great ground cover and they have been successfully transplanted," she pointed out. Sale of the native plants is one of the methods the Conservation Foundation utilizes to raise funds.

Phil Johnson and Don Manchester who are managing the sale of the lots, agreed that they "wanted to do things right" in the exclusive subdivision. Manchester pointed out that the lots in the project average about 2½ acres and that deed restrictions prohibit the removal of vegetation on lot areas that abut the roads. "We want to be able to drive down a wooded street," Manchester said. He added that they were also going to renousih the beach with sea oats from other areas of the property and that they planned to give about 21 acres to "someone who can use it as a nature preserve".

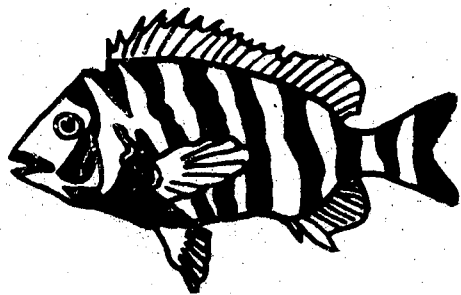
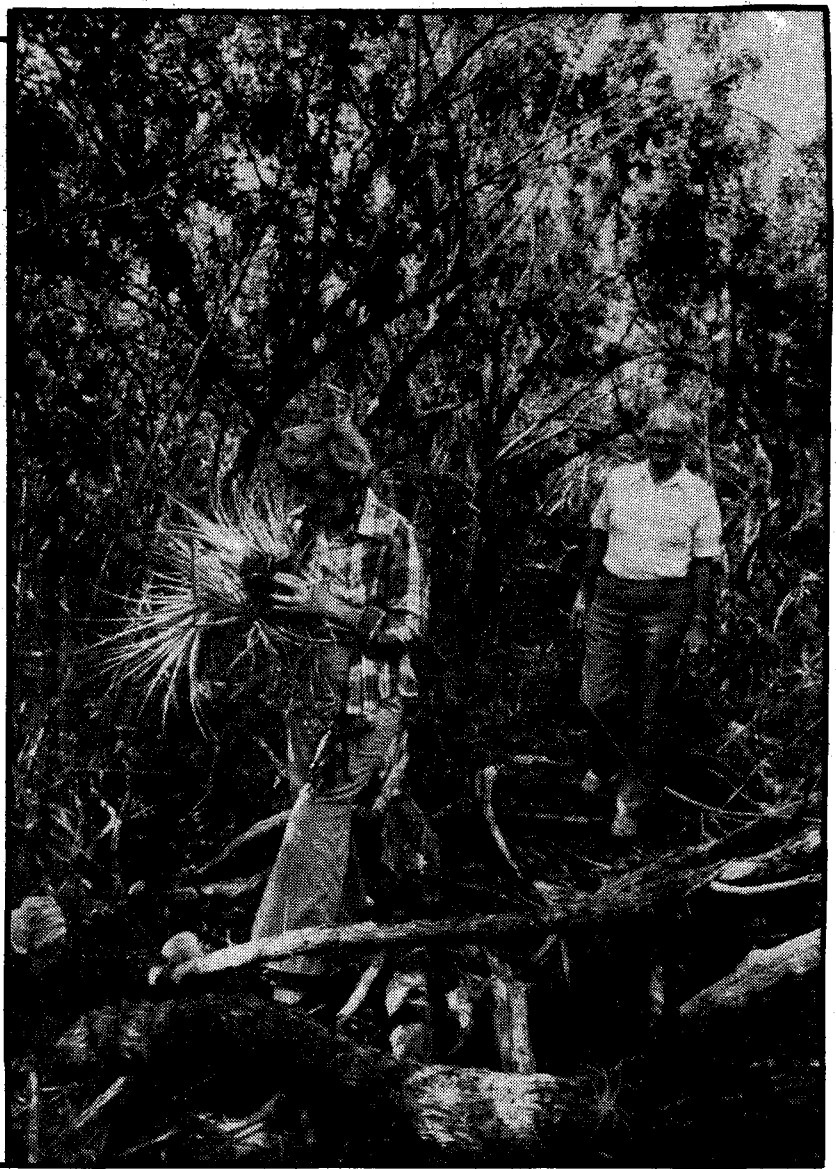
Manchester said that other plans for the project, owned by Joseph Potter and James Seifert, include the possibility of sending someone to Brazil to study the control of the Brazilian pepper. Island naturalist George campbell has also been hired as a consultant because, according to manchester, "the owners want this done right".

Amenities for the area include tennis courts and swimming pools and there are plans for a gatehouse in the future.

"We're doing everything we can to protect every plant in here," Manchester stated.

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Joint Christmas mass slated

A Christmas Eve service at the Lighthouse Beach will be performed by the Rev. Webb Holland and Sanibel resident Bruce Larson. Rev. Holland is the new pastor of the United Congregational Church.

"The service is planned as sort of a

birthday party for Jesus Christ," said Reverend Holland, who added that he would be giving the children's message and Bruce Larsen would give the adult sermon.

"We're holding it from 5:09 to 6:09 p.m. on Christmas Eve," Rev. Holland con-

tinued, "and as far as we know, that won't conflict with any other services." The time was chosen, according to Rev. Howard, because the service will be a candlelight one and it gets dark about 6 p.m.

"We are really forward to seeing Island families," the new pastor said, advising

those who planned to attend to bring blankets and flashlights.

To bring home the point of the service, Rev. Holland says that they plan to serve birthday cake to the children in celebration of the birth date of Jesus Christ.

The music for the service will be performed by the ministers' families.

Mann to push for density cap on Gasparilla Island

State Rep. Frank Mann (D-Fort Myers) said today that he will seek new legislation to impose density limitations on fragile Gasparilla Island if Charlotte and Lee County cannot agree on some local controls.

Mann said that the state Supreme Court ruling striking down the 1979 act that he and state Sen. Warren Henderson (R-Sarasota) successfully steered through the state legislature did "not come as any great surprise, although I am still very disappointed in the outcome."

"I was frankly encouraged by the close 4 to 3 split among the justices," Mann said, "and I believe that Henderson and I can draft some new legislation that will sidestep the constitutional issue the court ruled against us on and still accomplish our objective of protecting this sensitive island from overdevelopment."

Mann added that he has encouraged several Lee County officials to actively pursue an agreement with Charlotte County to limit density on the island, "and I am hopeful that they yet may find a reasonable solution to obviate the need for state legislation."

Legislation to protect Gasparilla appeared doomed very early in the spring when the House failed to have a local bill protecting the island brought before it.

Henderson then amended a local act regarding the Fort

Myers Beach Library Board in the senate by striking all the language of that bill and substituting the Gasparilla measure in its place. This amended bill then came back to the House for approval or rejection and was passed after a bitter floor fight between Mann, who favored the bill, and other members of the local legislative delegation who opposed it.

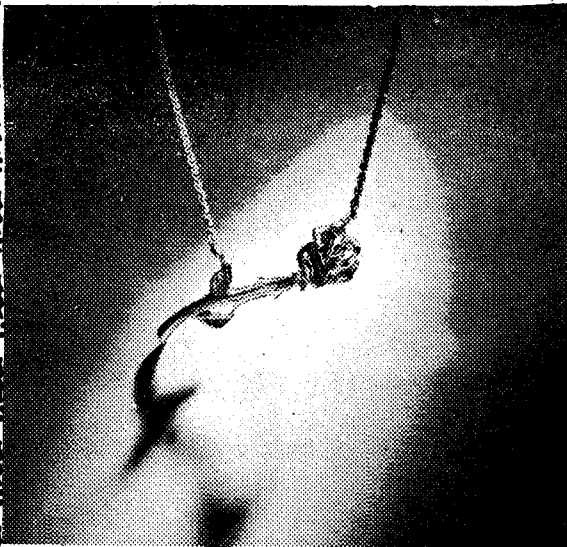
Gov. Bob Graham signed the bill into law in spite of intense lobbying pressure by opponents urging him to veto the measure.

"My staff is currently in the process of reviewing the rulings of both the circuit court and the supreme court," Mann said, "and will be proposing a legislative measure to introduce in the 1980 session if the two counties don't take action first."

Mann sent clear signals to the two counties that he will support local controls as an option to the legislative act if they are close to the intent of the legislative controls the court overturned. That act would have limited coastal density to five units per acre, set building heights at no more than 42 feet above sea level, and established a seven-member board of island residents to approve all new construction plans on the island, except single family residential homes.



Rev. Holland



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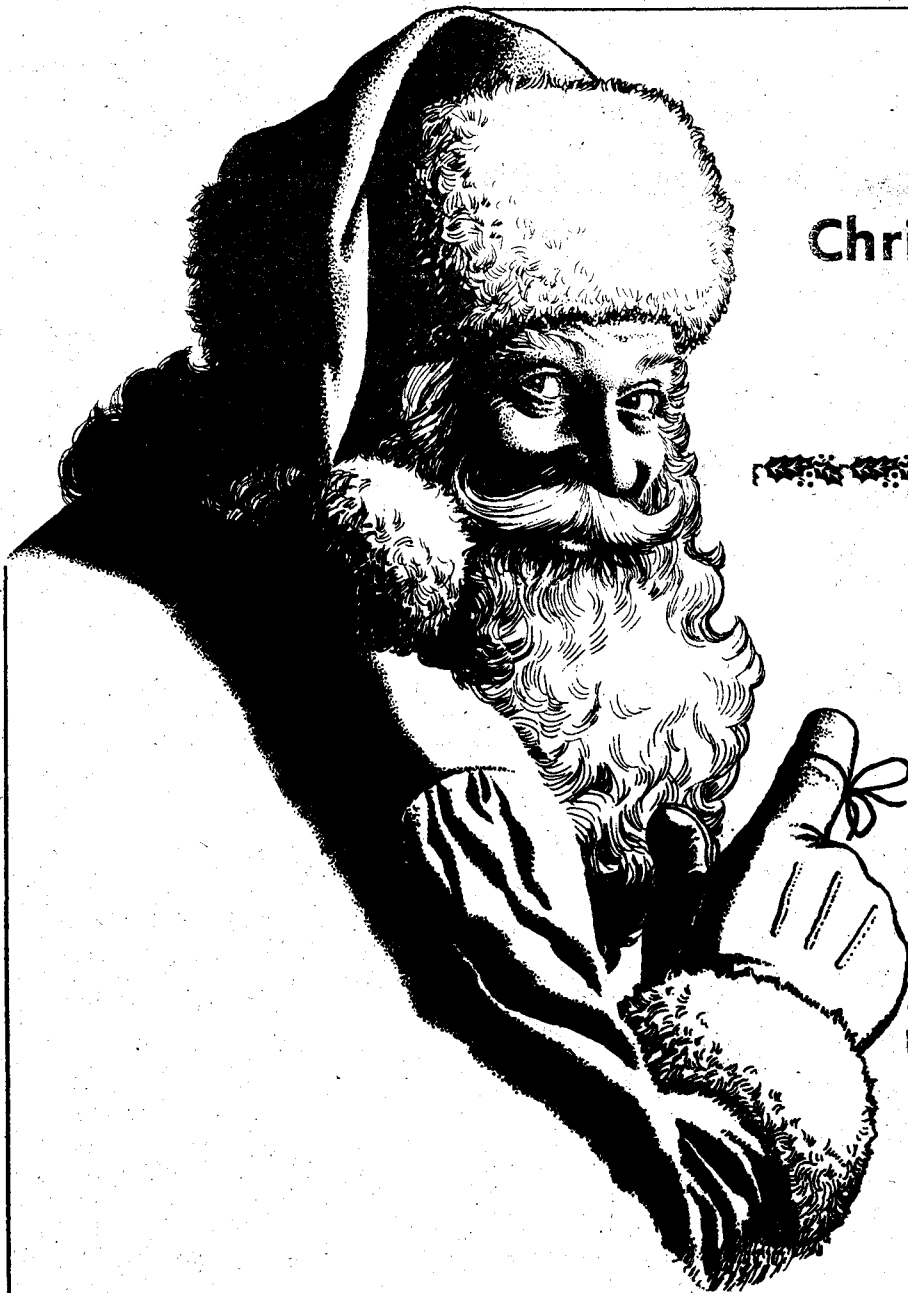
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It doesn't happen often to a boat captain, but the other day, the chairman of the board of a boat manufacturing firm called me up and asked if I would be kind enough to test two new fishing boats for him.

I figured two things: either he had the wrong Mike Fuery, or I was being set up as a decoy for a drug run. As promised however, a short time later a large trailer was backed to the loading ramp and off came a 26-foot walk-around fishing boat with twin 150 h.p. outboard engines. Not too many days later, another 26-footer, but with a single diesel engine was off-loaded.

This week, let me share some thoughts about the use of diesels and perhaps answer some questions you might have had about the handling and use of twin outboards, as compared to the single engine most of us have.

First, let's talk briefly about the boat and the firm. The boats are a project of an Ocala couple, Donna and Bob Wormser. They had the idea of developing an off-shore boat that would take rather large waves, but, at the same time, be trailerable in Florida. Most boats in the 26-foot range require a flared midship to stay stable in rough seas. This new boat, manufactured by Outlaw Marine, Inc. does just fine in a chop, offering a dry ride and stable handling.

Bob Wormser has all the exact reasons, as with deadrise, angles and degrees of hull curve to tell why it rides nicely, but what I wanted to get at was those engines. One last word on the boat. It has the new walk-around bow, so you can fish all the way around the boat as we did on the first



on the water

by capt. mike fuery

day out when Wormser hooked into a bonito on 20-pound test line. After a couple of round trips on the Outlaw 26 model we were testing, it became clear that it is much easier to handle a running fish in this type of craft.

The interior of the small cabin has room for two adults to sleep. The 26-foot hull is somewhat different in the diesel model, but there is even room for a small galley and head, if you should want it. Now to the engines.

I guess all of us who have ever ventured out into the Gulf of Mexico past sight of land are at some time during the trip wishing we had not one engine, but two — just for the added safety factor. There are

some things I discovered about twins, however, that might have a bearing on that margin of safety factor.

The first Outlaw 26 I tested had twin 150-hp Mercury Outboard engines with just a couple of hours on each. The boat had come to Captiva directly from an East Coast boat show.

I've had more experience with Johnson outboards, so getting used to the Mercury warm-up and idle procedure took some time. Once hot and ready to run, the engines were faultless.

On the plus side of the column, the majority of our fishing on that boat was trolling for mackerel, bluefish and bonito, so we did a lot of trolling. I shut down one engine and the hull still handled just fine. By alternating engines, I cut down on engine time and, of course, fuel.

On the subject of fuel, we didn't do a lot of tests, but I would estimate that the boat, rigged with twin 150's, burned about 18-20 gallons per hour. If you drive a Volkswagon, that's a lot. But if you've been around boats much, you know that the figure isn't bad at all for a twin outfit with a heavy 26-foot hull. Most 235 hp outboards will burn 10-16 gallons per hour and that's a single engine.

There were a couple of things that bothered me about the twins. The engines ran so smoothly, it was hard to tell if they were both on — I tried to take off on a plane once, with only a single engine going. The twin installation didn't really help much in docking. This is in opposition to, say, twin inboard engines where you can use one prop in reverse and another in forward to help dock.

The twin outboard installation is so close that it is easier to simply dock the boat as if there were just a single power unit on the transom.

And now for the diesel boat! That was what I wanted to work the most, primarily because I have had very little time on diesel engines and, secondly, I wanted to see if there would be much difference in the handling characteristics.

The diesel was a Valvo-Penta, made in Sweden and installed in an inboard-outboard drive unit for beaching and shallow water use. The six in line cylinder engine was developing 124 hp. It was turbocharged, which got a little more power, and, I think, quieted the engine somewhat.

After several days of working the diesel, I had just one thought. I WANT ONE OF THESE! There are two factors that enter heavily into the selection of a diesel for fishing boats. The first is cost, which can run two or three times more than an outboard, and the second is weight. The Valvo weighed more than the twin 150 hp outboards.

Other than that, I can't say enough about the diesel. The turbo-charging brings the boat up on plane nicely. There is a set of simple controls. The boat started easily every morning and I don't know how many times during the day. We trolled for hours some days, without even a balk by the diesel.

Too soon, the Wormers had to take their boats on up to St. Petersburg for the boat show there, then to other shows. I guess the first couple of 26-foot Outlaw boats will be on the market soon. I don't even know what the costs will be at this time, but I expect the diesel model will be in the high 20's; the outboard boat will likely be less than half that.

The diesel is an interesting boat. If you see one at a dealer or a boat show, go over and have a look.

islander angling

There are conflicting reports from the marinas this week. Two of them are claiming that the fishing's fine and two of them swearing it's bad.

Tarpon Bay Marina reports the most activity this week, with a lot of trout being caught on the Bay flats. Also, at the mouth of the Bay, a few reds are being caught, and from outside the Bay there was a report of an angler with a boat load of 30 reds caught in the mangroves off Buck Key.

The Causeway and the pier are hot spots for trout, sheepshead, and flounder, according to the Bait Box. The trout caught this week are averaging in at two pounds, larger than the normal one to two pounders. In the early morning and the evening, a few snook are being caught at

by mark harnel

the pier, and at the wreck off Blind Pass. Some real activity is also reported at the outer side of the Refuge and in Tarpon Bay.

Paul Zajicek, resident fishing prognosticator at the Bait Box, predicted a run of king mackerel following the spanish mackerel that recently passed through. Zajicek and Ralph Woodring spent a whole day traveling 20 miles out into the Gulf to prove the fishy prediction. The results were inconclusive. They did catch three king mackerel and two bonito, but that hardly constitutes a run.

On Captiva, Tween Waters reports that there are trout on the flats but the Sanibel marina reported that they have had few fishermen willing to brave the recent weather.

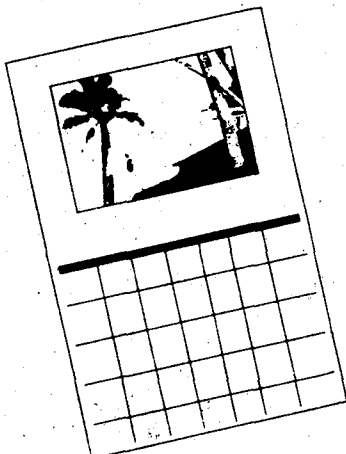
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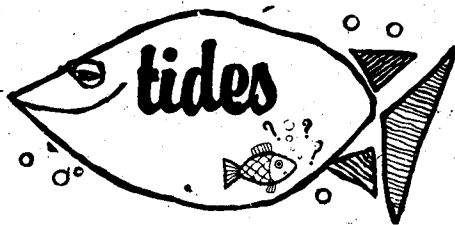
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GOLF

by mark harmel

The Beachview Women's Golf Association held a luncheon meeting at Eileen Joy's house following their regular Monday match. The group decided to initiate the point system for handicapping and elected new officers. Marjorie Martorelli was named the Chairman, Arlene Mercer is Vice

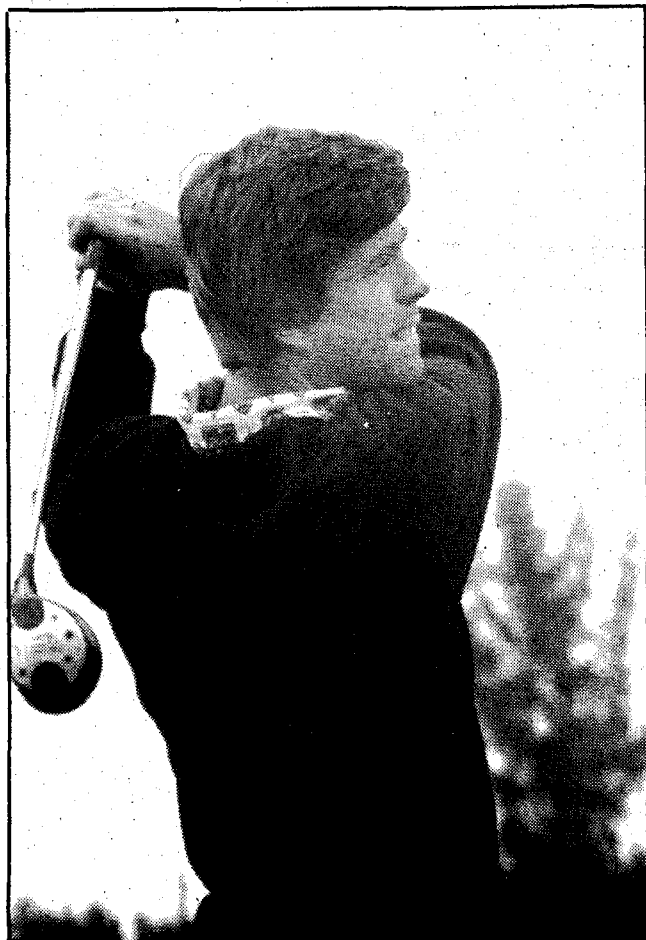
Chairman, Dorthy Ristow is Secretary, and Syril Rubin was named Treasurer.

Winners of the Beachview Women's match were Zee Butler with low gross, and Eileen Joy with low putts.

The winners of the Dunes Women's Golf Association were determined by comparing

scores after throwing out the three worst holes. Betty Uhr and Helen Ulrich tied for first place and Betty Puff took second.

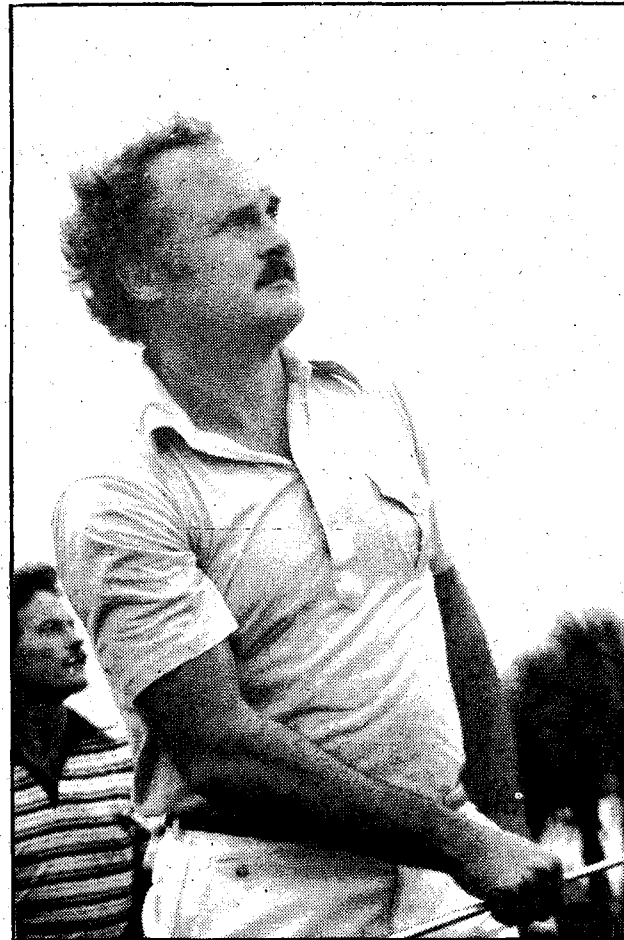
The Beachview Men cancelled their meeting due to the Scotty's Invitational Tournament.



Steve Kern Championship Flight winner.



Low gross winner Don Daus.



Al Duncan, sponsor of the tournament.

92 players in Scotty's 1st Annual Invitational Golf Tournament

92 golfers slogged through the soggy Beachview golf course playing in the Scotty's Invitational golf tournament on Saturday. The 18 hole handicapped tournament, which is destined to become an annual event, was followed by an awards banquet at The Putting Pelican, Beachview's new clubhouse.

The big winners of the day were Curt Washburn with the low net score, Don Daus with low gross, and winning a car for coming closest to the cup on the seventh hole was Bruce Bartholomew. Bartholomew was pleased to receive the vintage 1966 Bonniville and said, "It was the last thing I needed." Alex Brenner received a week's stay in any resort on Sanibel during the slowest week of the year, September 15-22, for being the furthest from the cup on the seventh hole.

Other winners were: Steve Kern - Championship Flight, Bob Neff - A Flight, George Siri - B Flight, Dick Muench - C Flight, Ed Barone - D Flight, John Forester - F Flight.



An awards banquet after the tournament initiated the new Putting Pelican clubhouse.

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High Game

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County reverses on camper limitations

Reversing a move made in September, Lee County officials have decided not to enforce an ordinance limiting campers and recreational vehicles to a 30-day stay in county campgrounds.

Dick McDole, director of the county's Division of Code Enforcement, said the regulation, instituted in 1968, is unenforceable and should be changed or eliminated.

Last September, the county zoning department sent notices to many local campgrounds requiring campers to move every 30 days.

At that time, representatives of the campgrounds said the action could eliminate up to 75 per cent of their winter business, and formed an association to fight the enforcement.

In early November, County Commissioner Roland Roberts said the purpose of the ordinance was to prevent circumvention of building and safety codes by travel trailers. Roberts said at that time that most of the people whom the ordinance would affect are non-taxpayers who use a great deal of county services while spending the winter in Florida.

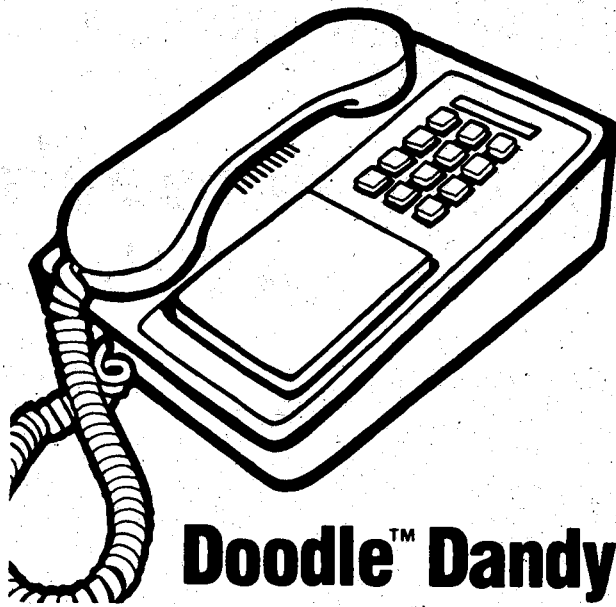
McDole said the county commissioners will meet with attorneys representing the campground owners on Dec. 17 to discuss a workable ordinance that would deal with the issues of safety standards and taxation.

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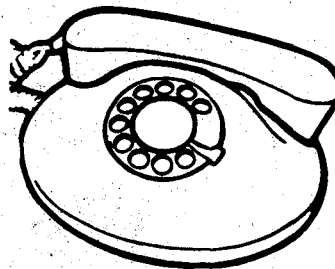
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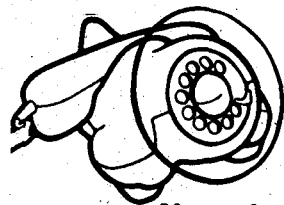
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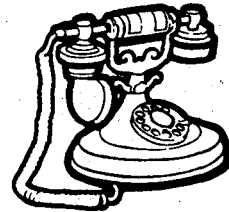
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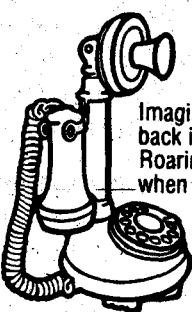
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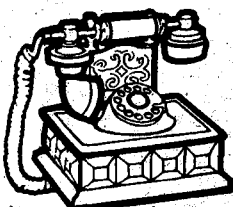
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Division A Standings

FM Racquet	30	6
Landings	29	7
Casa Ybel	20	16
Rangoon	17	19
Burnt Store	15	21
Cape Coral	16	20
Port Charlotte	13	23
Lehigh	6	30

Division B Standings

Landings	30	6
YMCA 1	23	13
FM Racquet Blue	23	13
Cypress Lake	22	14
FM Racquet Red	20	16
Cape Coral	18	18
Dunes	18	18

YMCA 2	13	23
Rangoon	9	27
Park Meadow	4	32

Division B Results

Dunes 3, Rangoon 1	
Grinnell - Waterhouse	3-6, 7-5, 6-3
Tetreault - Ireland	6-2, 6-0
Bissell - Vernon	6-2, 6-3
Klein - Wagner	2-6, 2-6

Division A Results

Casa Ybel 1, Landings 3	
Costanzo - Peck	6-2, 6-3
Muench - Thompson	6-7, 4-6
Parker - Pfahler	5-7, 2-6
Greenberg - Mather	3-6, 6-4, 0-6

Ladder

Men's Ladder

1. Ben Bjerke
 2. Brian Newberry
 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
 13. Joe Searing
 14. Vinny Hayes
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Children's Ladder

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

Women's Ladder

1. Lou Anne Parker
2. Pam Thompson
3. Pam Pfahler
4. Marge Peck
5. June Muench
6. Dorothy Andrews
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8. Mary Ann Boleman
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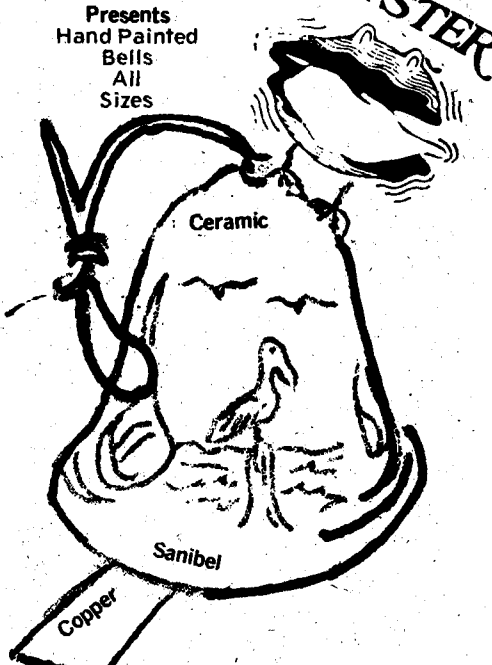
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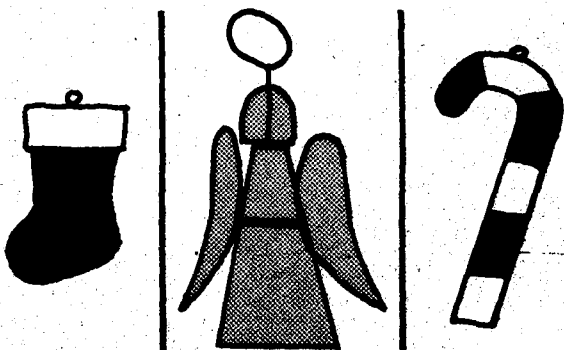


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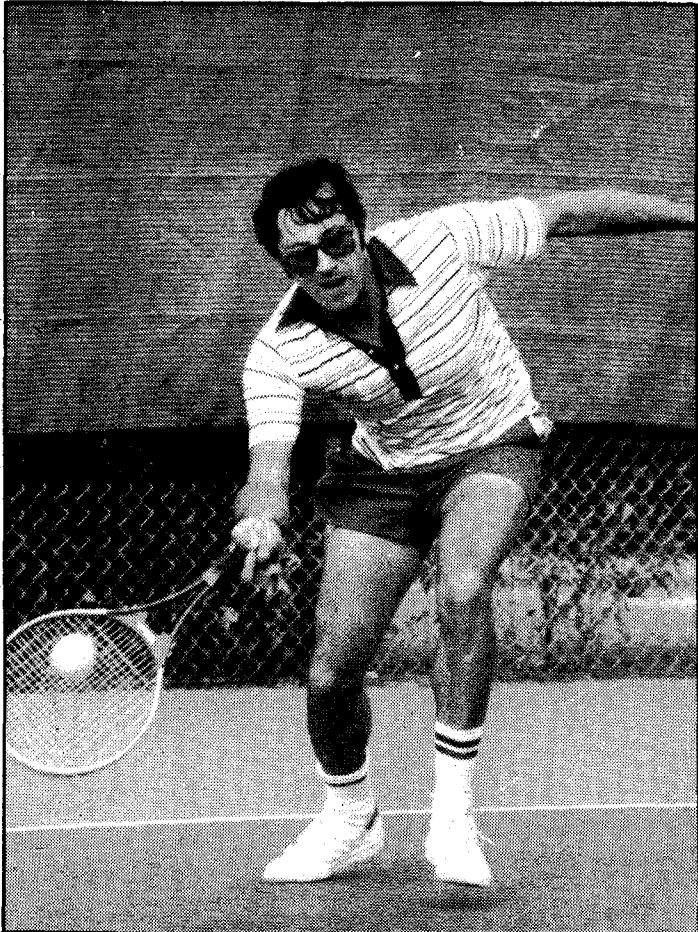
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Dunes Challenge of the Sexes

by mark harmel



Robert Ganz made it all the way to the semi-finals, but was too tired to finish.

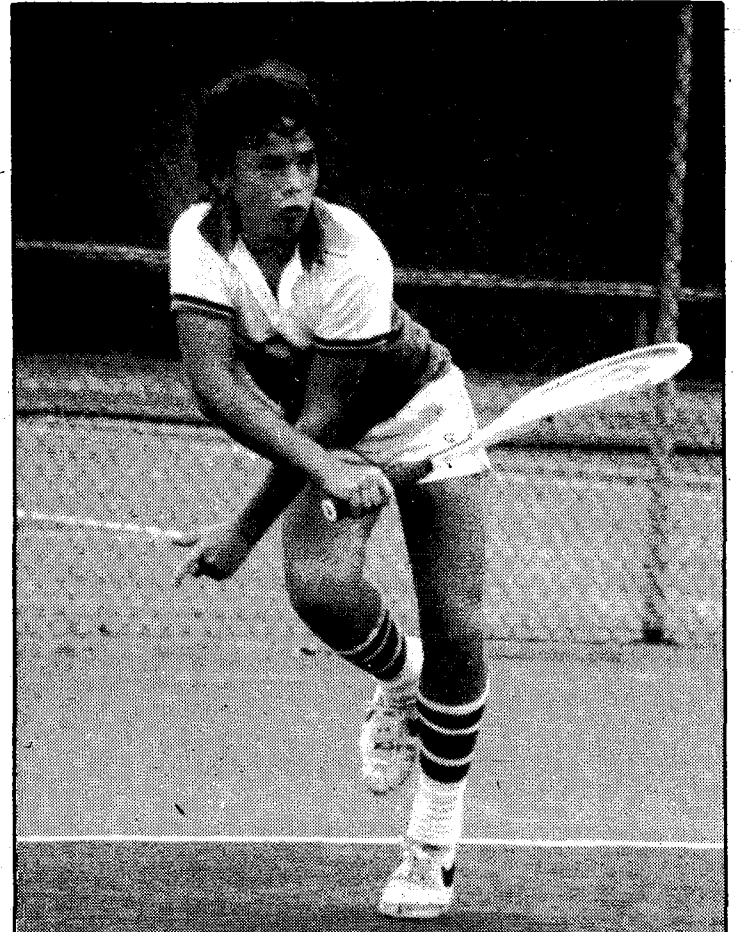
Gaye Johnson takes top honors

Gaye Johnson defeated the Island's top men's player Ben Bjerke 7-5, 6-4 in the final match of The Dunes Challenge of the Sexes tennis tournament on Sunday. The tournament was a handicap event that allowed women to hit in the doubles court while the men returned to the singles court and were limited to one service.

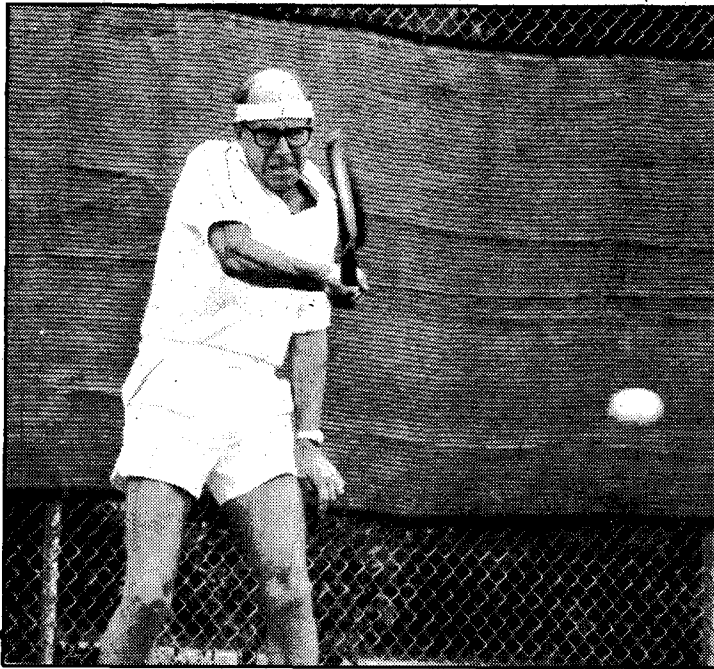
Johnson took full advantage of the handicap, forcing Bjerke to run from alley to alley to return shots. The victory gives "bragging rights" to the women of the Islands and also marks a successful return to the courts by Johnson.

The handicap proved to be an effective balancing tool. All of the final matches saw men paired against women. Ben Bjerke moved into the finals after defeating Pam Thompson in a close match 7-5, 6-4, and Gaye Johnson beat Robert Ganz 7-5, default. Before playing Johnson, Ganz played one of the better and longest matches of the day against the surprisingly strong Al Grassgreen.

The tournament pairings provided good matches throughout the tournament. "I couldn't have written a better tournament," said Dunes tennis pro Dean Gunter. "I'll probably never have a tournament this good again."



Joey Hammett played with the handicap but he was no match for Ben Bjerke.



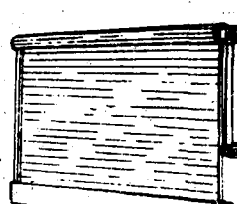
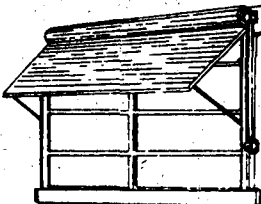
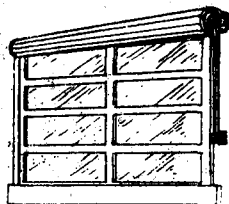
Even with the handicap against him, Bill Baker was too much for Pam Pfahler



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Florida's sugarcane industry began in St. Augustine around 1565 when the Spanish colonial governor Menendez imported the perennial cousin of the bamboo and corn plant into the area.

The first recorded commercial production of Florida sugarcane began in 1767, but the majority of the cane fields were destroyed during the Revolutionary War. The industry was nearly non-existent until the late 1800's when inclement weather and poor soil conditions forced sugarcane farmers to relocate their crops farther south.

In 1931 the U.S. Sugar Corporation, owned by a family in Flint, Michigan, bought out the struggling Southern Sugar Company of Canal Point. A sophisticated water management system designed by the Army Corps of Engineers and financed with federal and state funds was implemented to drain field flood waters during Florida's rainy season and conserve water during the dry winters. Research conducted in the 1930's and 40's successfully developed a superior variety of cane hardy enough to withstand the severity of southern Florida's climate and industry growth was phenomenal. In 1975 Florida's first million ton crop of raw sugar was harvested.

story by pat harmel

photos by mark harmel



Clewiston may be the only town in America where you can get fat just by breathing the air!

The small town of Clewiston, population 12,000, is the center of Florida's sugar cane industry, housing the headquarters of both the United States Sugar Corporation and the Florida Sugar Cane League.

Clewiston, the largest town in Hendry County, wears a permanent crown of white vapor six months of the year and smells for all the world like a carnival midway. The cotton candy perfume is attributable to the United States Sugar Corporation's mill, as is the constant rumble of semi trucks roaring through the center of town.

Fifty-six years ago Clewiston was little more than a smooth spot in the road along unpaved U.S. 27. It was called Sand Point.

Herds of cattle and purebred horses dot the scenery along Highway 80 but it is sugarcane that pumps life into the small farming community.

The U.S. Sugar Corporation's headquarters figure prominently in downtown Clewiston, as befitting one of the top 10 most profitable firms in the entire southeast.

Smokestacks of the Evercane refinery and U.S. Sugar's gigantic mill purposefully spew smoke scrubbed white down upon the townspeople, who don't seem to mind at all. Thousands of acres of sugarcane stretch from the back roads right into the back yards of Clewiston's residents, generating \$809 million in economic activity and 26,000 full time jobs for residents of the four county cane area.

Clewiston, with its rich muck farmland and neighborly

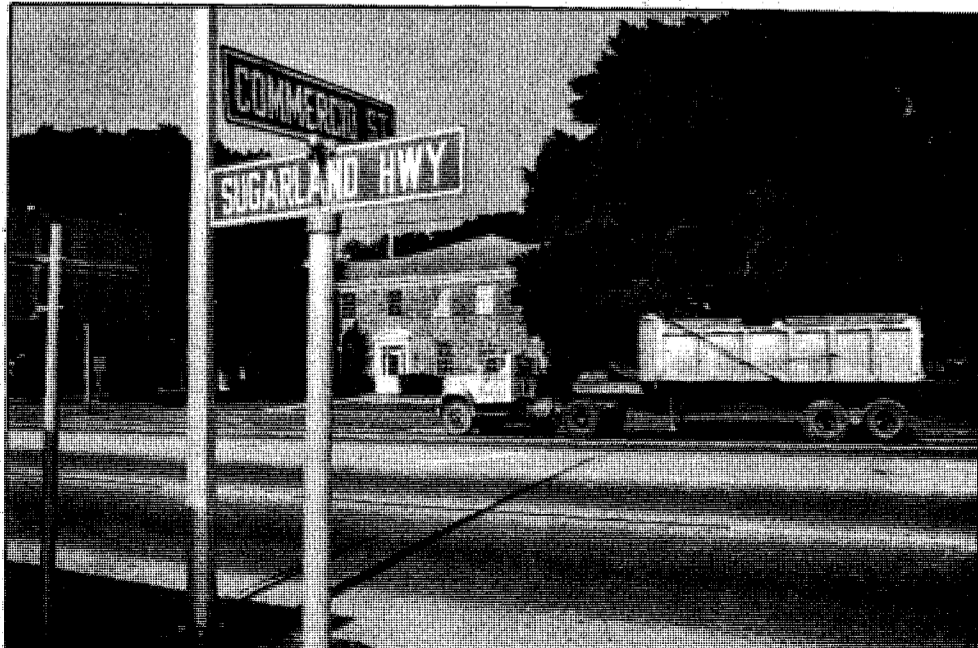
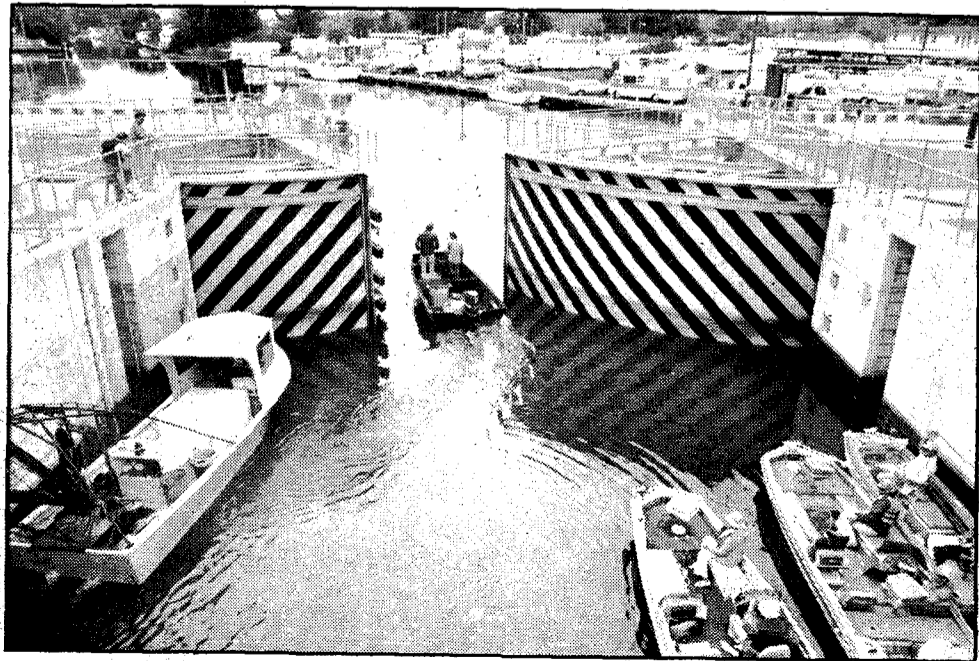
residents, seems not to have changed much since the pioneer days. It boasts a 70 bed hospital, modern high school, and the famous Clewiston Inn, but for the most part has remained true to the original design developed by City Planner John Nolen in the 1920's.

The Clewiston Inn, owned by U.S. Sugar, boasts southern plantation hospitality and a world renown wildlife mural on the walls of its cocktail lounge. The mural, depicting Everglades wildlife and vegetation, was oil painted on canvas by J. Clinton Sheperd of Palm Beach in 1945.

One block from the Clewiston Inn is the Glades Restaurant where the specialty is soft-shell turtle and fried alligator hors d'oeuvres. A poker faced waitress paces the dining room with a silver tray of tiny gator bits, enticing the customers to try them but refusing to reveal the tiny morsals identity.

Tony, the owner of the Glades, lost a bet against Jimmy Carter ever winning the presidency and as penance for his sins the boss serves peanut butter to all his customers - all you can eat.

This poker-faced waitress at the Glades Restaurant serves up fried alligator samples without telling customers what they're eating.



This year Clewiston hosted the World's Championship Bass Fishing Contest.



Sugar Cane: from field crop to coffee cup

It's hard to imagine that the grainy, white sugar you put in your coffee ever stood 12 feet tall in a sugarcane field looking for all the world like a bamboo fishing pole with corn husks.

It takes 10 years to develop one new variety of sugar cane, a process being conducted in laboratories and experimental fields in all the sugar producing States.

The cycle from field to coffee cup is relatively easy to describe and despite the years of research still remains for the most part a primitive art.

"Dropping cane," or sugarcane planting, begins in August when stalks of green cane are dropped, usually by hand, into black muck fields and lightly covered over. Depending on the weather and variety of cane three to five crops can be extracted from one planting.

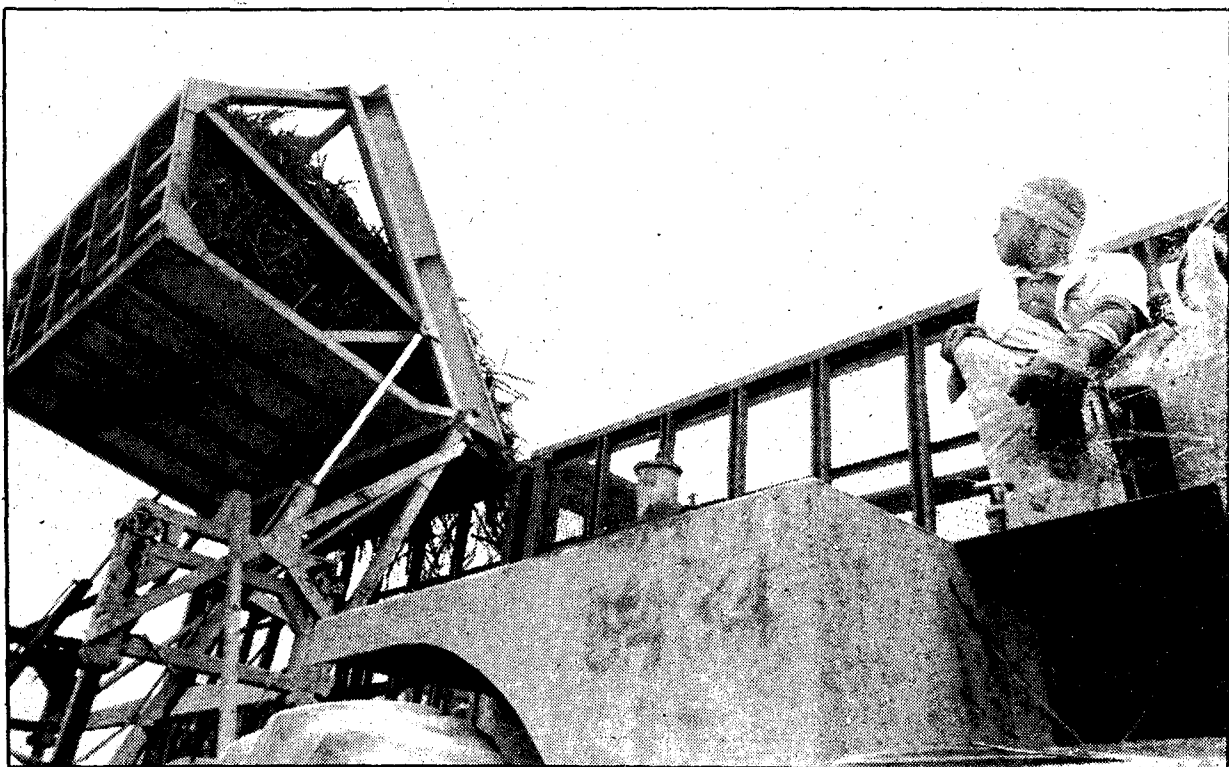
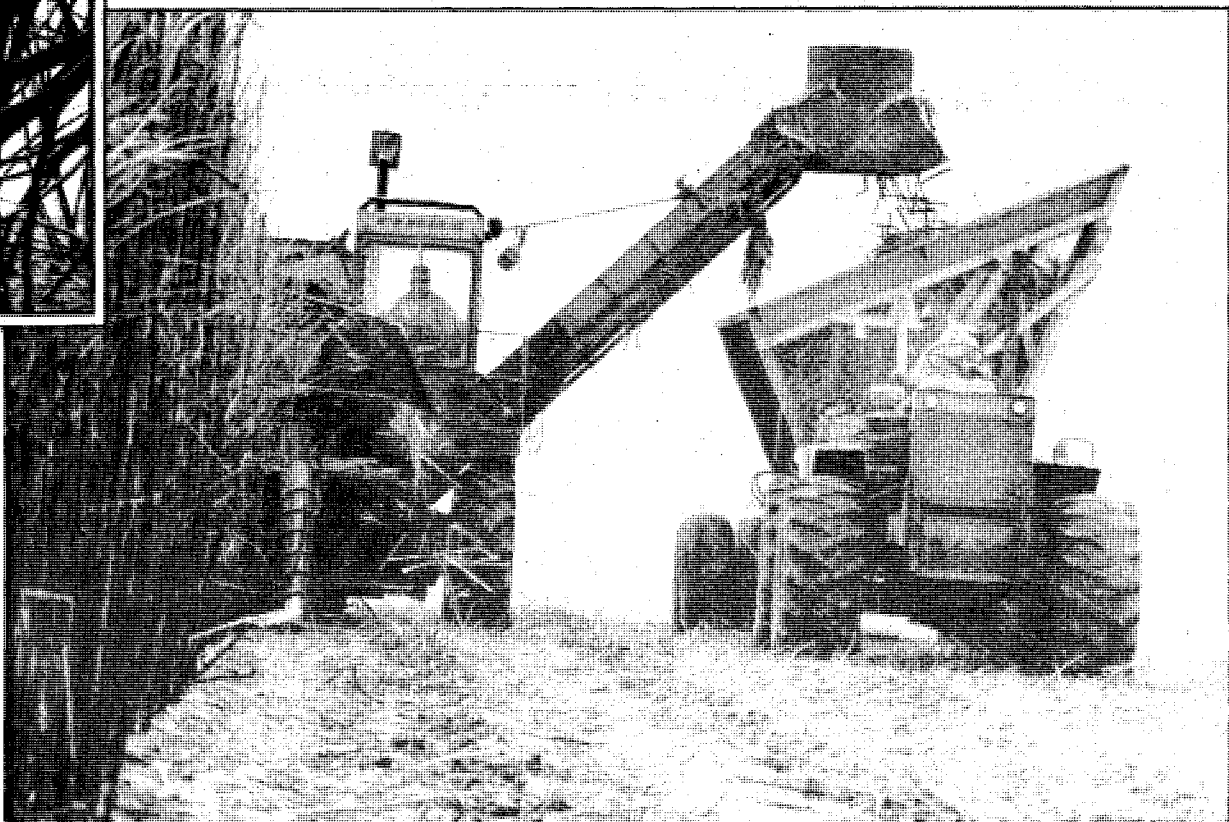
Harvesting begins in October with the controlled burning of the cane fields. The fire destroys most of the thick vegetation growing at ground level but leaves the leafy foliage at the top of the cane plant.

After burning the cane must be cut within two or three days or the sugar will turn sour. Most of the cutting is still done by hand. The \$50,000 - \$100,000 machinery designed to cut cane clears the field faster but is less precise, fails to separate foliage from stalk, and tears up the plant's roots. Time gained in the field through mechanical means is lost later at the mill.

The harvested crop is moved mainly from the fields in tractor trailers and railroad cars. In one day's harvest an estimated 3,500 truck and rail cars transport cane from the Florida fields to the mills, loading at an estimated truck per minute.

The cane is moved into the mill on conveyor belts where the stalks are shredded in preparation for the extraction process. Heavy rollers crush the juice from the cane as many as 14 times. The juice is then cleaned with lime, heated, the impurities removed and then evaporated into a syrupy concentrate. The syrup is then boiled until crystals are formed. When the sugar crystals are separated from the molasses an amber raw sugar is left which is then shipped to the refineries for further purification and packaging.

Only 10 percent of the total sugarcane ground becomes the final product. In the 1978-79 season 300,000 acres of Florida cane were harvested, resulting in 9,001,000 tons of ground cane. Each ton harvested produced only 216 pounds of raw sugar.





"I come to America to see foreign country."

Sugar in America is big business. This year's crop alone is expected to gross over \$350 million.

All the thousands of acres of cane, however, would be worthless without field workers to harvest it, and field workers are hard to find. Despite the wonder of modern technology most growers prefer hand cutting to machine harvesting. Although a machine has been invented to chop cane it can not remove and separate the foliage from the stalk. Machinery also damages the plant which, when cut by hand, may produce up to five crops.

This year 8,300 overseas seasonal workers have come to Florida to harvest sugar. Most of them from the West Indies.

In allowing Florida growers to import field labor the U.S. Department of Labor has mandated the hiring of any American who might also be applying for field work. Every year, despite extensive recruiting efforts, only a handful of Americans apply and very few last out the season.

Cutting cane is filthy, back-breaking work. The hazards of swinging a machete for eight hours a day in sooty, ant ridden cane fields where the powdered dirt clogs the eyes and nose evidently outweigh the glorious promise of free rent, medical care and \$200 a week wages for Americans.

Cutting cane is skilled labor and age is not a factor. A



talented cutter can fell four stalks of the bamboo-like cane with one swoop of his machete, trim off the "trash" with another two, and separate the trash and cane into two different rows all within the length of four to five seconds.

It is monotonous work and the men seldom speak to each other. The Sugar Cane League maintains that all imported workers speak English - but many are incomprehensible, and most are superstitious. All are suspicious of outsiders. Those who believe in voodoo refuse to have their picture taken, despite the presence of numerous TV and newspaper crews who travel religiously to the fields every Fall to document the beginning of yet another sugar harvest. Those workers who have become more westernized by repeated sojourns to the States are more cordial - and frequently demand payment for the right to take their picture.

Above:
Cane cutters harvesting the burnt fields by hand. Metal guards are worn on the left leg, foot, and hand to protect against machete blows.

Left: The workers neatly separate and stack the cane

and "trash" into two distinct rows. The cane will later be gathered by machine.



COTI elects directors

The Committee of the Islands (COTI) elected a new slate of Directors during last Thursday's annual meeting. Those elected included James Irwin, Conrad Lickel, Joe McMurtry, Larry Simon, Carl Wagner, Lillian Waterhouse, Carolyn Beebe and Mike Freidman. Officers are to be selected next week.

COTI members discussed current and future projects that the organization is working on. "We may not make headlines every week, but we've been very active," said Milena Eskew, pointing out that 1980 is an election year for Sanibel, with three council seats to be decided. "We're already studying possible candidates," she said.

COTI members emphasized that it was "terribly important" in an election year to dispel the "feeling that COTI is a bunch of elitists seeking to impose their will on the community". Jack Hutchins agreed,

adding that he hears from "a few people that we're a group of self-appointed bossy people trying to tell the Island what to do". Hutchins said that he felt the best way to dispel that feeling is through the use of polls. Hutchins suggested a poll on the possible sale of the Causeway to the City would be a good idea.

Outgoing Board Director George Tenney, who had been active in persuading the Council that they should hire a professional City Manager, rather than a local resident, said that he did not represent COTI in those discussions. Although COTI took no formal position on the issue, members agreed to write the new City Manager, Bernard Murphy, welcoming him and offering their support.

Board member Mike Freidman told the group that she wanted to affirm that the Committee of the Islands meant both Sanibel AND Captiva. Mrs. Eskew agreed,

saying that, when COTI was formed, as a merger of Sanibel Tomorrow and the old Planning and Zoning Board, the name was

selected to accommodate the possibility that other barrier islands, in addition to Sanibel and Captiva, might one day join the group.

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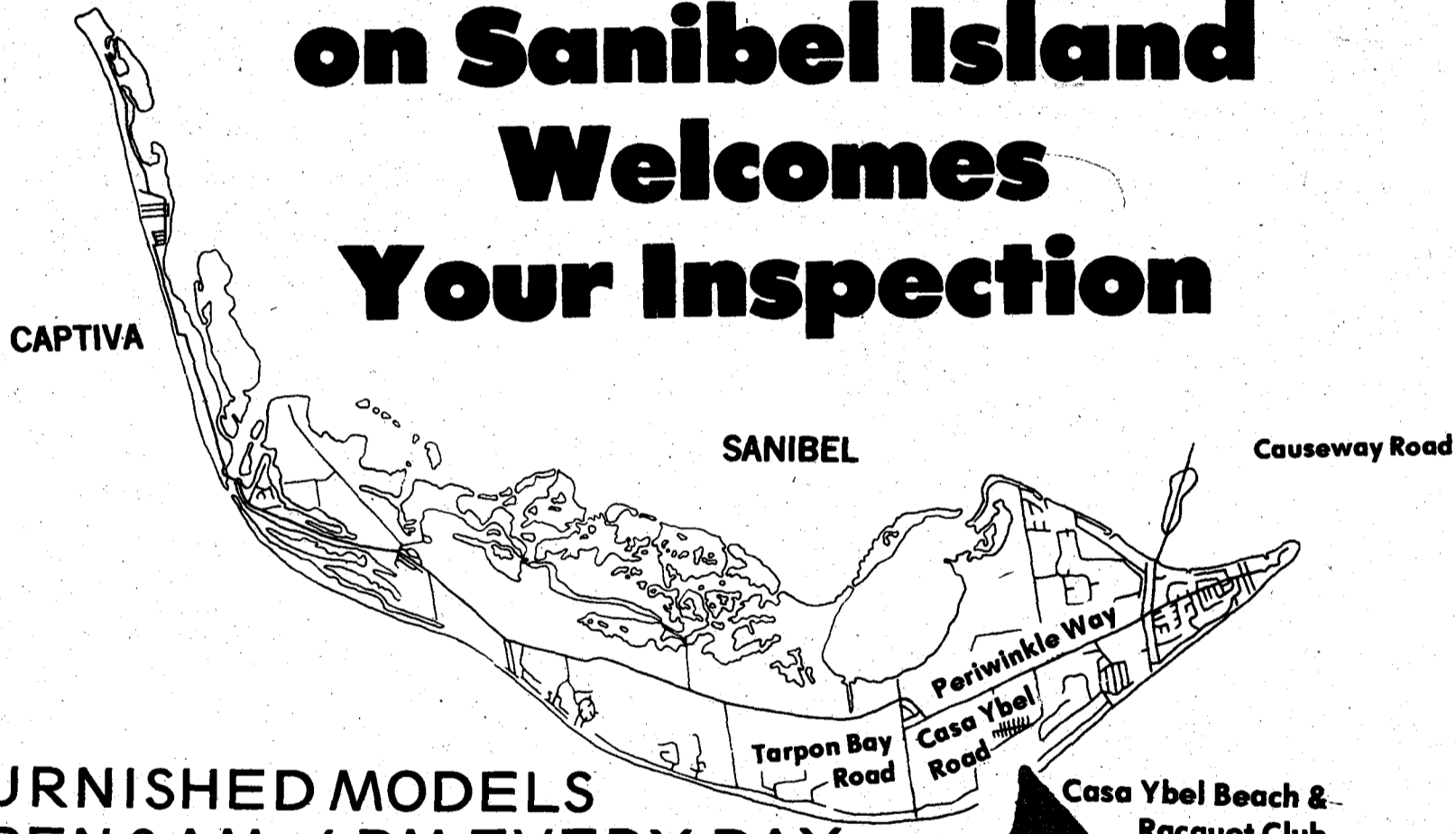
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Murphy finds first week "Everything I expected"

Bernard J. Murphy, Jr., the City's new City Manager, said Friday that his first week was "really exciting...what I expected. I am confident that I'll enjoy

Army engineers postpone hearing after DER decision

In what Councilman Porter Goss termed a unique case at last week's City Council meeting, the Department of Environmental Regulation (DER) has issued a notice that they intend to deny a permit request from the Deltona Corporation to complete a residential resort community on Marco Island. The DER decision, which Goss termed a landmark, means that the Army Corps of Engineers will postpone their public hearing on the case, originally scheduled for December 11 and 12.

Col. James W.R. Adams, Jacksonville District Engineer, said that the Corps will suspend further processing of Deltona's application until DER makes a final decision or notifies the Corps that their objections have been adequately met. If DER concerns are satisfied, then the Corps will schedule a public hearing at a later date, according to Adams.

Also, Adams added, if anyone who has submitted comments on the draft environmental impact statement wishes to supplement them, the comment period has been extended until December 28.

working and living on Sanibel."

Murphy maintained a very low profile during his first City Council session last week, explaining that "I have to learn all I can about the matters pending before Council." Murphy added that it was evident that his staff will have to be well prepared before they go out there. "It is an exceptionally bright council," he said. "There was good dialogue and good questions."

Murphy said that he was amazed at how small a world the Island community of Sanibel was proving to be. "I'm amazed at how many people either lived where I have before or know people I know," the 38-year old Murphy said.

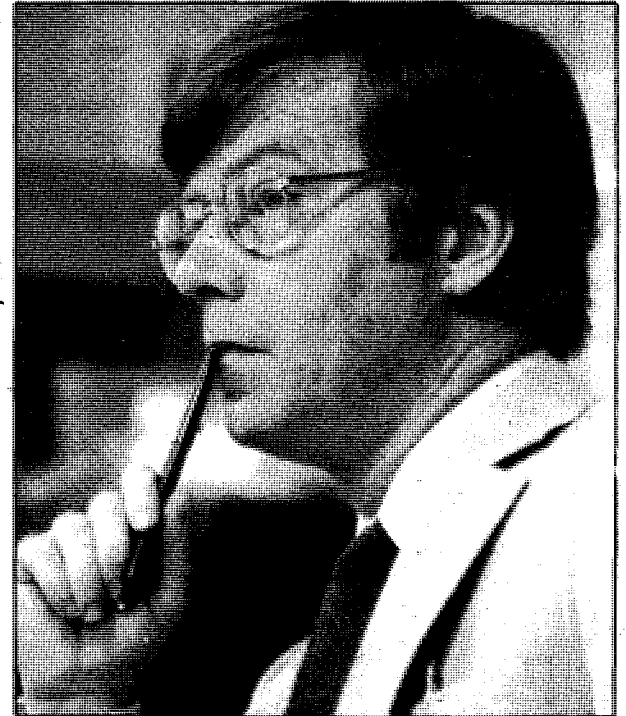
All is not destined to be roses, Murphy warned. "Over the months, there will be positions I will take that people aren't going to like," he cautioned. "Everything I recommend is going to be my objective judgement and if everyone can accept that, then it will be o.k."

Murphy reported that he was being inundated with paper and that his major job all week has been sorting out what is and isn't important.

Murphy said that he and his wife had found lodging (no small feat on Sanibel at this time of the year), and that his wife would be looking for a position, either in retailing or banking, when she arrives next week.

The presence of the soft-spoken but obviously knowledgeable Murphy amidst what has been an unsettled home of government for several months cannot help but have a calming effect on those in the City administration and Sanibel's citizenry.

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New City Manager Murphy listens attentively at his first Sanibel City Council meeting.

Contiguous lot issue will come before Council Dec. 18

At last week's City Council meeting, Planning Commission Chairman Ann Winterbotham told the Council that a staff report on the contiguous lot situation would be presented to the Council on December 18.

Under the comprehensive land use plan, people owning two adjacent lots may only build on one of the two lots.

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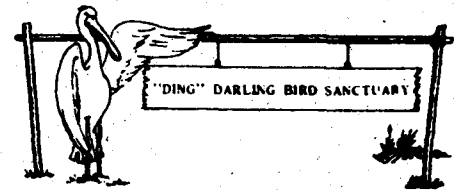
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Local Records

by gwen stevenson

No carry-over in ROG allocations

The Sanibel City Council last week voted unanimously not to carry over any of the remaining dwelling units not allocated during the past Rate of Growth year.

"We're kidding ourselves if we think we only had 168 structures on the ground," Goss said, pointing out that there were 168 dwelling units not subject to the Rate of Growth law.

Bailey expressed concern that the Council should carry over the 20 units not used for moderate cost housing. Councilman Zee Butler, who chairs the City's moderate cost housing committee, disagreed. "I think it is highly unlikely that we'll have more than 20 applications," she said. Butler added that there would be a committee meeting shortly to review a proposed draft ordinance for the sale of moderate cost units.

Law passed making it illegal to impersonate a City official

The Council adopted by unanimous vote last week an ordinance making it a crime to impersonate a city official or employee. The law also considers that anyone who aids the impersonation to be guilty as well.

City staff to investigate assessment for canals

A motion by Councilman Duane White requesting the City staff to prepare an assessment program for Shell Harbor and Sanibel Estates to pay for dredging the canals in those areas passed last week on a four to one vote. Sanibel Mayor Francis Bailey cast the dissenting vote. "The whole thing is on very shaky ground with me," he declared.

Councilman Porter Goss, although he went along with asking City Manager Bernie Murphy to draw up an assessment plan, questioned whether all the taxpayers in those subdivisions would go along with the program. "I question spending Island-wide taxpayers' money on a narrow area," Goss said. "But as long as all we're asking the City Manager to do is address the problem, I'll go along with it," he concluded.

Barrier Islands refuge on County agenda

Councilman Zee Butler will introduce a resolution by the City of Sanibel requesting the establishment of a barrier island refuge for some undeveloped barrier islands to the County Commissioners December 19.

Two new Planning Commissioners appointed

Last week saw three changes on the Sanibel Planning Commission as two members were replaced and a third tendered his resignation.

Sanibel residents Fred Valtin and Arthur Wyckoff were named as replacements for retiring commissioners Twink Underhill and Betty Robinson. (Valtin was a recent contender for the City Manager's position and Arthur Wyckoff also serves on the Board of Directors for the Island Water Association).

Mayor Francis Bailey also told the Council that Planning Commissioner Ray Fenton had tendered his resignation citing "pressing family and business needs". Fenton's resignation was "accepted with regret" by the Council. He had a year left in his three-year term. Fenton indicated that he would serve until the Council selected a successor which they plan to do at their January 2 Council meeting.

Wheelchairs now permitted on bike paths

The City Council at last week's meeting unanimously passed a law permitting people who require the use of a wheelchair to operate the wheelchair on the bike path.

A provision in the ordinance limiting the speed to five miles an hour and requiring that wheelchairs follow rules for bicycles on the path was stricken.

"We have to go on the assumption that reasonable people will do reasonable things," said Council member Zee Butler.

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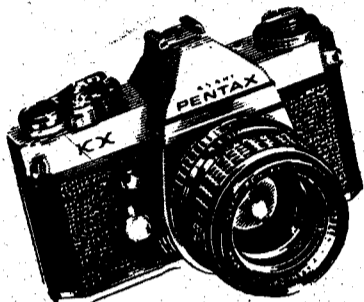
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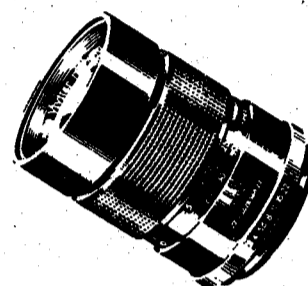


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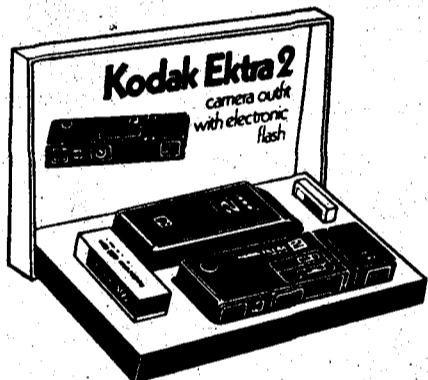
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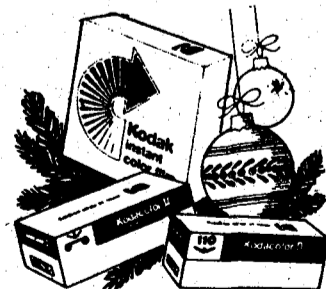


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Gaye Johnson

Age: 48

Height: 5' 8"

Roots: "I really don't have any roots because my family moved so much. I was born in Washington D.C. but only lived there a month."

Pleasures: "My number one pleasure is my husband and family but I also enjoy tennis, most outdoor sports, reading, handcrafts, sewing - I'm never not busy!"

Last Book Read: "War and Remembrance"

Mentor: "I don't have just one, there were many people who influenced my life. If I can only name one person I guess I'd have to say my husband Stan."

Wish: "That there were more hours in the day."

Words of Wisdom: "Don't feed the alligators."



photos by mark harmel

Truth is stranger than fiction, according to some, and in the case of Gaye Johnson truth is definitely stranger than TV.

Every Wednesday and Thursday evening millions of Americans turn on the tube for a vicarious hour of old time big familism. We endure tragedy with the Waltons and sympathize with Dick Van Patton's ever present generation canyon ("gap" is not large enough a word) with his *Eight Is Enough* brood.

At 8 p.m. we all become a part of a huge, loving, fighting, funny family. At 9 p.m. we all return to our 2.6 offspring and the traumas inherent in middle class life. All of us that is except Gaye Johnson.

Gaye, who swears she has never, not even once, watched *Eight Is Enough*, may sit down on Wednesday night at 8 p.m. to write the "family newsletter" to her own brood - of eight.

"The oldest is 32 and the youngest is 18 and in January I'm going to be a grandmother," explains Gaye. "There's two at Florida State, two at home, one in Tunis, one in Washington D.C., one in Brooklyn, and one in Colorado Springs. I couldn't possibly write them all personal letters all the time so I write a newsletter."

Growing up a Navy Junior ("It's Army brats and Navy Juniors"), the middle child between two brothers, and leading the vagabond existence of life in the military hardly prepared Gaye for the role of Wondermom.

As a child she lived in Texas, California, Ohio and the East Coast, and to this day exhibits an unidentifiable but undeniable accent in her conversation.

She was 10 years old and living in Hawaii on December 7, 1941 when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. On The Day of Infamy her father was stationed on a Navy cruiser.

Gaye remembers it like it was yesterday. "We lived just on the other side of Diamond Head and there were planes flying everywhere. There was tremendous confusion and we

were all scared to death, of course, and at one point I went out to stand in the yard and wave at the planes going overhead. My mother was afraid to come out in the yard and get me. I counted 17 planes going over."

A month later Gaye's family was evacuated from the island - "There was a certain gun that couldn't be shot until we left because it was aimed right at our house." It is a time she relives over and over, reading *War and Remembrance*, *From Here To Eternity*, and all the other historical works documenting that time.

Gaye also remembers that she "never learned anything until high school," traveling continually across the country as she did with her family.

"A button would click and you'd erase your friends. It was a tough life, traveling by car and staying at farmhouses along the way. I can still remember chickens butchered for our dinner hanging on farmhouse clotheslines! But it taught me to be competitive and how to make friends quickly - I never knew how long I'd have them."

After attending William and Mary and Longbeach State Gaye settled down to teaching elementary school, a career she held for 18 years. She was married, had three sons, and then divorced. And then she met Stan Johnson.

She should have recognized an omen when she saw one - her parents had met on a tennis court and it was on the court that she met - and beat - Stan. But romance came slowly. She barely remembered who Stan was by the time he called her for their first date, and it wasn't until 1970 that they married. Between them they had eight children, and the youngest two were both nine years old.

"From the very beginning mine were his and his were mine," claims Gaye. "Looking back I can't think of anything I would rather have happened to my life than having this huge family. It was a lot of fun - and a lot of pain."

Inheriting an enormous family overnight called for some

sort of drastic organization on Gaye's part if she intended to keep on working - and she did.

"Parents get themselves ripped up over things their kids do, over the letdowns," she muses philosophically. "We're very concerned about all our children, we try to give them emotional support, but ultimately they have to make it alone."

"I don't think I have ever once made Stan's breakfast. A long time ago I decided I don't make breakfasts and I don't pack lunches. Our family has a lot of love and respect for each other and we're not each other's maids."

Refusal to be chained to domesticity didn't save Gaye from a few gray hairs however. "One time our two nine year olds were down in the basement playing. I walked down the stairs and our daughter was in the clothes drier and our son was getting ready to turn it on. I started screaming and trying to pull her out and our son just looked at me real disgustedly and said, 'What's wrong? I already had my turn!'"

In 1972 the Johnsons came to Sanibel and Stan took over Priscilla Murphey Realty. Gaye, a self-professed workaholic, went into the real estate business.

"I really love this work," she says. "The thrill is not the sale, it's seeing somebody happy with what they've bought."

Gaye likens the real estate profession to that of teaching. "I talk to people about themselves before I ever talk to them about real estate," she states firmly. "People have to trust you, have to understand that you're part of the community and that you do care. The teaching is more important than the selling. I want people to be as in love with the islands as I am before I sell to them."

Will Gaye Johnson stay in love with the islands? Will she find more time to devote to tennis (a well kept secret desire)? Will her family grow up happy ever after? Tune in next Wednesday night for the answers to these and other questions!

Canada Candidly

by lorraine ashford

The reason I have been so late with this column is because my last one was obsolete before the mail box was even cleared. That was the time that President Carter was to pay us a state visit but, because of the Iranian situation, it was cancelled.

Before I continue with Canadian news, I have to say that I think Carter is handling the Iranian problem extremely well and if he can free those hostages without the use of military force, then he deserves every Peace prize in the book. I do think, however, that it is high time the "shah" was invited to leave the U.S. for Egypt, or elsewhere. I, too, think his cancer may have been a ruse. Why weren't neutral doctors called in to verify the diagnosis and confirm whether or not he is, in fact, terminally ill? Certainly the Americans don't owe him the lives of 50 hostages.

Sixteen years ago yesterday (November 22), President John F. Kennedy was killed in Dallas and, here, many Canadians yesterday were in mourning over the political demise of Pierre Elliot Trudeau. It came as quite a shock to all, although he has said that he will remain until March when the Liberals will hold a leadership convention in Winnipeg. Even though the

man is 60, he has the looks and stamina of a man half his age and I am sure he will direct his talents in other areas. He does feel that he can help with the referendum problem better as a citizen than as leader of the opposition party. He will still represent the Town of Mount Royal (a Montreal suburb) in Ottawa as their Member of Parliament.

The erstwhile Margaret Trudeau has bought a house in Ottawa for \$130,000, but there is no word about a reconciliation. Pierre was seen last week in New York at a disco with a very shapely blond. The news was somewhat disconcerting, since he was supposed to be in Vancouver at a Liberal party rally and he had told them he had a cold and couldn't attend. Some cold.

Nevertheless, for all his foibles, there is no man coming up who will easily fill his shoes. You loved him or hated him - there was no in-between. He made mistakes, but there was never any doubt that he had the best interests of the country at heart.

He did, however, alienate the West and I doubt if the Liberals would ever rise to power again had he remained at their head. And, since Pierre is too proud a man to be asked to leave, he took the dramatic way out. I think most Canadians wish him

well - the man has dignity and style - especially where his wife is concerned. She is, no doubt, a large part of the problem.

This, too, is Grey Cup week here in Montreal. The annual Canadian drunk as it is better known. We have the Montreal Alouettes in the East against the Edmonton Eskimos of the West and my money is on the Esks. Als have used the running up the middle plan so many times that even I could stop them if I were big enough. We're having too much defensive

football here lately and it makes for dull games.

I hope you Americans had a very happy Thanksgiving holiday and that you will parlay it into a merry Christmas. I trust you Canadians down there are all behaving yourselves and think of us up here in the fog, drizzle (soon to be snow) once in awhile.

Now, before Mr. Trudeau decides to stay on in Parliament, I had better get this malled....

Barrier island bill in Congress

Congressman Phillip Burton introduced a bill establishing Barrier Islands National Parks in the House of Representatives November 28, 1979. The bill is designed to provide necessary protecting for the "undeveloped areas of barrier islands". The bill also provides that no federal assistance may be rendered if property on a barrier island that has been designated as part of that group has been damaged or destroyed by a natural disaster.

Councilman Porter Goss, who has been active in coastal zone management for many years and who recently returned

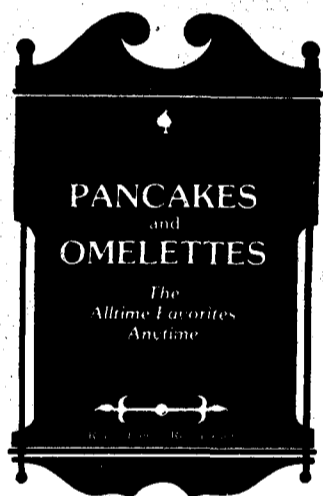
from viewing Hurricane ravaged Dauphin Island, said that, if the Bill were in effect, that would mean that Dauphin Island, for example, could not be rebuilt with federal funds.

Goss, who was unaware of the Bill until notified by the ISLANDER, said that, at first glance, it appeared that the bill was structured along the same lines as the federal flood program whereby municipalities who do not adhere to the flood insurance program are denied federal aid.

The Bill was referred to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

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Shelling Tips.....

by Captain Mike Fuery

When I look for shells, I always keep an eye out for "freaks". They make the most unusual and interesting shells you can place in your collection. This week, let's look at wierd shells.

Shells that are very active as they feed on the beaches or flats seem to develop the most unusual shell formations. The fighting conch is one that somehow comes up with deformed shells that enhance the specimen for the collector.

One of the most common things a shell will do is break its outer edge while eating or catching a bit of food, such as a small clam.

When the fighting conch starts to repair the broken edge, it isn't unusual for that new addition to be of a different color or texture. As the shell grows older and develops, that new color also enlarges and the result is a really interesting shell - of two colors.

Starfish also seem to get their share of "weirdos" too. As far as I'm concerned, the common, five-legged starfish is interesting, but I would rather find a four-legged or eight-legged starfish - then you have something really special for your collection. Once, on one of my shelling charters, a woman was about to throw away a seven-legged starfish because it "looked funny" until I showed her how unusual her find was.

Starfish are famous for dropping a leg or two when they are captured. If the starfish is lucky enough to escape, it will regrow that leg. So, if you find a starfish with four long legs and one short one, you'll know what happened.

Albino shells aren't deformed, of course, but they still fall into the category of unusual shells. One of the most beautiful

albino shells I found on a recent trip was a natica albino. As you might know, the natica looks somewhat like a shark's eye - a snail type of formation. Only the natica is far more delicate and much more colorful, if found in good condition.

When I was shown the albino natica, I thought at first it was just a faded natica. Upon closer examination, however, (and after hauling out the shell book I keep on the boat) we decided it had to be an albino.

There is room for confusion over albinos, because almost all shells tend to fade after they die and are washed up on the beaches. I guess all shells have albino gene possibilities, so, before you announce that you've found an albino shell of any variety, check carefully, especially inside, to see if you can find any color.

If you can, then most likely, you've found a regularly colored shell that has faded with the sun and salt. A true albino should be a whitish cream color all the way through.

There are all kinds of interesting and different shell formations. Worm shells and turkey wings are prone to odd shapes, too. Collecting freaks takes time. You may pick up 50 fighting conchs before you find that different shell. That is what makes shelling fun. While you're out there this week, keep in mind the shelling limit of two live shells per person per species and keep an eye out for freaks. There isn't one particular beach on the Islands where they might be found, though.

If we continue to have strong northerly winds, check for shells at the end of Dixie Beach Road, where the pavement stops at Pine Island Sound. Low tide should get you some "keepers".





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Lions see police dogs at work

By D.E. Cooperrider

The regular meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club was held at the Sanibel Community Building on December 5 with 12 guests in addition to the regular members.

The Fort Myers Police Department, Charlotte County Sheriff's Office and the Sanibel Police Department presented a program on the training and use of dogs in police work. The four dogs present at the Lions' meeting were trained to word commands, will not attack unless ordered and are trained to react only to violence. As soon as the subject is quiet, the dog ceases to bite and merely holds on to the captive.

Sanibel Police Officer Betty Weir is currently training herself and her Doberman for work on the Island. The dogs in the demonstration were all German Shepherds, which is the generally preferred breed for this type of work.

The dogs are "family" dogs, living with the family of the officer responsible for their use. They are not vicious and depend on word tone for their response, not on word meaning. The participating officers and dogs were given a standing ovation at the completion of the program.

Christmas tree sale schedules were handed out by sale chairman Lynn Rogers and he noted that trees are supposed to arrive on Saturday, December 8 and the sale will start on Sunday, December 9 (last Saturday and Sunday) if the trees arrive on schedule.

New members Ken Meeker, Ken Soper, Leo Shelski and Rev. Gerard Beauregard were inducted by Past President Duane White and attendance awards were given to 56 Lions. The six charter members remaining in the club at the end of 12 years were given special recognition. They are Francis Bailey, Norman Chambers, Bob Dormer, Bob Aycock, Leroy Friday and Hap Payne.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 19 at the Sanibel Community Building at 6:30 p.m.



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Couple-happiness seminar scheduled

With more of today's couples living in dual career situations, the maintenance of a "romantic and life giving relationship" is becoming increasingly difficult, according to clinical psychologist Dr. Ray Mulry who will chair a January seminar at South Seas Plantation for couples who wish to improve their relationships. Mulry believes that most "couple problems" stem from people's inability to develop and foster mechanisms for coping with personal stress.

Mulry, who is currently affiliated with the Eisenhower Medical Center in Palm Springs, California, has studied the effects and management of tension and stress for a number of years. He serves as a corporate consultant on physical and mental health and is the author of a book, "Tension Management and Relaxation", which explores the relationship of stress and tension to personal health and his own techniques for coping with and re-directing tension.

The Florida seminar to be chaired by Mulry is entitled "Health, Recreation and Happiness for Today's couples". It will include lecture and discussion sessions on developing self-reliant lifestyles, responsibilities to self; the building of

couple relationships, personal health and Tension Management - the latter is Mulry's trademarked program for dealing with personal stress.

Information about Mulry's January seminar can be obtained by calling South Seas Plantation at 472-5111, extension 3361, or by writing "Couples Seminar", South Seas Plantation, Sales and Marketing, P.O. Box 194, Captiva Island, Fla 33924.

Seminar registration is limited to 50 couples, with attendance by advance reservation only. The registration fee of \$125 per couple includes all materials for seminar sessions which will run from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday, January 5 and Sunday, January 6. Accommodations at South Seas are optional and not included in the fee.

Shell club to meet Dec. 19

The Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club will meet on Wednesday, December 19, 1979 at 8 p.m. at the Sanibel Community House.

An auction of Sanibel and world-wide shells will be held. Also, the annual Christmas party, with a visit from Santa Shell, will be held. The public is invited.



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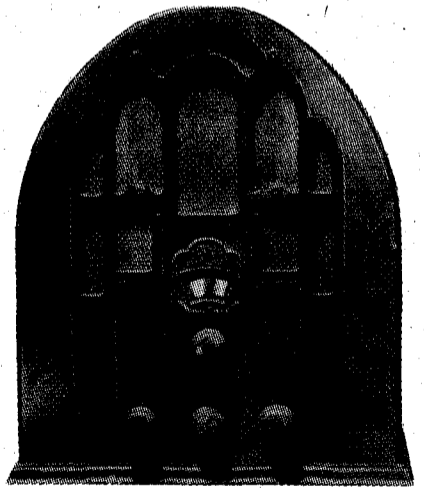
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Audubon Society begins winter series

The Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society will begin its 1979-80 entertainment program this Thursday, December 13, at 8 p.m. at the Sanibel Community Center.

The event for the evening will be the showing of the newly-released color film entitled, A GREAT WHITE BIRD, which portrays the Whooping Crane's fight for survival.

The 50-minute color film pays cinematic tribute to a great bird's stubborn fight for survival against all odds and to the work of many individuals who have dedicated themselves to preserving the whooping crane as a viable species on this planet.

Photographed on location in the United States and Canada, the film traces the history of whooping crane conservation from the early crusades to protect the birds led by Robert Porter Allen of the National Audubon Society to today's scientific experiments aimed at increasing whooper numbers.

More than two years in the making, the film documents the exhausting search for the cranes' mysterious breeding grounds and their perilous 2,500 mile annual migration from the Texas Gulf Coast to the Canadian north. But the whooper itself is the true star of "A GREAT WHITE BIRD", as this elusive creature is captured on film, leaping high in its ballet-like mating dance, tending its young in the solitude of Canada's remote Northwest Territories, feeding leisurely in the Texas marshes where it winters and soaring high in its majestic flight.

Several times during this century, the population of migratory whooping cranes has plummeted to less than 20 birds, leaving the species teetering on the brink of extinction. Although whooper numbers are still low, the film ends on a cautious note of optimism as it portrays U.S. and Canadian biologists working on a unique project to augment the current population by creating a second wild whooping crane flock at Grays National Wildlife Refuge in Idaho.

Next week's Audubon Society entertainment program, on Thursday, December 20, will feature a color slide show talk by Paul Palmiotto of the Florida State Forestry Service on "Forestry in Lee County". The general public is invited to attend.

December tours of Wildlife Refuge announced

There will be tours of the J.N. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge four days each week during the month of December.

On Tuesdays, the tour leaves from the entrance to the Wildlife Drive at 8 a.m.; Wednesdays, from the Bailey Tract at 8 a.m.; Thursdays, the tour again leaves from the entrance to the Wildlife Drive at 8 a.m.; and Friday, the tours leave from Tarpon Bay Marina at 10 a.m. for a trip on the Canoe Trail. You must furnish your own canoes.

For more information, call 472-1100.

Murray elected Rotary President

John Murray, vice-president of Captran's Marketing and Advertising Department, has been elected the first acting president for the newly formed Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club. Mark Webb, loan officer for the Bank of the Islands, is acting treasurer.

Other officers will be added upon formal national recognition of the club when it achieves its minimum membership of 20 men. Members in 20 different business classifications are required for formalization of the club's recognition. A membership drive is currently being conducted to reach the required 20-applicant fulfillment by December 28.

"We're looking for young men within local businesses who will enjoy community growth, mixed with the rewards of new relationships and achievements within the community," Murray said. The club must maintain a 60 percent attendance record at its weekly Dutch Treat luncheons now held Friday noon at Sundial. Guests and visiting Rotarians are invited to attend. Each meeting will feature a 15-minute talk by a guest speaker with the luncheon itself



Rotary's acting president, John Murray.

lasting little more than an hour.

Initial dues for the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary will be \$35. Membership information may be obtained from John Murray at 472-5159 or Bob Merklas at 472-1307.

League of Women Voters to discuss water management

Water Management will be the subject discussed at today's meeting of the Lee County League of Women Voters at the Brown Derby, Fort Myers. David Burr and Dolly Goldman of the Regional Planning Commission will speak on "Plans affecting Cape Coral and Fort Myers" following the luncheon meeting. A social hour at 11:30 a.m. precedes the program. Transportation from the Island may be arranged with Charlotte Hamlet, 472-2927.

The meeting is open to the public. The cost of the luncheon, including tax and tip, is \$4.50.

The Sanibel unit of the League meets the first and third Mondays of the month and membership chairman, Carleen Bowen, 472-4956, may be contacted for information or transportation. The first Monday, a workshop is held in the homes of members and the third, a general meeting, takes place at West Wind Inn, West Gulf Drive, at 9:30 a.m.

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the green thumb

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The spider plant

You see a ton of spider plants wherever you go. But how many do you see in good shape? The good ones I see are few and far between. Let's take a look and maybe find out how to keep your spider plants looking just like they came from the florist's.

The most common problem with spider plants is the browning of the tips on the leaves. Some of your manuals will say that this is normal for the plant and is to be expected. I feel as though it can be controlled. It has been discovered that the fluorides in the water cause the browning and in other plants besides spiders. For this reason, you should be using rain water for your plant watering. Fluorides are used in the purification of water and they are great for humans - but not so terrific for our plants. The spider plant may be a little more sensitive to fluorides than other plants and this could be a major reason why there is frequent browning of leaves.

While we are on the subject of watering, you should keep your spider plant's soil moist at all times, but never soggy, since this will rot the slender leaves faster than you might expect. If you still experience brown tips, about all you can do is prune them back. If you do this, cut the leaf so there is a point to simulate the leaf's natural shape and it will be very inconspicuous.

Your spider plant will do best in indirect sunlight. All your plant manuals say around 400 ft. candles (average room light) but I have seen many specimen do very well in lower light levels. Spider plants take quite a long time to become root bound. Nevertheless, if your wish to replant your spider, just use commercial potting soil and remember to feed them every three months with any good house plant fertilizer.

Spider plants can offer you a lot if you take advantage of the little plantlets. You can very easily propagate them any time of the year simply by pinning a plantlet to moist potting soil. The trick to this technique is to wait until you notice small aerial roots develop on the plantlets. At that time, you pin them to the soil, but do not sever them from the mother plant. You must wait until the plantlet has transferred its aerial roots to soil roots. It will be simple to notice because the plant will resist when you try and tug it out of its container.

I hope this column will help you diagnose some of the problems that are common to the spider plant and some of the remedies as well. With a spider plant, always remember never to give up hope.

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Cities should pool resources in dual taxation battle

With deadlines and court cases closing in, the three Lee County cities sent representatives to the Fort Myers City Hall last Wednesday morning to discuss strategy for the dual taxation fight with the Lee County Commissioners. Representing Sanibel were Jim Hermes and Fred Valtin.

Fort Myers has given Lee County until January 1, 1980 to respond to a request for dual taxation relief and a hearing was scheduled for yesterday on a Cape Coral suit against the Commission. Cape Coral is

asking the Circuit Court to order the County Commission to reconsider its decision not to offer taxation relief to the City for the Sheriff's patrol.

Ted Bower, executive vice-president of the Tampa-based Planned Management Corporation, told the representatives that they needed a cooperative strategy. "We would like to see the cities pool their efforts," he said.

Bower recommended that the cities concentrate on forcing the County Commission to consider how services are allocated, rather than waiting until hearings are held on the county budget. He

said the cities should demand that the county hold open hearings to determine which services are of county-wide use and which are exclusively for the unincorporated areas. Ultimately according to Bower, the County should adopt separate budgets for county-wide and unincorporated services.

Fort Myers City Clerk Maynard Matz said that perhaps part of the problem with the question of the Sheriff's patrol is that the Florida cabinet has the final authority on how much the County Sheriff requires. "Then," said Matz, "the counties must come up with the money."

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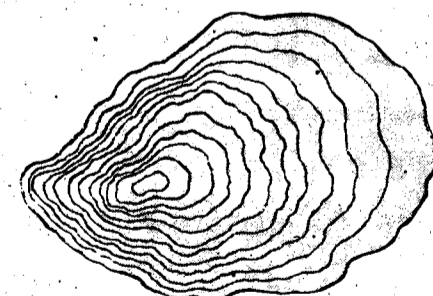
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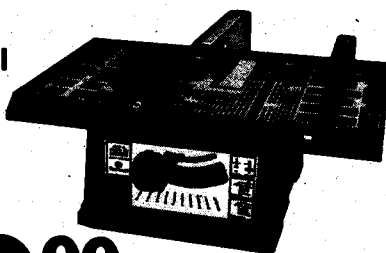
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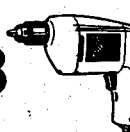


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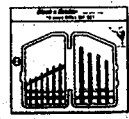


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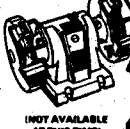


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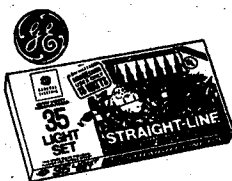


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If you wish to, you could hire an abstractor to prepare a history of the property if there isn't one already in existence. Even the most skilled abstractor may not catch everything, however, and the abstractor cannot interpret the legal effect of the documents. So, an attorney's opinion

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American Red Cross blood credits not honored locally

By CINDY CHALMERS

Blood—most of us don't think much about it as long as we have eight pints of it circulating healthily in our hearts, arteries and veins. But we think twice about the precious fluid when someone we love loses a few pints and needs replacement units as a matter of life or death.

But collecting, matching and replacing blood is no simple procedure, and the process has been made more complex on a local level recently in the light of conflicting philosophies of the nation's two major blood banking organizations, the American Association of Blood Banks and the American Red Cross.

The story is long and complicated, explains Ron Wilkins, executive director of Lee County's blood banking program, the Edison Regional Blood Center. "To begin with, we should explain the philosophies behind the Red Cross and regional blood banks that belong to the AABB."

The Edison Regional Blood Center, like most AABB members, believes that most people need a pragmatic incentive to donate blood.

The Red Cross, on the other hand, believes that donating blood is the moral responsibility of citizens of a community who should need no other incentives than a basic humanitarian interest.

The community responsibility theory works fine in many areas where there is a large labor force providing lots of prime donors, Wilkins says. "But here in Southwest Florida the situation is different. Most of our citizens don't donate just to donate—there's got to be something in it for them," he adds.

That something is provided in the form of a non-replacement fee. Under the system, the cost of a unit (one pint) of blood is divided into two parts, a processing fee and a non-replacement fee.

Each person who receives blood pays a \$21-per-unit processing fee regardless of whether or not he has donated blood. but if the recipient is a previous donor, he has credits for each unit of blood he has donated and can exchange one credit for each unit received and avoid paying the non-

replacement fee of \$25 per unit received.

Friends and relatives can donate blood and turn the credits over to someone who needs them, Wilkins adds.

"The system works beautifully for us," he says. "We always have an ample supply of blood for the community."

The problems and confusion for local donors started about three years ago, when the Red Cross terminated its reciprocal agreement with the AABB, says Dr. Robert Schultz, medical director of Edison Regional Blood Center. The two organizations had previously cooperated in exchanging blood and blood replacement credits through the national AABB Clearinghouse.

The Red Cross' withdrawal from the Clearinghouse precipitated a serious public relations problem for both Red Cross centers and AABB blood banks.

Without the inter-organizational agreement, there no longer exists a coordinated national mechanism through which Red Cross facilities and AABB participants can cooperate with each other for the benefit of donors and patients in each other's service areas.

Consequently, donors who in the past could give to the Red Cross and have blood credits automatically transferred to patients requiring blood credits in other parts of the country have found this no longer possible.

Bringing the situation closer to home, Wilkins says, many newcomers to Southwest Florida have in the past donated to the Red Cross in other areas and expect to have blood coverage here.

Wilkins says Edison Regional Blood Center cannot accept Red Cross credits because of the expense involved in transferring the blood units.

"If we accepted Red Cross credit transfers, we'd have to give up the \$25 non-replacement fee and then pay the Red Cross \$30 for transferring the blood. On top of that, we'd have to reprocess and regroup the blood once it reached us," he says.

"We couldn't stay in business that way without increasing the overall costs of everyone who receives blood."

Wilkins says he would like to see the local Red Cross assume the responsibility of recruiting donors for the Edison Regional Blood Center.

"The Red Cross could be just like any other community organization that collects blood to cover employees or members," he says. "Churches and businesses take part in the program here, so why couldn't the Red Cross?"

Under the present system, employees or members of any group can donate blood so that anyone who is part of the organization can receive blood and use the organization's credits.

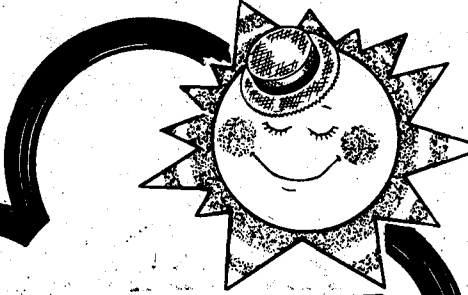
But the National Red Cross' basic philosophy does not agree with the incentive theory and will not permit its members to take part, says Travis Fauntleroy, director of the Fort Myers chapter of the American Red Cross.

"We've been trying to work something out with Edison Regional," Fauntleroy says. "The situation in Lee County is not good for any of us now, and it certainly would help if we could work together on this."

Wilkins says he is willing to reach an agreement with the Red Cross on a local basis, but the problem really lies with the national officials who adamantly disagree with the incentive program.

"It's really out of our hands," Wilkins says. "We know our system works very well for our community, and I don't think we could meet the area's blood needs if we did away with the incentive program. I just wish the Red Cross could agree with us on that part."

Until the national organization changes its policy, though, Edison Regional Blood Center will not accept Red Cross credits. "We hope it doesn't develop into a major problem in our community," Wilkins says. "We've got a great blood bank going, and we pride ourselves in serving the area as best we can."



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The FCC has recently approved the agreement and all parties are now implementing the agreement. The first step is the realignment of the three local network stations on December 9th as follows:

- Channel 2 - WBBH - NBC
- Channel 5 - WINK-TV - CBS
- Channel 7 - WEVU - ABC

Palmer Cablevision of Sanibel is now beginning the process to secure necessary Government approval for the purchase and installation of a satellite earth receive station for the Island. This will take a number of months to complete, but once accomplished, subscribers to the cable system here will have access to a variety of television signals not previously available, including the addition of the new independent station.

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New bank officers named

At a meeting of the Board of Directors for the Bank of the Islands, the following Bank officers received promotions:

Pat Purdy from Administrative Cashier to Assistant Cashier;
 Judith Ellis from Administrative Assistant to Vice-President;
 Geraldine (Sissy) Tompkins Brooks from Assistant Vice-President to Branch Manager;
 James G. (Jimmy) Lowman from Cashier to Vice-President and Cashier.



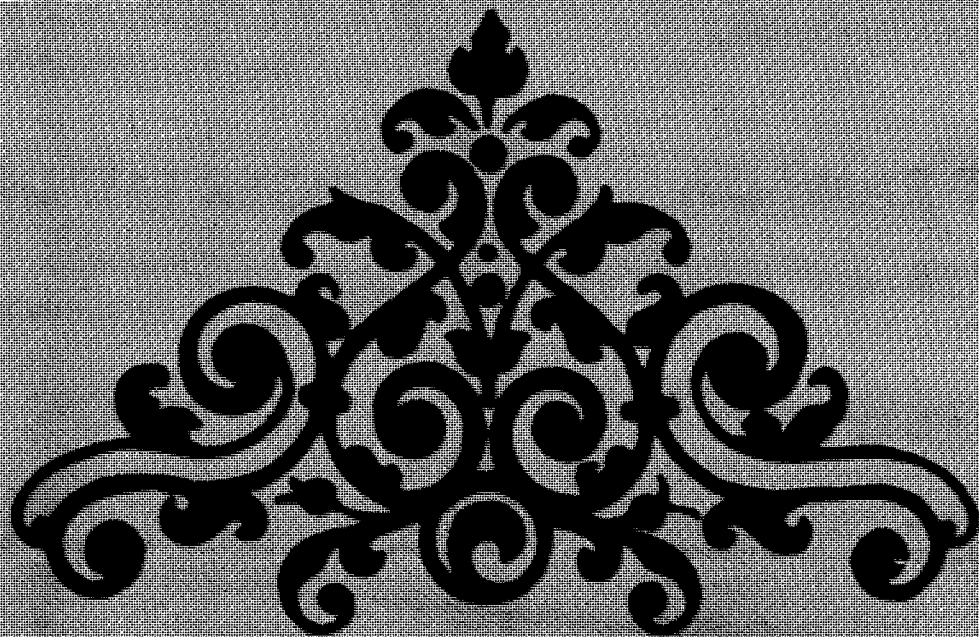
Sissy Brooks, new branch manager

Bank of the Islands opens new branch

In other Bank of the Islands news, the new branch at the Island Shopping Center opened last week in the old First Federal quarters.

According to Branch Manager Sissy Tompkins Brooks (who also was married last Saturday) the new Branch is going great guns. Hours are 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. every day except Friday when they go straight through until 6 p.m. But, Sissy cautioned, posting is still done by 2 p.m. every day.

The experience of opening a branch office on Sanibel will doubtless help them with the anticipated Pine Island branch and, Sissy hopes, help cut down on some of the Island traffic.



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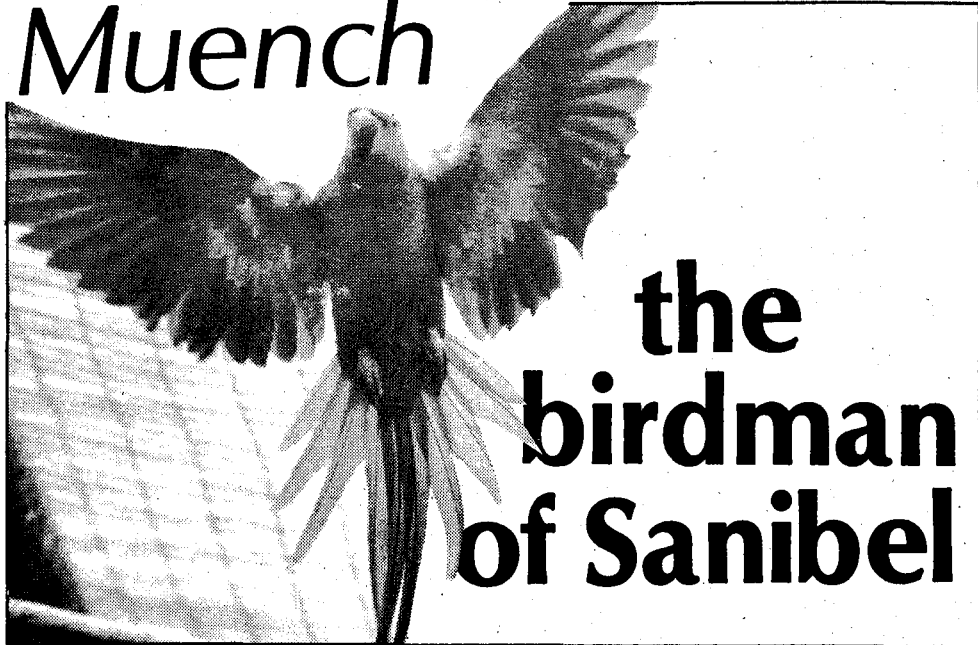
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Islanders up close

Dick Muench



the birdman of Sanibel

Sanibel resident Dick Muench has "the fever" - and it's for the birds.

Normally an even-keeled, easy-going sort of guy, bearing only slight resemblance to Burt Lancaster (as in "The Birdman of Alcatraz" Burt Lancaster), Muench now plays Mother Hen to approximately 300 songsters, warblers, growlers, and quackers - all of the feathered variety. An "approximate" number is the best Dick can guess due to the foibles of finches who are mating "all the time."

"It's a hobby that just got out of control," admits Muench, who can barely build bird "condominiums" fast enough to accommodate the burgeoning brood.

Years ago Muench's father and brother began collecting the water fowl that soon became the main attraction of their Periwinkle Trailer Park. Through Dick's perseverance the original fenced pens that once housed only a few ducks can now boast such feathered celebrities-in-residence as pink flamingoes, Australian black swans, chestnut, Brazilian and cinnamon teals, scarlet ibis, and every variety of duck imaginable. Residents of the huge penned pond alone produced 38 babies last year - several of which were from birds famous for their refusal to breed in captivity.

Today huge aviaries spring from well vegetated areas throughout the park and house exotic pheasants, magpies, parrots, lovebirds - everything in fact but the common chicken. There is a pen of beautiful white doves that showed up one day attached to an \$80 freight bill - a gift from a woman who had visited the trailer park earlier and was convinced she could offer "just what's missing."



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In Dick's garage there is an African gray parrot perched watchfully in a cage over the four metal garbage cans holding the peanuts, sunflower seeds, millet, compressed alfalfa and dog food to feed the feathered tribe. The feed bill for the water fowl alone totals nearly \$2000 a year.

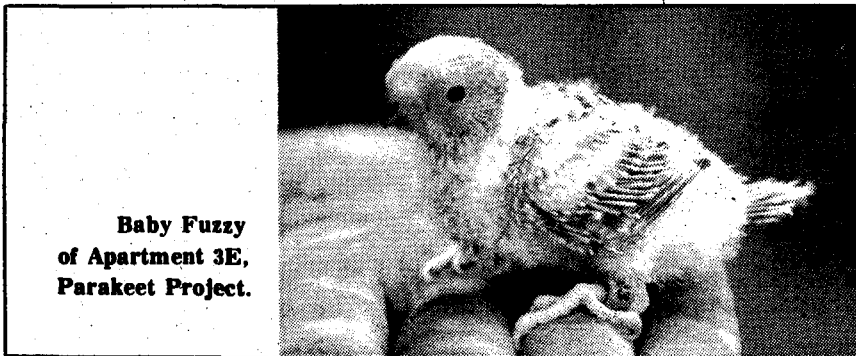
Behind his home, surrounding the family swimming pool, there are more aviaries and more birds, including a \$1000 sacred temple parrot Dick won with a \$2 bird show raffle ticket.

An hour each morning is set aside as Dick's "bird time," time spent feeding, cleaning and talking to his brood. With another \$1500, he says, he could reach his goal and "have a little bit of everything."

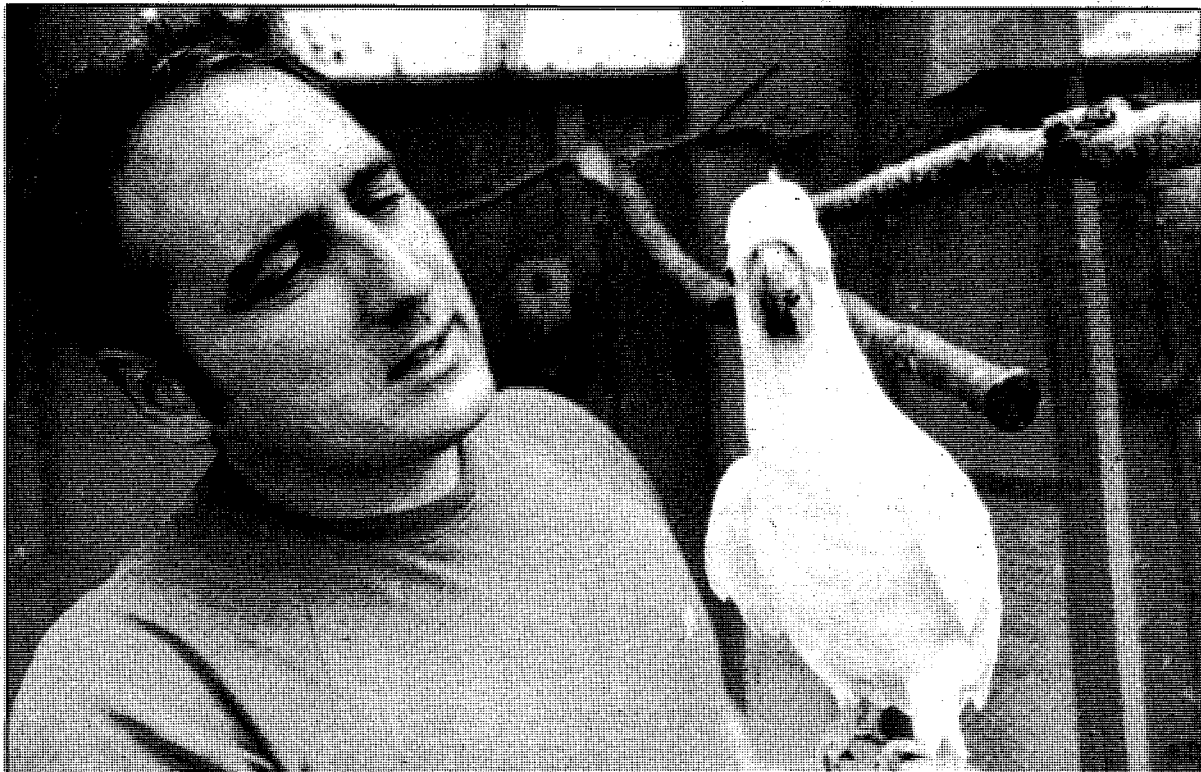
Like the Biblical Noah, Dick purchases his birds two by two and doesn't worry about flooding. Cartons stand at the ready on hurricane alert and should evacuation become necessary the Muench's are prepared to box up the 300 birds, toss them in the car, and head for higher ground.

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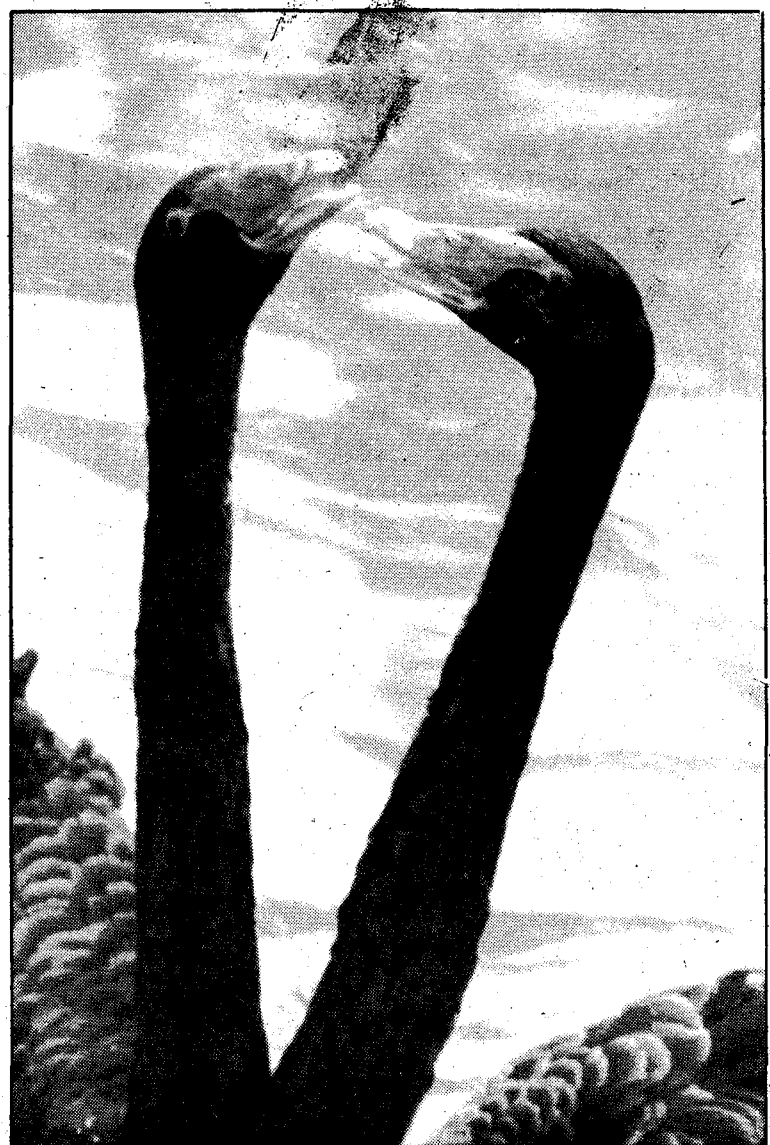
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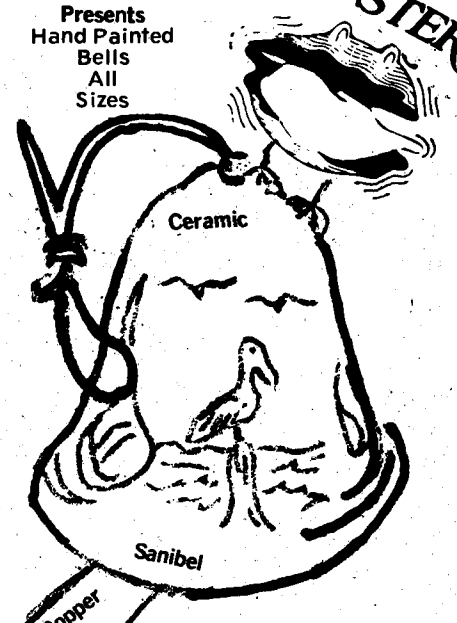
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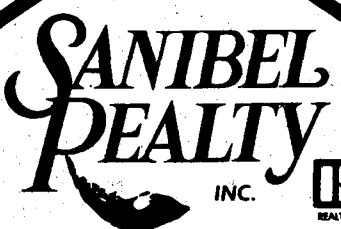
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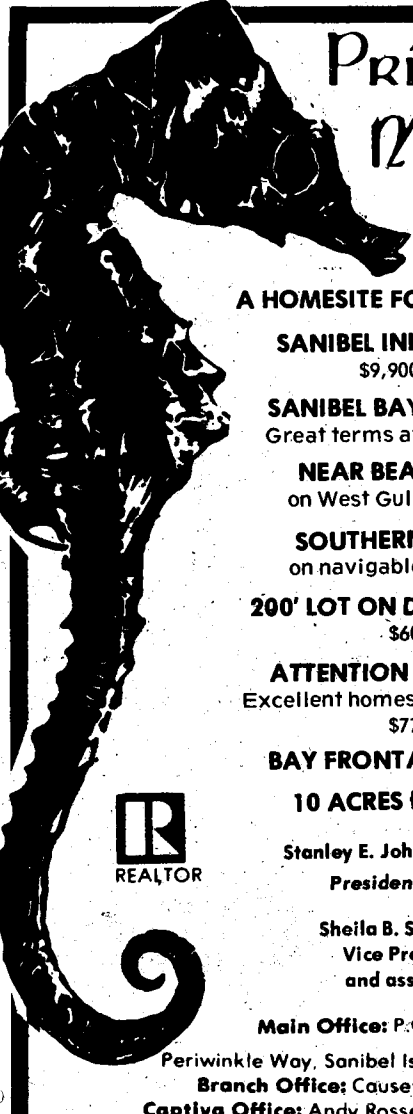
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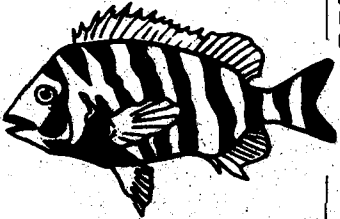
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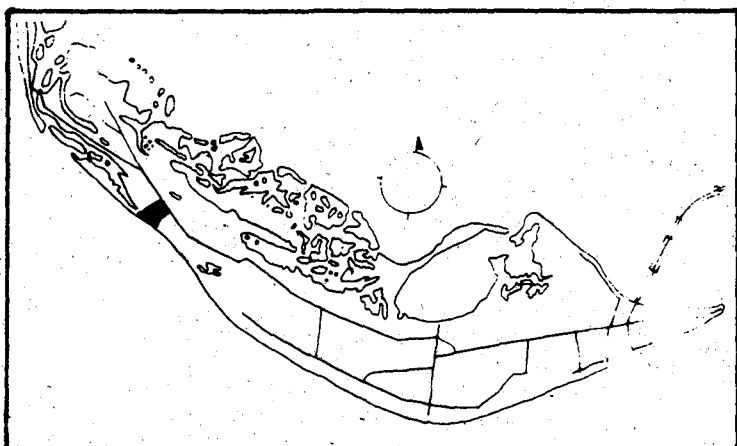
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