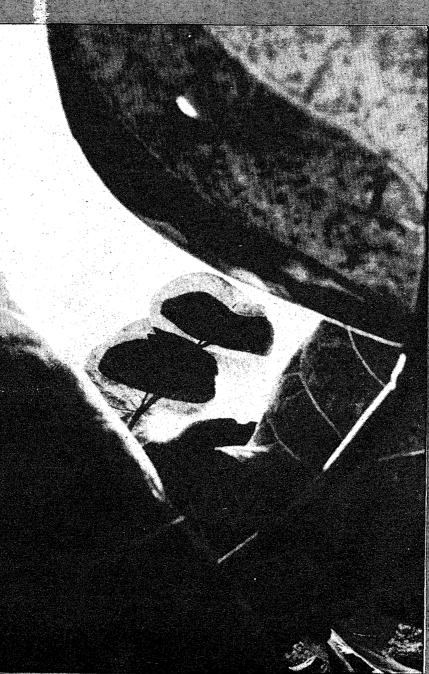


It's the "season" ... but which one??

By George Campbell

(Ed. Note: One of the most common-exercisions that island inhabitants hear are that some of our number 'miss-the changing seasons." Well, Florida, and the Islands, definitely have seasons, just-like our northern neighbors, shinough they may show themselves a little differently. We invited Island naturalist George Campbell to share with you the changing seasons on the Islands.)



reward offered for information on Rhodes

Clayton Pond, father of Shirley Pond Rhodes, whose decomposed body washed up on Sanibel's shores last March 6, has offered a reward of \$1,000 for information leading to the apprehension of Alan Jeffrey Rhodes.

A first degree murder arrest warrant has been issued for Alan Rhodes, who was the dead girl's husband. Rhodes disappeared from Lee County at the time the body was discovered. Mrs. Rhodes³⁵ body had been weighted down by a divers' weight belt and she had been beaten severely about the head.

Although the warrant for Rhodes was issued March 9, attempts to locate him have proven unsuccessful.

Rhodes is described as a white male, 25 years old, 5'8" tall, approximately 145 pounds, dark brown hair and eyes. Any information about Rhodes whereabouts should be reported to the Investigation Division, Lee County Sheriff's Office and will be kept confidential.

1979 in review

The opening of the long-awaited post office was one of the highlights of the year.

Cape Coral dual

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taxation suit denied

Lee County Circuit Court Judge Robert Shafer denied a suit brought by the City of Cape Coral requesting relief from what they consider dual taxation. According to County Attorney Jim Yaeger, however, the suit was dismissed for procedural reasons, rather than on its merits.

"The judge didn't rule on whether the City or the County was right in its dual taxation issue," Yaeger said. "He ruled that the method used by the City to file the suit was improper."

Cape Coral had filed a suit requesting the Court to issue a writ of certiorari to quash an earlier Commission decision that the Sheriff's Office patrol in Cape Coral was part of the Sheriff's County-wide responsibility.

A writ of certiorari is a legal mechanism by which the judge bases his ruling on documents submitted by the plaintiff. There is no formal hearing and no former trial. Yaeger explained that the Court was indicating that a formal suit at law was the best way to handle the issue if the City of Cape Coral were not satisfied with the County's handling of dual taxation.

At press time, Cape Coral officials had not decided whether or not to go ahead with an appeal to the Court's ruling.

Meanwhile the County has completed a 25-page reply to the City of Fort Myers' dual taxation suit and representatives from the City and County will meet today to review the document, which was completed just in time to meet the 90-day deadline.

A meeting has also been scheduled by the municipalities of Cape Coral, Fort Myers and Sanibel to discuss the dual taxation situation. Council member Zee Butler made it clear at the last Sanibel City Council meeting that she does not intend to drop the dual taxation problem.



Proud Postmaster Paul Adams stands in the lobby of the spanking new post office during the August dedication ceremonies.

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OU JUST AIN'T WHISTLIN DIXIE...OF COURSE WE HAVE SEASONS!

Spring, summer, autumn and winterare always, contrary to some popular opinion, well defined on Sanibel, although seasonal definition is perhaps a little more subtle than you might encounter if you happen to be from Minneapolis or the Windy City.

As I sit huddled and shivering a few weeks before Christmas in my Sanibel home, there's no doubt about our having winter weather on Sanibel, even though technically, it is still autumn. The weather has been in the 40's and 50's, there's been an ominous cloud cover for what seems to be endless days and it is just a bit too unpleasant. Let me tell any newcomers that a chill in Florida is as unpleasant as a sub-zero cold wave in Michigan. Cold weather in Florida always seems colder than anywhere else.

A few years ago, when it got down to 28 degrees on Sanibel, there was actually a spit of SNOW, would you believe it? As one might say in the vernacular, "We all like to froze to death". While most of us survived, much of our lovely tropical vegetation did not. Most of the coconut palms have been slowly recovering ever since and, finally, look reasonably healthy again.



inter-time on Sanibel spells Christmas and the holidays as most anywhere else, except maybe in the land of the Ayatollah. Although you probably have seen cut and ar-

tificial Christmas trees for sale during the holiday season, the best answer on the Islands is a casaurina, or Australian pine, and if that were your choice for the holidays, we can only say "thank you" for destroying a weed tree. And you had a really attractive Christmas tree, all for nothing.

The equisetifolia species doesn't make as full a tree as the Cunningham form, but two of the equisetolias, small ones, can be tied together and will make a very adequate tree. Thoughts for your Island Christmas next year. The beautiful and symmetrical Norfolk Island Star Pine makes a lovely Christmas tree. In Brazil of old, a young couple would plant a seed upon the arrival of their first born. This potted seedling would be the Christmas tree of that child, growing apace throughout his childhood until, upon marriage, he would take the tree away and plant it in the garden of the newly formed family.

To me, that is a gentle practice compared to the wasteful butchery of millions of small trees that occurs each year in North America. Of course, in fertile Brazil, it was not uncommon to have many such trees to match the often large number of children.

Among the signs of winter on Sanibel is the nesting of Osprey. One can already see Osprey activity among the many nest sites on Sanibel. If you knew where to look, you could also see our only pair of Southern Bald Eagles undertaking their first nuptial activity of this year. On nearby Pine Island, quite a number of Eagles pairs are active each year.

In the wintertime, the Jowood blooms with its exquisite fragrance. The Christmas Berry, with its lovely red fruit, is also visible in our wild lands; the delicate blue flowers are a sign of autumn. Snowberry, which looks like its name, is ripe now, too. A major sign of winter is the absence of most of the two dozen kinds of mosquitos that live on Sanibel and Captiva. No-see-ums are often unheard of at this time of the year, unless we should get an unusual warm spel! without much wind. Then, watch out! Those minute and aggravating biting creatures will be all about your head and you may even breathe some in.

Several species of ducks and large rafts of Coots come to spend the winter on Sanibel, and so do occasional White Pelicans which migrate from the northwestern part of the continent. They are a beautiful sight – two years ago, I saw 52 White Pelicans at Hardworking Bayou on Sanibel. The sight stimulated me to take with me the next day a Bernstein tape of Swan Lake, which I played on my little Sony for my guests out there in that wild place. Although White Pelicans aren't swans, they are truly graceful, so it all seemed most appropriate.

In the wintertime, we have great negative tides here that bare the flats on the Gulf side of the Island and expose for avaricious shell collectors, multitudes of live shells which, contrary to the thoughts of some people, will, if left undisturbed, survive quite nicely. Recently, the public has responded to a newly-declared live shelling policy, and we are beginning to see a gratifying willingness generally to protect our live and tremendously valuable mollusks.



ne thing that happens here in wintertime with the precision of a calendar watch is the arrival of ticks. These nasty eight-legged devils burrow into your skin and con sume valuable nutrients which we usually prefer to have

circulating in our own veins, rather than in the digestive tracts of these unpleasant arachnids. They can cause paralysis. When this happens, the agent is a toxin, not a virus or bacteria and when the offending tick is found and removed, the paralysis soon ends.

Everybody here loves the Seagrape Tree – that beautiful round-leafed plant of the buckwheat family that grows on our ridges and near our beaches. It is especially exquisite in the wintertime because its leaf colors rival or even exceed those of the hardwoods of the north – reds, yellows, greens with brown and even purple. The seagrape leaf can be used for so many things such as coasters, or if the petiole or leaf stem is severed, it assumes a heart shape and can be used as a beautiful Valentine. If it doesn't happen to be February, you can simply use these leaves for postcards for the surface is quite readily written upon.

In the springtime, the Seagrape has delicate red, pink, almost translucent, leaves that are a delight to behold. As the season progresses, they soon harden. The delicious Cherokee Bean begins to sprout its beautiful pea-green leaves and the Cat's Claw produces tiny bud leaves that are as beautiful as red flowers. Many things happen in the springtime. (One of the most noticeable is the northern migration of the Snowbird). Seriously, the frogs begin their swampland cacaphony, although this has been much reduced in recent years by man's impact on the habitat. Great flat platters that are female Soft Shell Turtles may be seen crossing roads. With luck, they find the nesting sites they seek, but far too many are squashed by careless motorists.

The 'gators begin to boom, grunt and growl more frequently in the spring as the old bulls roam from pond to pond seeking mates. Sometimes the alligator call sounds very like someone struggling with an outboard motor trying to start it. Last spring, I heard one only a few hundred feet away and I crept quietly on hands and knees across a vacant lot only to find a neighbour cursing his stubborn lawn mower.



noteworthy spring event, although not seen on Sanibel, is the inviting pea-green foliage of

the Bald Cypress of the Evergrlades. In the winter, these trees are a drab brown but in spring their beauty is

startling. This is one of the few

conifers that is, in fact, deciduous. On recent trips to China, I observed our own species used widely in ornamental planting in that country. Naturally, it is an exotic form there.

By summertime the rains have usually started and the great Loggerhead Sea Turtles are hauling out along the Gulf Beach to lay their huge clutches of eggs in areas usually safe above the tides.

It is this season that we get most of the 50+ inches of rain that bless Sanibel and Captiva each year -- occasionally as much as 17 inches in two or three days. We've experienced those kinds of flooding rains three times in the last few years.

Of course, with the rain, there is an accumulation of weber everywhere. The alligators disperse, the frogs cont their chorusing and egg laying and many tadpoles hatch and can be seen even in the transient water pools of the savannahs and uplands, as well as in the truly wetland areas. Mosquitos come out in their multitudes and the "Lee County Air Force" makes their spectacular raids employing low-flying DC-3's that are more than half the age of aviation itself. They fog chemicals lethal to mosquitos as well as to fish larvae and crustaceans such as pink shrimp. (This may explain today's huge cost of a shrimp cocktail that contains only four or five shrimp – or should one say a shrimpy cocktail?)

Heat, humnidity, rapid plant growth characterize this summer season. Alligator nests -- great mounds of vegetative material with some soil mixed in -- can be seen if you know where to look and are hardy enough to stand the noxious no-see-ums.

The Roseate Spoonbills come here in the summer – those lovely pink creatures with the seladom-noted orange backside and spatulate bills. To the Spoonbill, Sa is way up north, for, while they spend their time here in the summer, they conduct their breeding activities far to the south in the winter, primarily around the Caribbean basin. Some thousands breed at Inagua, where my son was once in charge of that species, as well as the huge flock of Flamingoes that occur there.

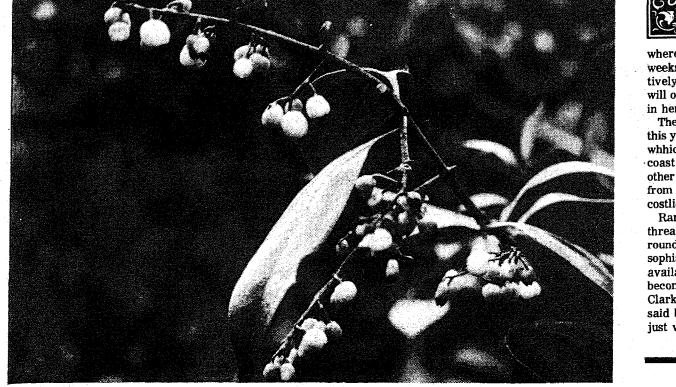
In the summer, our young Ospreys are already flying, but they don't go very far, for ours stay in this region. Our Southern Bald Eagles fly north, mixing with the remnant population of the Northern Bald Eagle of the northern seaboard states.

A common tree on Sanibel, the Southern Wax Myrtle, begins to ripen its heavily wax laden calorific fruit in the autumn. This tree, similar to the one from which our ancestors made bayberry candles, is related to the powerful bay leaf used in soups and stew pots. Our tree provides a fascinating phenomonon, which takes us back again to wintertime when the bayberries are ripe. In December, January or February, and sometimes in March, the Swallows come in their multitudes, vast clouds of them, sometimes looking like swirling smoke in the sky. They descend in cyclonic cones upon the trees and consume the waxy berries that provide for their nourishment during a time when this otherwise insectivorous creature cannot find its living insect prey.



all -- from mid-August until

early September - the alligator babies begin to hatch. These almost foot-long, little croaking monsters can be heard frequently if one knows



where to look. They are quite vocal during the first few

"Snowberry, which looks like its name, is ripe now, too."

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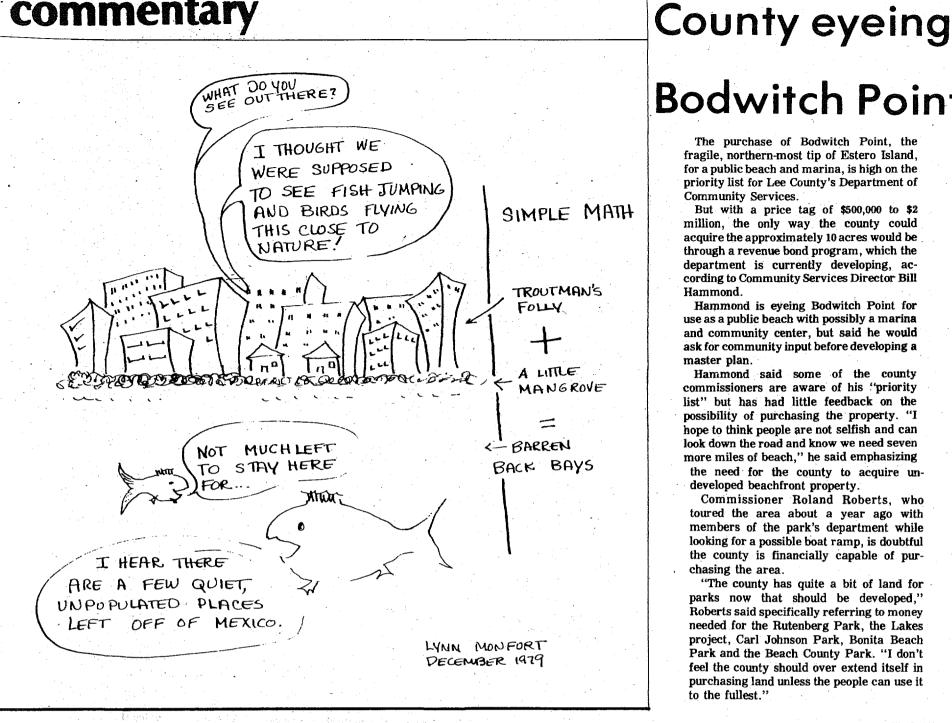
weeks of their existence and they stay close together actively protected by their parents. At hatching, the mother will often open the nest, remove the young and carry them in her mouth to the nearest water.

The Hurricane season ends on November 30. In August of this year, we had a couple of beauties in the region: David, which missed us by many miles, went up the Atlantic coast, skipping the Florida Gulf coast. Frederic, on the other hand, was only a hundred or so miles out in the Gulf from Sanibel and went on to be this century's worst and costliest hurricane.

Rarely, from Spring to Fall, is the thought of a hurricane threat very far from the thoughts of any of us who live year round on Sanibel. As the study of hurricanes becomes more sophisticated, and as more and more information becomes available, the "chill factor" of living on a barrier island becomes less and less bearable. One realizes that John Clark, of the Conservation Foundation, was right when he said barrier islands should never have been developed just visited.

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Bodwitch Point

The purchase of Bodwitch Point, the fragile, northern-most tip of Estero Island, for a public beach and marina, is high on the priority list for Lee County's Department of Community Services.

But with a price tag of \$500,000 to \$2 million, the only way the county could acquire the approximately 10 acres would be through a revenue bond program, which the department is currently developing, according to Community Services Director Bill Hammond.

Hammond is eyeing Bodwitch Point for use as a public beach with possibly a marina and community center, but said he would ask for community input before developing a master plan.

Hammond said some of the county commissioners are aware of his "priority list" but has had little feedback on the possibility of purchasing the property. "I hope to think people are not selfish and can look down the road and know we need seven more miles of beach," he said emphasizing the need for the county to acquire undeveloped beachfront property.

Commissioner Roland Roberts, who toured the area about a year ago with members of the park's department while looking for a possible boat ramp, is doubtful the county is financially capable of purchasing the area.

"The county has quite a bit of land for parks now that should be developed," Roberts said specifically referring to money needed for the Rutenberg Park, the Lakes project, Carl Johnson Park, Bonita Beach Park and the Beach County Park. "I don't feel the county should over extend itself in purchasing land unless the people can use it to the fullest."







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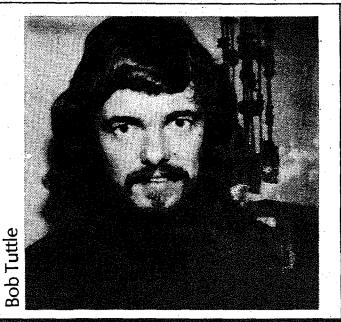
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TUTTLE HAS LEAD

"Busybody" coming to Pirate Playhouse



Robert Tuttle, of Tuttle's Sea Horse Shell Shop, stepped into the part of Westerby in "Busybody" when former mayor Duane White had to relinquish the role because of his many duties.

Philip Hunter, director-producer, has rounded out a fine cast for the production including: Leslie and Jack Samler, Jene Evans, Bob Dormer, Ty Symrosky, Betty Derowitsch and Diane Erwin. Hunter, himself, plays Superintendent Harry Baxter of Scotland Yard and Ruth Hunter has the title role.

"Busybody", a delightful comedymystery, is co-authored by Jack Poppewell and opened first at London's Duke of York Theatre.

Curtain time is 8:15 p.m., January 5. Call the box office at 472-2121 for more information.

letters to the editor...

driving courtesy urged

To the Editor:

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When you come to a four-way stop, it means you go, she goes, he goes and then I

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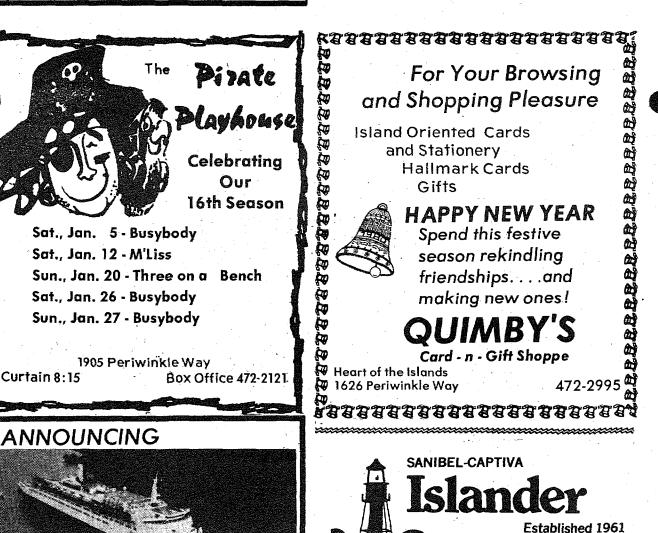
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And, above all, please do not run over our wildlife; they are as friendly as our citizens.

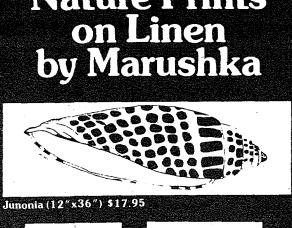
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concert scheduled for Sanibel Elementary

Deryle Peaslee, a media specialist and gifted student teacher at Sanibel Elementary School, will give a vocal recital at the school Sunday, January 6. Proceeds from the recital will be donated to the school.

Tickets for the concert are \$3 each and may be purchased from Wyman Atkins Realty, the Nimble Thimble or Dr. Harry Kair. The program will include classical, musical comedy and popular songs with a theme of inspiration and love. In three of the selections, Ms. Peaslee will be joined by Sanibel Elementary students.

Deryle Peaslee has been a resident of Fort Myers for 11 years and is a graduate of the Indiana Univeristy School of Music. She has studied voice with noted opera stars Margaret Harshaw and Marian Krajenska and was a member of the nationally known Singing Hoosiers.

Deryle has performed with the St. Louis Municipal Opera Co. and a soprano soloist with the Fort Myers Symphony Orchestra.

At home on the theatrial stage, as well as the operatic theatre, Ms. Peaslee has performed in productions here and Indiana. Currently she teaches voice lessons and sings at the Aquarian Center for Research and Enlightenment. She is noted for the sensitivity and drama she brings to her music and has been praised for her full high notes and vocal resonance.

bike registration this Saturday

In a joint effort between the newly formed Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club and the Sanibel Police Recreation Club, a bicycle registration will be held Saturday, January 5 in the Bank of the Islands parking lot from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. In a similar event prior to Christmas, 62 bicycles were registered without charge to the owners.

An added feature of the registration process is the engraving of individual numbers on each bicycle, enabling the policy department to conduct a speedy recovery of the bikes if they are stolen or abandoned. The numbers andowner information will be kept on file at the Police Department.

The registration service is conducted along with a bicycle safety check, according to Sanibel Police Recreation Club President, Jack Primm. The free service will be handled by off-duty policemen and Rotary Club members. Each person will also receive a bike flag, courtesy of the Bank of the Islands, according to Rotary Club president John Murray.

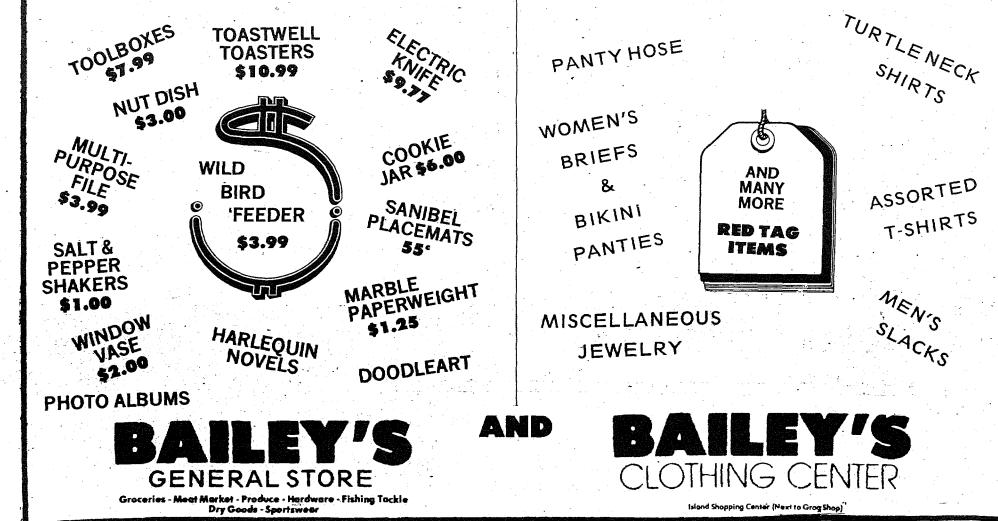




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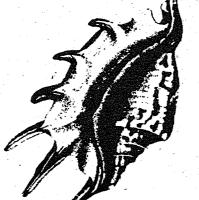
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Shell Fair driftwood workshops scheduled

Driftwood workshops for the 1980 Shell Fair will be held at the Sanibel Community Association building starting Monday, January 7 and every Monday thereafter. Hours are 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. All are welcome.

Please bring tweezers, wire cutters, scissors, etc. We need shells of all varieties and small pieces of driftwood. These are all necessary to make many items sold at the Driftwood Shop during the Fair. Shells may be left at the Community Association mornings or brought to the workshop.

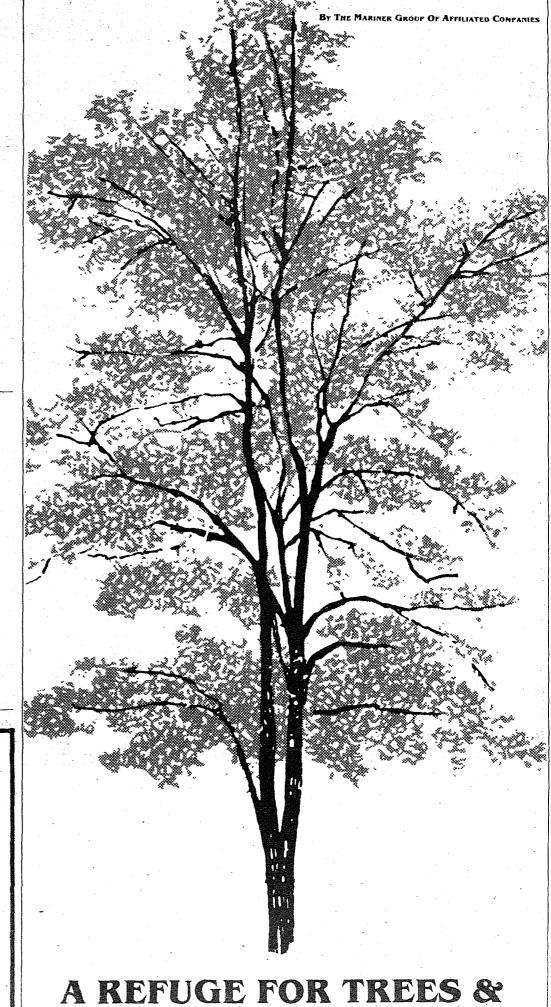


New Postal service announced

Sanibel Postmaster Paul Adams announced last week that a collection service will now be provided on Sundays and holidays. Mail will be picked up from the new facility at 4:30 p.m. and at the Chamber of Commerce at 4:40 p.m. (Heretofore, there has never been outgoing mail service from the Islands on Sundays and holidays.)

According to Adams, this means that, although there will be no mail delivery on Sundays or holidays, there will be outgoing mail service that will connect with air flights every day of the year.





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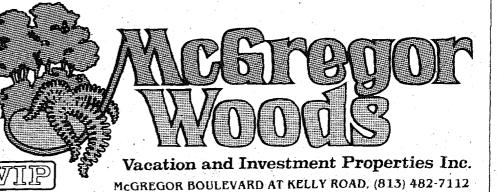
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PROPERTY SPEAKING

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A problem can arise, however, when personal property becomes part of the real estate. This is called a fixture and does change hands when the real estate does.

There are three usual tests that must be satisfied:

1. Has the personal property been permanently annexed to the real estate?

2. Is it intended to become a part of the real estate?

3. What is the local custom?

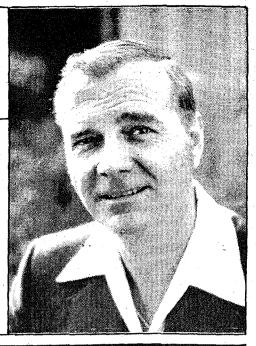
Usually fixtures include: heaters; air conditioners, ranges, screens, storm shutters, lighting fixtures (inside and outside), water heaters, solar heaters, fences, paintings, mail box etc.

specifically in his sales agreement exactly what he intends to give to the buyer as part

By Bert Jenks President, Sanibel Realty

of the real estate. Here on Sanibel and Captiva, this is usually done in an inventory attached to the contract, to save misunderstanding at the closing. It is even more important to have a detailed inventory if the home or condominium is being sold furnished. (I have seen a sale fall through over a dispute over a \$25

Lastly, as a seller, resist the temptation of changing your mind about what goes and what stays. This can only cause problems that may surface immediately or much later in poor buyer-seller relations.



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Air car builder claims 5,000 believers

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Lee Rogers has never had so many long distance telephone calls in his life.

Rogers, the man who says he has invented an aircompresion engine, has been deluged with calls from all over the country since the story went out over the United Press International newswire on Dec. 14. His long wait for public recognition of his invention is over.

Hoping to have the conversion kit ready for marketing by the first of the year, Rogers is currently working on the twopiston compressor that will power his 1977 Dodge Aspen station wagon. Once that is completed, Rogers will take his car out on the road for a long-distance test-run, proving to even the most skeptical person that he and his invention are for real.

"I can't wait to get the thing completed," Rogers said Monday. "It (public response) has been unbelievable. As soon as I hang the phone up, it rings again. If I wrote all the calls down, I'll bet there have been 5,000 - 4,500 of them long-distance."

The offers for marketing, investments and favors have been nearly non-stop.

Rogers said a man stopped by last week with two checks in his hand, wishing to buy two of his kits. Rogers apologetically told the man that was impossible, since the kit is not ready for marketing yet.

"The man was really hurt," Rogers said. "I told him, 'I can't take your money, I wish I could hand you a kit right now, but I just can't do it.' "

Out of the approximately 5,000 calls, most of them have been very positive, according to Rogers, and some downright lucrative.

"Everybody has been positive about the damn thing, it's really unbelieveable," he marveled.

Regardless, Rogers has respectfully declined the offers to this point, concentrating instead on making the kit viable for marketing. Offers to market the conversion kit have come from Indiana, Missouri, New Jersey, Michigan and all over Florida. Rogers said he hopes people in California and New York will also express interest in his invention, if for no other reason than to spread word of his invention from coast to coast



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This is great! We're playing tennis and golf, taking it easy on the beach, doin' a little sailing, dancing at night and we're not spending a bundle.

Brad and I have our own place here on the beach at South Seas Plantation for two weeks every year. Plantation Beach Club sells intervalownership and we were able to buy just what we could use and afford. We've fixed the cost of our vacations and didn't let ourselves get tied down.

You see, there's this exchange program that lets us trade our vacation time at South Seas Plantation and go to other resorts around the world. So, not only can we travel, but we're not tied down to taking our vacation the same time every year.



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DUNES

Spacious two-level home. Ground level includes, two car parking, large room and bath for a Cabana or 4th bedroom. Large screened pool and patio. First floor



Our friends Rob and JoAnn are also owners here, and we've planned to spend one week here next spring and then all go to Acapulco together. We really look forward to the vacations we can now afford to take.

We figure we'll get our money's worth in a couple of years -and then no matter what inflation does-we'll still be taking first class vacations every year.

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Visit our furnished model at South Seas Plantation, on Captiva Island — just drop by the Information Center next to Chadwick's Restaurant for your Special Guest Pass.

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living area, has fully equipped kitchen. Lovely living and dining area opening onto a screened deck, overlooking the 7th fairway and the lake. Nicely landscaped with built in sprinklers. This home was completed early in 1979. Beautifully furnished from Robb and Stuckey, \$170,000 furnished.

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Beautiful large three bedroom, two bath home. Split plan, barrel tile roof, 2 car gara with automatic door opener. Cathedral ceiling in living room dining area. Extra large lot on quiet Cul de Sac. Room for pool. Fenced back yard. Assumable mortgage. \$83,900.

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I believe one of the most difficult aspects of fishing to master is making a nice accurate cast. As we move into redfish season, and later when the snook start to run again, we need to get good at placing that bait in a bucketsized spot from 75 feet away.

I see many fishermen chase redfish and other mangrove feeders such as snook, snapper, sheepshead and drum, by casting in a careless manner anywhere their boat happens to stop. As long as it's near a mangrove island then they feel they have a good chance of getting a fish.

Many fishing magazines and "how to" books stress casting up to the lower branches of the mangroves. When they say "up to" they mean inches, not yards. I saw this demonstrated recently when we knew there were "reds" backed into a shallow area at highest tide. Now, on occasion you can play with fish and experiment when there is no doubt that the fish are available. It was an overcast day which is good because the reds will venture

on the water by capt. mike fuery

out a few feet if they nave to, leaving the cover of the overhanging branches to pick up a shrimp under a popping cork.

If we cast three feet from the branches we got no bite. If the next cast was put 18 inches from the hole in the mangroves, we got a fish one out of three casts, on the average.

But, for those who can sail a shrimp, popping cork and hook into the den just under the mangroves, then you have nearly a guaranteed fish. Just 36 inches means the difference between adding a red or two to your fish box or standing in line at the fish store.

Naturally it's not as easy as I have described. First you have to find a liely den along the mangroves and finally present the bait right on the front door of the pack.

When you are looking for likely dens, go on high tide, and position your boat up wind of where you are searching along the mangroves. I shut off the engine up in case the water gets too shallow, then stand on the bow of the boat as it drifts 10 to 15 feet along shore. That way I can see if there are any puffs of sand, a telltale sign of the reds moving just as you get near their hideout.

The redfish is very spooky and if you should approach a good spot and drop

your anchor in the boat by accident, or carelessly throw it over, making a lot of noise, then you can say good-by to fishing. You have probably scattered the school all over the bay.

One very good sign that you are in the right place at the right time is to cast your large live shrimp up against the mangroves and suddenly see that shrimp of yours jump right out of the water! Look out, because you are in for a strike. Your shrimp is trying to get out of the way of something big down there!

You can often pull some of the larger redfish out of the passes. Get your big shrimp down deep and perhaps there is a snook lying around who is in the mood for a shrimp dinner too. As I said, there is a great need to be able to really cast accurately. Using the standard spinning outfit gives you a long cast, but the probelm most of us have is stopping the bait and cork just before it falls into the branches of the mangrove trees. If you have that arching cast on the way and it looks like it will go too high, you have to quickly turn the reel handle to put the gears to work, bringing down the bail to stop the line.

That's where the revolving reel, or bait casting reel, comes in handy because a touch of the thumb on the spool slows the bait while in the air and lands the bait where you want it under the mangroves.

I personally like the spinning outfit, because of the line capacity and the solid feel of the rod, but I suffered with high casts until I got down a technique you might try next time you are after the reds. (†)

If you can get on the bow or stern, try a side-arm cast where you actually skip the bait and cork up under the branches. It takes some practice and a hard thrown cast, but you can bounce that shrimp right up to the back of the den this way. Give it some practice and you'll find you can skip your bait once or twice just like a stone.

In the meantime, if you get a large fish and would like us here at the ISLANDER to print it in an issue, just drop off a good picture, with everyone identified in it, and perhaps we will be able to use it. We're located in Baywind Plaza on Palm Ridge Road. Good fishing and remember to practice that casting.



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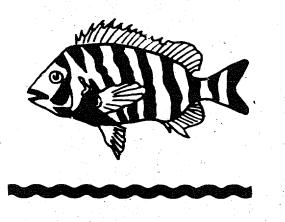
Fishing news this week is good, and simple. Trout are big and plentiful.

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Trout are hitting well in all of the usual places this week. They can be found on the flats of the Causeway, the powerlines, Buck Key, the pier, and in Tarpon Bay. For the angler that enjoys surf fishing, trout can even be caught off the sandbars down Island on the Gulf side.

While fishing for trout at the pier there is also a good chance to land good catches of sheephead. Some sheephead are also reported in Tarpon Bay. Flounder and whiting are being caught at the pier too

Out in the Gulf, triple tail fishing is reported by Sanibel Marina to be excellent. Look for triple tail near crab pots and marker buoys.



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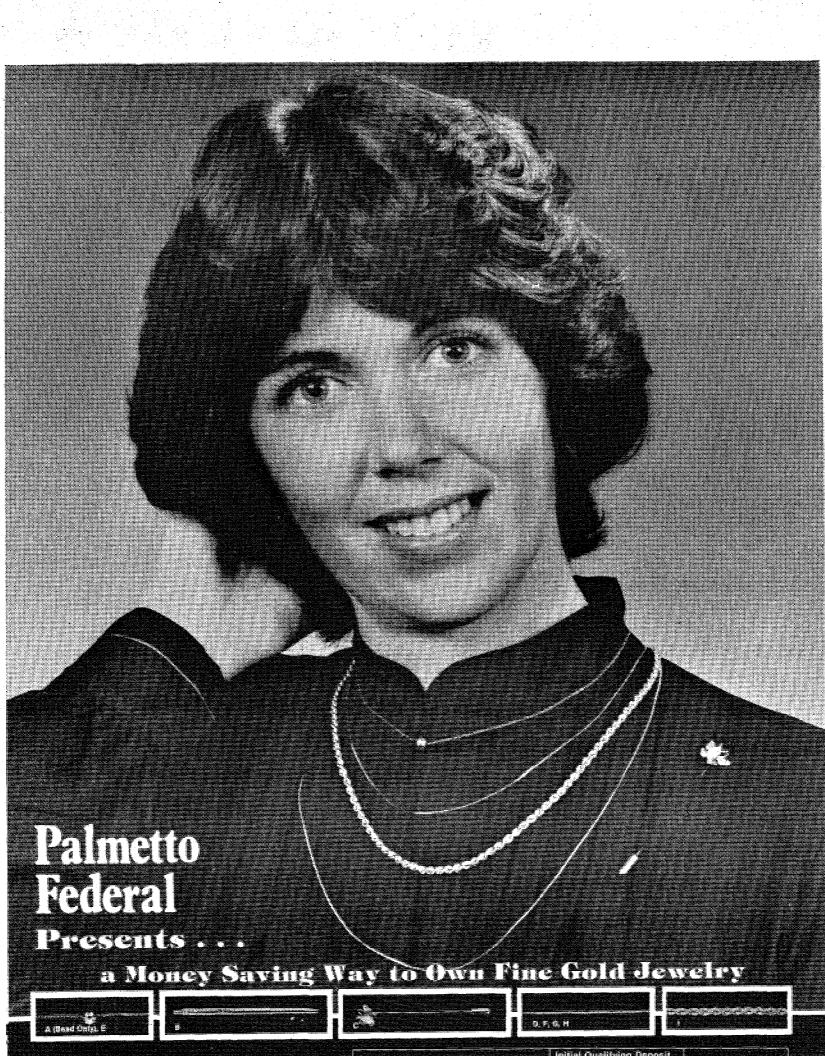
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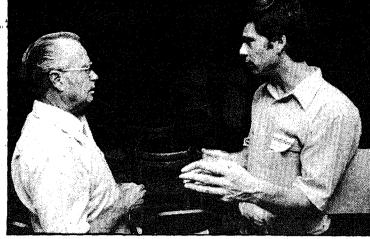
the year in review-

city/citizens take action on Moderate Cost Housing

Moderate Cost Housing was in the news last year as the City formed a Committee and they got down to work. Their first order of business was to distribute a survey and tabulate answers about what the specific needs are for moderate cost housing on Sanibel. By year's end, the Committee had drafted an ordinance outlining the formation of a foundation and some guidelines about the purchase of



Dick Workman with energy efficient model home



CHR Co-Chairperson Peter Valtin explains goals

Moderate Cost Housing. After the draft has been reviewed by outside consultants, it will go to the Planning Commission for their opinion. At the last Committee meeting for 1979 in November, Committee Chairman Zee Butler had warned her colleagues that the draft ordinance was only the first in a long series of steps to produce housing for Islanders of moderate means.

A group of Sanibel and Captiva residents, many of whom grew up on the Islands, formed a non-profit organization called Community Housing and Resources, Inc. to investigate moderate cost and energy efficient housing. CHR went public in November with an open house to introduce themselves and their goals to the community and expect to launch a major membership drive early in 1980. CHR's main emphasis in moderate cost housing is to make it available through "sweat equity" and a change to more energy efficient lifestyles.

Goss, Butler cleared of ethics charges

Sanibel council members Zee Butler and Porter Goss were cleared of any wrongdoing last March by the State Ethics Commission. The decision brought to an end months of argument arising from allegations made by former city employee Steve Maxwell that the councilmen had not disclosed certain financial interests.

The Council members lost their bid later in the year to be reimbursed for the legal expenses they incurred with the City picking up the final tab.



Zee Butler

mark harmel





Porter Goss





General permit issued

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Artists' tax brings Bette Parke to her feet

Voices were raised in angry protest as the City considered licensing artists, requiring them to pay a \$100 occupation fee. The fee went in, but was reduced to \$25 and exemption was made for participants in charity events.

Corps District Engineer, Col. James W. R. Adams, at hearing

After several public hearings, the Army Corps of Engineers issued a General Permit to the City of Sanibel which enables the City to have the final authority in wetlands development.

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Steamboat, Causeway properties finally ours

After a resounding vote of support in a voter referendum, the City purchased the Causeway and Steamboat properties in 1979. But what started out as a fairly routine procedure last January - that of implementing the voters' wishes -- took several twists and turns before coming to fruition in the closing days of December.

Lee County Circuit Court Judge John Schoonover had several hearings with City Attorney Neal Bowen before agreeing to validate the mortgages financed by

Farmers Home Administration(FmHA), even though FmHA officially signed the package in March.

Then, just as it appeared the good Judge was satisfied, Sanibel resident Steve Maxwell pointed out a typing error in one of the legal descriptions which further held up the closing until the Court agreed with Bowen that the error was insubstantial. The City closed on the two properties in December.

Rate of Growth law in effect

In the closing weeks of 1978, and in the opening days of 1979, the Sanibel City Council hammered out the details for a Rate of Growth Ordinance that would limit to 180 the number of dwelling units that can be constructed on Sanibel during one year. Long sessions produced a list of points, so that prospective home builders would be rated according to a set of criteria, should there be more than 180 applications for permits.

After one full year, however, in none of the allocation periods did the number of applications exceed the number of dwelling units permitted. Council members pointed out that there were many projects built last year, however, that, for legal reasons, did not fall into the Rate of Growth system. The rising cost of land, building supplies and Sanibel weight permits were also cited as possible reasons for the smaller than expected number of permit requests throughout the year.

As one of their last duties in 1979, the City Council reviewed the Rate of Growth ordinance. The major addition to the Ordinance during that review was the stipulation that, if the number of requests exceeded the number of allocations and

there were a tie in the ratings, the earlier application would receive preference.

Interval ownership law passes

Interval ownership projects on Sanibel flourished and so did the City's efforts to regulate them. Spearheaded by Zee Butler, the City passed an ordinance requiring "high impact" units (including, but not restricted to interval ownership) to meet stiff regulations about open space and sales activities.

IWA changes by-laws

The annual Island Water Association meeting was the forum for some angry members protesting the election of the directors, but everything was smooth by the end of the year. After committees had been formed to study the problem, the IWA memebrs passed a by-laws amendment to accomodate their members' views.

Live Shell limit

The Live Shelling Committee recommended a limit of two live shells per person per species per shelling trip. The limit was endorsed by the Concil and by December, brochures explaining the limit were in widespread distribution.



Commissioner Workman served in lawsuit

Causeway property

negotiating team for both sides.

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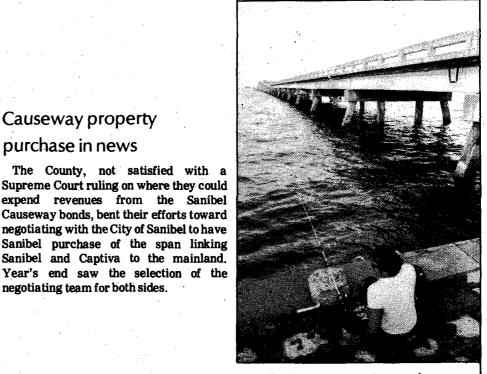
It was a litiguous year for the City of Sanibel as several law suits were settled and others initiated.

Outer Island Development Corporation, after receiving a denial from the Planning Commission to build condominium on Buttonwood Lane, sued the City and several Commissioners for \$1 million. No decision in the suit had been reached by year's end.

The City prevailed in a suit by Nationwide Realty to increase the density in their Sanibel Bayous project. Although the plaintiffs had threatened to take the case to the "Supreme Court" if necessary, no such appeal had been filed by the end of the year.

Another landmark case decision in 1979 was the decision by an Apellate Court that JohnGoode's Periwinkle Way property should revert back to the commercial designation it had under Lee County.

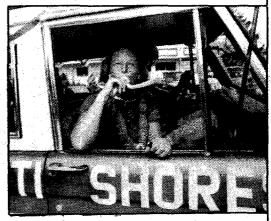
Even with the Court's mandate, the Sanibel City Council only awarded Goode a restricted commercial classification.



Sanibel Causeway purchase contemplated

Happy Birthday, Sanibel

Residents, officials, visitors, everybody got in on the fun and hoopla as the City of Sanibel celebrated its fifth birthday with a parade, dinner dance and picnic.



legal beagles kept busy



Merrymakers in Sanibel's birthday parade

City Hall faces change

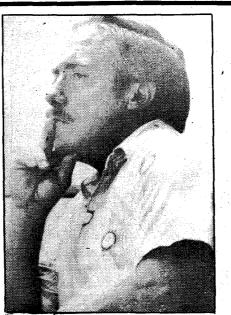
1979 saw some changes in Sanibel officialdom. Bill Nungester resigned as City Manager and was replaced, after some controversy, by Bernard J. Murphy.

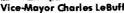
Sanibel aquired a reluctant mayor in Francis Bailey and Charles Lebuff became Vice-Mayor.

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Mayor Francis Bailey







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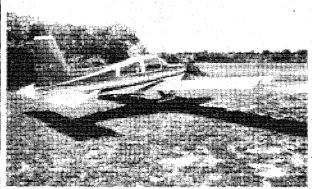




Paying through the teeth for gas

Gas was scarce for awhile

The gas crunch hit Sanibel, resulting in a rotation system for Sundays and the inevitable higher prices.



A now-forgotten sight

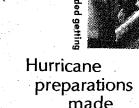
airport closes

Sanibel's only airstrip, under private ownership, was closed in March, ending access to the Islands by a fixed wing aircraft.



Shoemaker goes to court Crime reared its ugly head

Crime came to our fair shores as Sanibel waitress Patricia Horne was murdered on Fort Myers Beach. Her killer, Frank Allen Shoemaker, confessed in June and was sentenced in November to 25 years in jail without parole. At year's end, however, Shoemaker had requested an appeal,



saying that his confession had been coerced from him on false pretences.

The body of Shirley Pond Rhodes washed up on Sanibel shores and by year's end her alleged murderer, husband Allen Rhodes, was still at large.



Islanders scrambled to get ready for the

threats of Hurricanes David and

Frederick. The storms missed the Islands,

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but renewed every Islander's awareness of the potential threat.



Shell fair breaks records

The annual Shell Fair drew over 12,000 visitors in 1979, setting a record for the famed event.



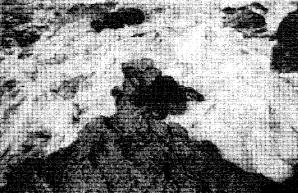
Jazz flutist Dennis Hill

BIG Arts off to big start

The Barrier Island Group for the Arts formed in 1979 and promises to be one of the more long-lasting and promising results of the year.

A jazz concert was overwhelmingly attended and the group has sponsored films and other musical programs.





North winds bring eroded beaches to Captiva

Erosion makes waves on Captiva

The big news for the year on Captiva was erosion prevention. March saw the rejection by the legislature of a bid to place a toll on the Blind Pass bridge to help fund the projects. A straw vote then showed that Captiva property owners fvaored an assessment, rather than accept federal funds for erosion prevention.

The whole thing came to a grinding halt, however, when porperty owners at South Seas Plantation ran into stiff oppposition to their erosion prevention plans. Year's end saw the formation of a County com-

mittee to study the situation. Meanwhile, Captiva residents, other than South Seas, aare awaiting the outcome before proceeding with their plans.

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"And to all a good night!"

Christmas, of course

Christmas on the Islands was celebrated with traditional fun and ceremony.

Kite Contest

And the balmy spring breezes brought out the kites in the first annual kite contest sponsored by Toys Ahoy.



was action aplenty at the ball park all summer There



A victorious Island Water Association team is preserved for posterity



Tom Fisher smashes his way to victory

Summer is for Softball and the park at the School was hopping with more than home runs. Some residents insisted that the "no drinking" law that applies to County property be enforced.

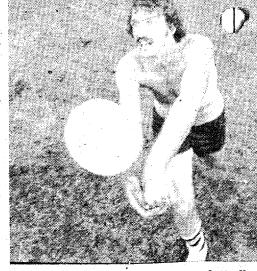
Action on the field included the old Sports for Youth Sports Tournament, the regular softball league culminating in the No-see-Um Tournament and the Over 35 League, which was new this year.



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A summer recreation prog





Casa Ybel again sponsored a volley tournament that was held on the defunct airport. To the surprise of ma the tourney, now in its second year, won by a pick-up team.

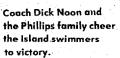




Charlie Slosson and his autographed t-shirt

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The Sanibel Swim Team, co-sponsored by the Sanibel Police Department Recreation Club and Casa Ybel, swept to victory in their first year. Under the coaching of Dick Noon, assisted by David Thompson, June Muench and Pam Thompson, the young swimmers set many records during their first year in competition.

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Eric Potts shows off his trophy to TV cameramen



Canterbury

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students relax

Reading writing and Fitimletic still book place. Sanibel Elementary principal Charles Wainright resigned and was replaced by Barbara Ward. Kids signed autographs to mark the end of the school year.

Sanibel Resources Center opened its doors for another season....Canterbury enters the 80's with some policy and



Heather Muench is justifiably proud of her first place freestyle win

Junior Olympics brought island youth out in force last summer

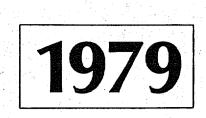


personnel changes and pep rallys at Cypress Lake still herald the football

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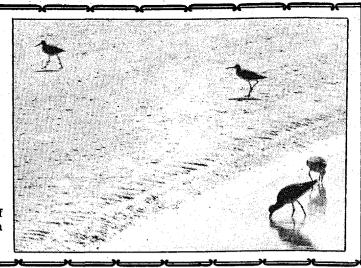
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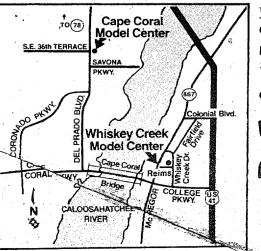
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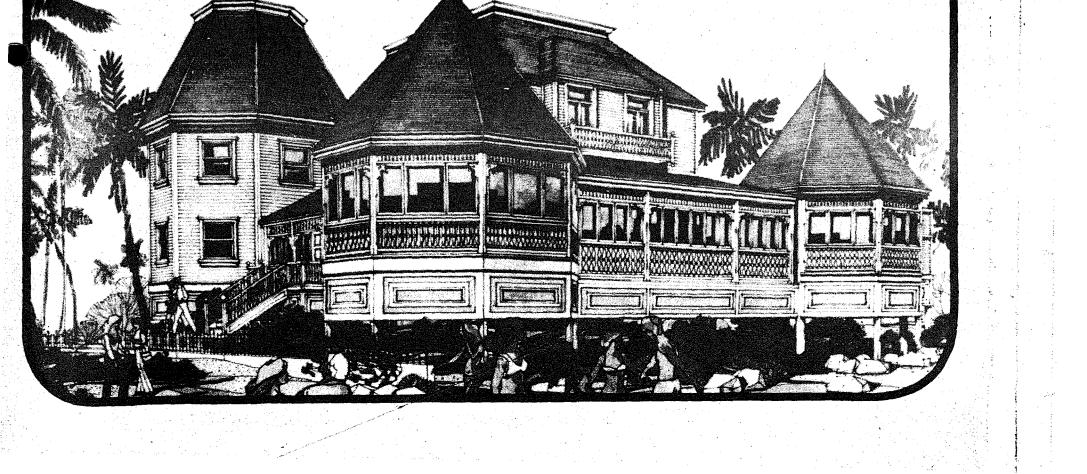
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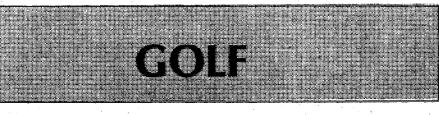
All dinners also include Thistle Lodge homemade bread and your choice of beverage.

Minimum order of two per dinner 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. \$8.50 per person Children under 12 half price.





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It was crying time Friday for the Dunes Women.

Weeping her way to first place in the Cryer's Tournament was Betty Puff. Coming in second was Helen Uhrich and tieing for third were Marion McClary and Ginny Glasser. Dot Miller won Low Putts.

In the Beachview Men's play, Trump Bradley shot the high individual score of plus five to help push his team mates of Bill Beynon, Joe Steinert and Hugh Crider to a winning score of plus ten. Finishing second, with a plus three, was the team of Jeff Dean, Matt Asen, and Bruce Henderson.

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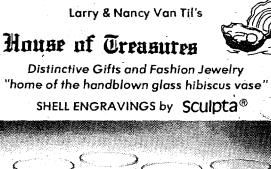
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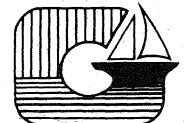
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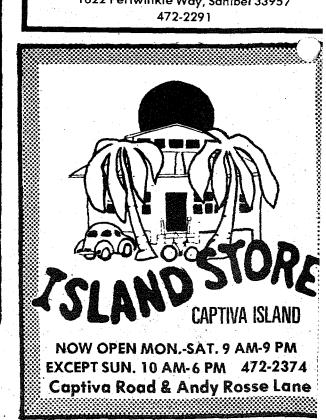
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Portrait

Bob Dormer

Age: 65

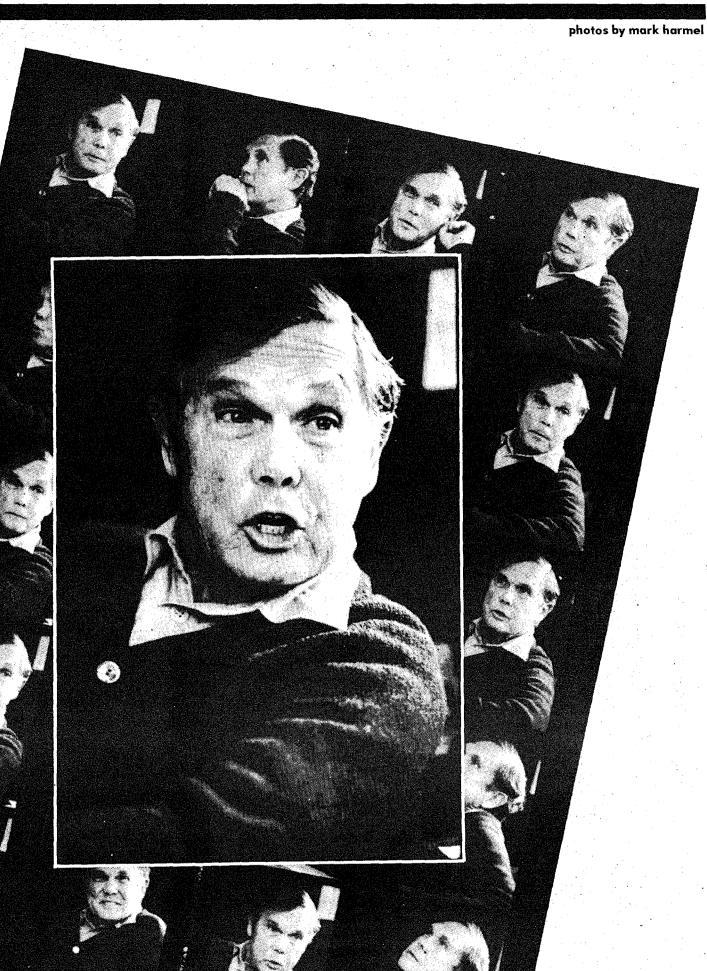
Height: "I suppose I'm shrinking. Lused to be 5'10" but now I'm 5'91/2"!" **Roots:** Yonkers, New York Pleasures: "Golf, reading, and working on Lions' Club projects. I try to stay in physical condition and save gas by riding a bike." Last book read: "On Watch" Mentor: "I have two; Vice Admiral M.E. Miles and General Tai Li - both are men I worked for who did some outstanding things

> to fight a common enemy when most

disagreed with the

Americans

way things were being done." Vish: "That we could successfully oppose things that cause our nation and the world to retrogress spiritually."



"It's incumbent that each individual clean up his act."

Sanibel resident Bob Dormer may claim Yonkers, New York, as his birthplace but his roots reach 'round the globe. From the time he entered the Navy at 17, until settling on Sanibel in 1962, he traveled the high seas and called some of the world's most exotic spots home; the Aleutian Islands, Japan, Turkey and Germany, to name a few.

In 1946 Bob visited the Islands at the invitation of the woman who would later become his wife. Elinore and Bob had met earlier in Washington during the war and both were in the U.S. Navy. Later, after they were married and she had given birth to the first of three children. Ellie was

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mandatorily retired from the service. Bob continued up the military ladder, and during a career that spanned 31 years, worked his way from apprentice seaman to Navy Commander.

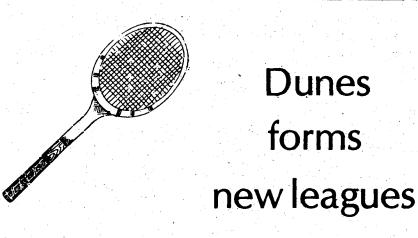
After retirement from the Navy, Bob dabbled in the stock market for a year but found the world of Wall Street unfulfilling. Now, working as a realtor, he is happier but still maintains "I'd rather be back in the Navy!"

An opponent of Island overdevelopment, Bob keeps a sharp eye on local politics while keeping up with global developments, as well. Despite his obvious interest, however, Bob claims no political aspirations, preferring instead to "leave it to the younger chaps."

"People will say the City isn't functioning well," says this proponent of incorporation, "but nothing functions 100 percent. We just haven't achieved perpetual motion yet. It's hard when the human factor is involved."

One might think a Navy retiree living on a sub-tropical Island would spend a lot of time boating but not so. "I'd rather rent a boat than buy one," laughs Bob. "I'm a willing crew for others but there's an awful lot of energy wasted on the 'pursuit of boating!"

ISLAND TENNIS



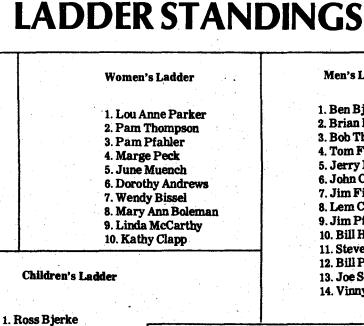
The Dunes Racquet Club is organizing a men's league is planned for the following mixed doubles and a men's doubles league. The weekly league is designed as a fun event where the teams are determined by a blind draw from who ever shows up. .

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The mixed doubles league is scheduled to begin on Saturday January 5th, and the

Tuesday or Thursday afternoon, January 8th. or 10th.

Interested players are asked to call Dunes pro Dean Gunter before January 3rd at 472-3522



2. Mahlon Thompson 3. Joey Hammett

4. Billy Zeiss

5. Kit Toomey

7. Lolli Vartdal

8. Jim Toomey

6. Peter Epranian

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
- Players interested in challenging the Ladder are allowed one open challenge, challenging any player on the Ladder. After the initial challenge, players can challenge

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It's not unusual for me to have half a dozen people come trooping down to my boat for a morning of shelling armed with all sorts of scoops, shovels, hand dowels and various kinds of netsall for the purpose of helping them find better shells.

Most of those tools are not needed, but a few definately can help you locate better shells. This week, let's examine some of the various pieces of shelling equipment you might want to add for your excursions.

All those bait nets, "shell scoops" and dip nets are pretty much useless. There is really nothing to be afraid of as far as having the shell resident bite or cut you. Many of my shellers bring such nets because they are afraid of picking up shells-both live and dead. They have heard stories of terrible lings happening to the unwary sheller. I tell them to put the nets away.

The only people I have ever seen benefit from nets and scoops are those who would have problems walking in



those who just are unable to bend down, to pick up a shell specimen.

Even sea urchins found in our waters won't harm the sheller. I've stepped down hard on lots of them without ever getting pierced by the spines. The point is: don't buy this junk equipment for "protection" under the guise of "shell finders."

There is, however, a specially-made scoop, not designed for shellers but which often helps produce some fine shells. It's called a sand flea scoop, used primarily on Florida's East Coast mud or soft sand flats (for support) or for gethering small hard-shelled crabs

from the surr nne. They aren't too expensive, but they are a bit difficult to make if you have problems working with hardwear cloth and aluminum frames. Most of us would be better off buying one. Local fishing shops may carry these scoops from time to time.

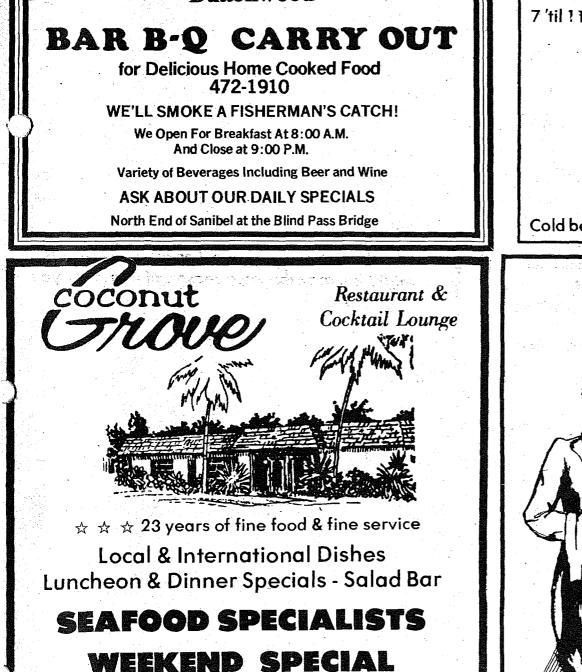
Under normal conditions along the Gulf of Mexico surf line, shellers will notice that there is a depression of perhaps 12 or 15 inches deep just at the line where the waves come up on the sand. This area runs all the way down the beach and often contains large amounts of good shells. Many of these shells, such as fighting conchs, which

are heavy weights compared to lighter shells remain in this trench. This is where the sand flea scoop can pay off when the sheller works this beach line in the surf.

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You will find some good shelling in this manner along the beach at Bowman's Beach, near the northern end of Sanibel Island. Turn east at the sign for Blind Pass Condominiums It's a public beach and free. Once you get over to the beach, work north and use that scoop in the depression just along shore. Don't give up easily on this. Most of the time you will find shells beach walkers didn't know were only a few feet from them.

(Capt. Mike Fuery offers daily shelling and fishing trips from Tween Waters Marina, Captiva Island. Information and arrangements can be made by calling Mike at 472-5161).

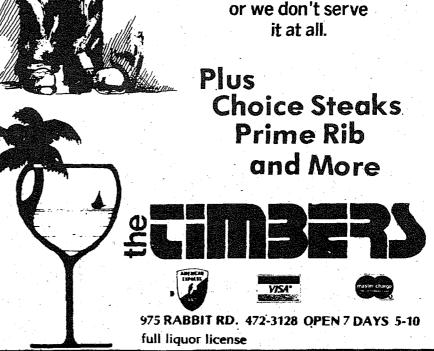


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St. Michael's and All Angels

Two members of St. Micheal's and All Angels Episcopal Church on Sanibel are engaged, as are all Episcopal churches in the Southwest Florida Diocese, in a massive fund raising campaign. At their convention in Punta Gorda in November, the delegates of the diocese voted unanimously to raise \$3,500,000 - the first million being earmarked for the relief of the starving throughout the world. Additional monies were specifically voted to relieve the hardship and the suffering of the people of Panama and Haiti; care for the elderly; ministry to the youth and those in prison in Southwest Florida; provision of pastoral training for the clergy and to begin a Retreat-Conference Center near Bradenton.

Parishioners of St. Micheal's feel that Venture in Mission, as the campaign is called, is a measure of their conviction that one's time, abilities and resources are a trust from our Creator to be used for the benefit of the community, the environment and this world.

If you wish to donate to the campaign, please make checks payable to Venture in Mission and send them to St. Micheal's and All Angels Church, Sanibel.

Reverend James Hubbs is Area Clergy Chairman for St. Micheal's, Sanibel; Epiphany, Cape Coral; St. Rapheal's, Fort Myers and St. John's, Pine Island. John Weinzettle and George Patton, both retired Army officers and members of St. Micheal's are assisting Rev. Hubbs as Lay Chairmen.

League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters is meeting January 7 at the West Wind Inn on West Gulf Drive, Sanibel, in preparation for the Lee County Voter Registration Days on January 18 and 25.

The County election commission will be coming to Sanibel for the League of Women Voters meeting to be held at 10:30 a.m. in order to train and deputize registrars.

Any person who would like to volunteer to register people to vote is welcome to attend and be deputized. You need not be a league member.

For information and -or transportation, call Mrs. Carleen Bowen at 472-4956.

Mature driving class still open

There is still time to register for the over 55 driver's education classes on January 15 and 18.

The class entitled "55 Alive; Mature Driving" is sponsered by the American Association of Retired Persons and the National Retired Teachers Association. The program will be held at the Sanibel Community Center on January 15 and 18 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Enrollment is limited to 25 persons. There is a charge of \$3. Checks should be made payable to "Driver Improvement Program". They may be mailed to: Hilda Rush, 40 Periwinkle Park, Sanibel. For further information call 472-4354.

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Audubon Society

The Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society will begin the new year by presenting "SLICK- the Timber Wolf" at the Sanibel Community Center, Thursday, Janauary 3 at 8 p.m.

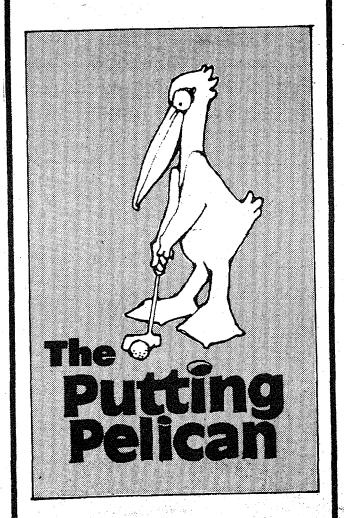
"Slick" will be accompanied by John Harris, his handler-owner. John is the founder and past president of the North American Association for the Preservation of Predatory Animals. He travels the continent extensively, bringing environmental awareness through educational lectures. Since 1969, John brought Jethro, Clem, Rocky, Sundance and Slick, Canadaian timber wolves, to over five million people in hopes of destroying the myth of the "Big, Bad Wolf".He carries the message that the wilderness must be saved now, while there is still time. John does not recommend keeping wild animals as pets, but promotes the preservation of wildlife in its

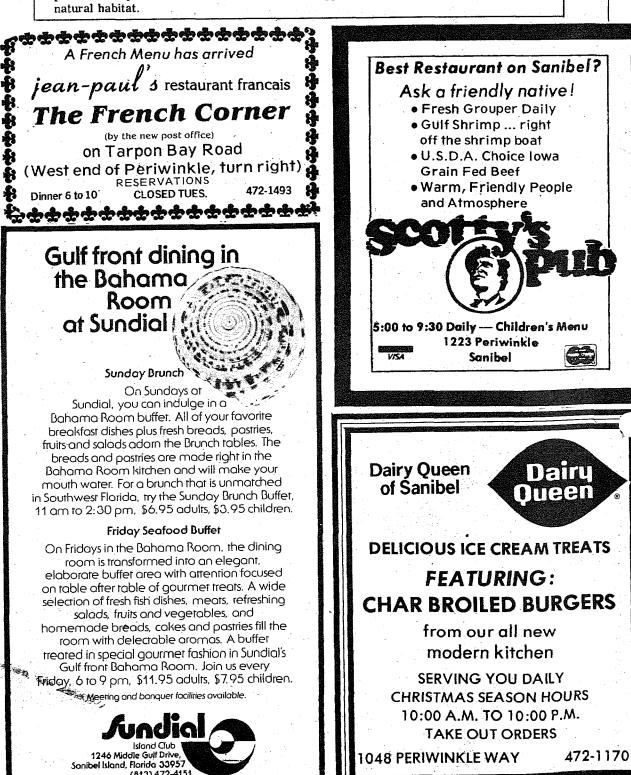
Harris' book, "Endangered Predators' was recently chosen by the Children's Book Council as one of the outstanding science trade books in 1976. He and his work were featured in National Geographic's "Vanishing Wildlife" and World Book's 1977 Science Year.

Slick is an adult timber wolf who is following in the tradition of his uncles Jethro and Rocky as a Wildlife Ambassador. Slick has been promoting preservation of his species and other threatened and endangered species of wildlife since he was a cub. He has already met tens of thousands of people and has appeared on many television and radio shows across the United States and Canada.

Everyone is invited to enjoy the presentation of a 30-minute film on the ecology of timberwolves and see the live appearance of Slick.

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The Outlook, a weekly publication, presents comments on current stock market trends and offers explicit investment policy to follow. Individual stocks are described and recommendations made for a variety of investment objectives. Their Master List of Recommended Issues is a selection of stocks meeting a variety of investment objectives.

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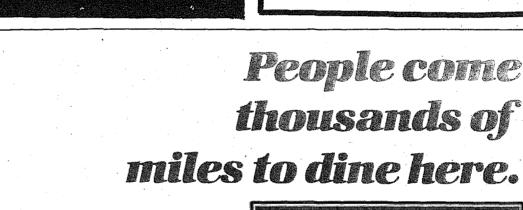
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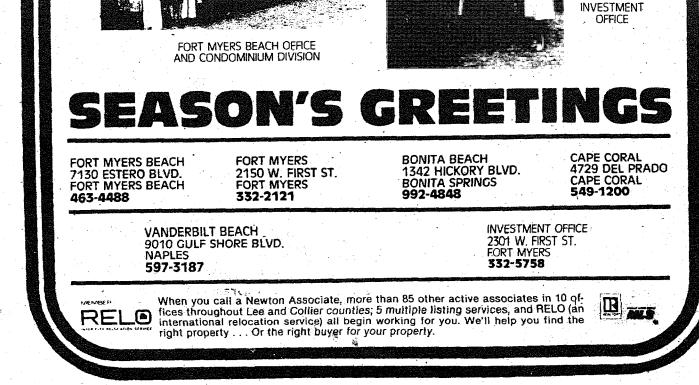


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BINGO MUREX - American Legion Home, Thursday, 8:00 p.m. No minors. Sanibel-Captiva Road, 472-9979.

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

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SAILING — (lessons and - or charter) — Southwind, 472-2531; Paul Taylor, 472-1551; Chic Kennedy, 472-4087; Mike Fuery, 'Tween Waters, 472-5161; Ft. Myers Yacht Charters, Roger Nodruff, 463-2320, Twin Palms Marina; Papa Nui, 332-1200; Off-Shore Sailing School, S.S.P., 472-1551, ext. 4141. Capt. Hugh Alexander, Island Boat Rentals, 472-2228.

SIGHTSEEING TOURS - Herb Purdy, 472-1849; Tarpon Bay Marina (canoes) 472-1323; Capt. Chic Kennedy, 472-4087; Capt. Herby Purdy, 472-1849; Mike Fuery 472-1784; Jerry Way, 472-1784; Capt. Hugh Alexander, Island Boat Rentals, 472-2228

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clubs & civic groups

SANIBEL-CAPTIVA ROTARY CLUB - Meets for luncheon weekly on Fridays at Sundial, from 12 neon to 1:15 p.m. Dutch Treat.

SANIBEL-CAPTIVA LIONS CLUB meets on the first and third Wednesdays at the Beachview Country Club at 6:30 p.m.

SANIBEL-CAPTIVA BOY SCOUTS - meet at Sanibel Elementary School every Tuesday at 7 p.m. Visiting Scouts are welcome

SANIBEL-CAPTIVA AMERICAN LEGION POST 123 Meetings second Tuesday of the month 8 p.m.

(and sometimes later, much later, depending upon the attendance.)

Bingo every Thursday, cash prizes ... SANIBEL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. - Sanibel Community House, 1st Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

SANIBEL-CAPTIVA KIWANIS - Scotty's Pub, Breakfast Meeting each Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. Visitors Welcome.

AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION. Regular meeting the second Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Call Bette Parke 472-2946 for location.

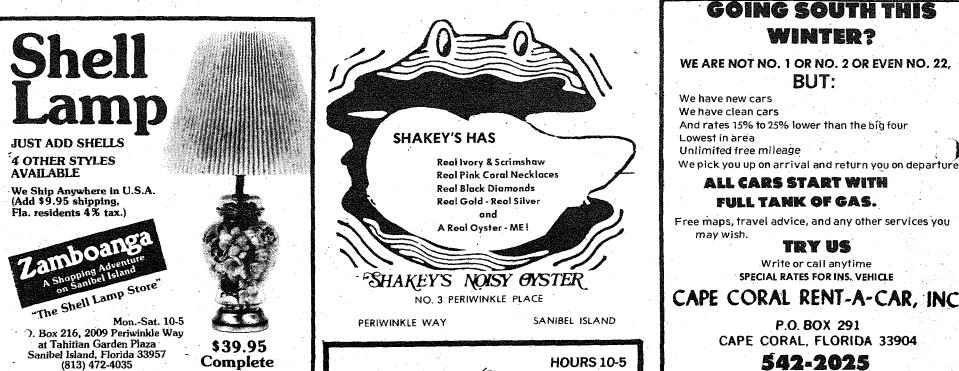
THE SANIBEL-CAPTIVA POWER SQUADRON meets on the second Wednesday of each month (excepting July and August) at the Community Association building at 7:30 p.m. Visitors to the islands from other squadrons are always welcome.

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WEDNESDAY:



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Church School Classes 10:15 A.
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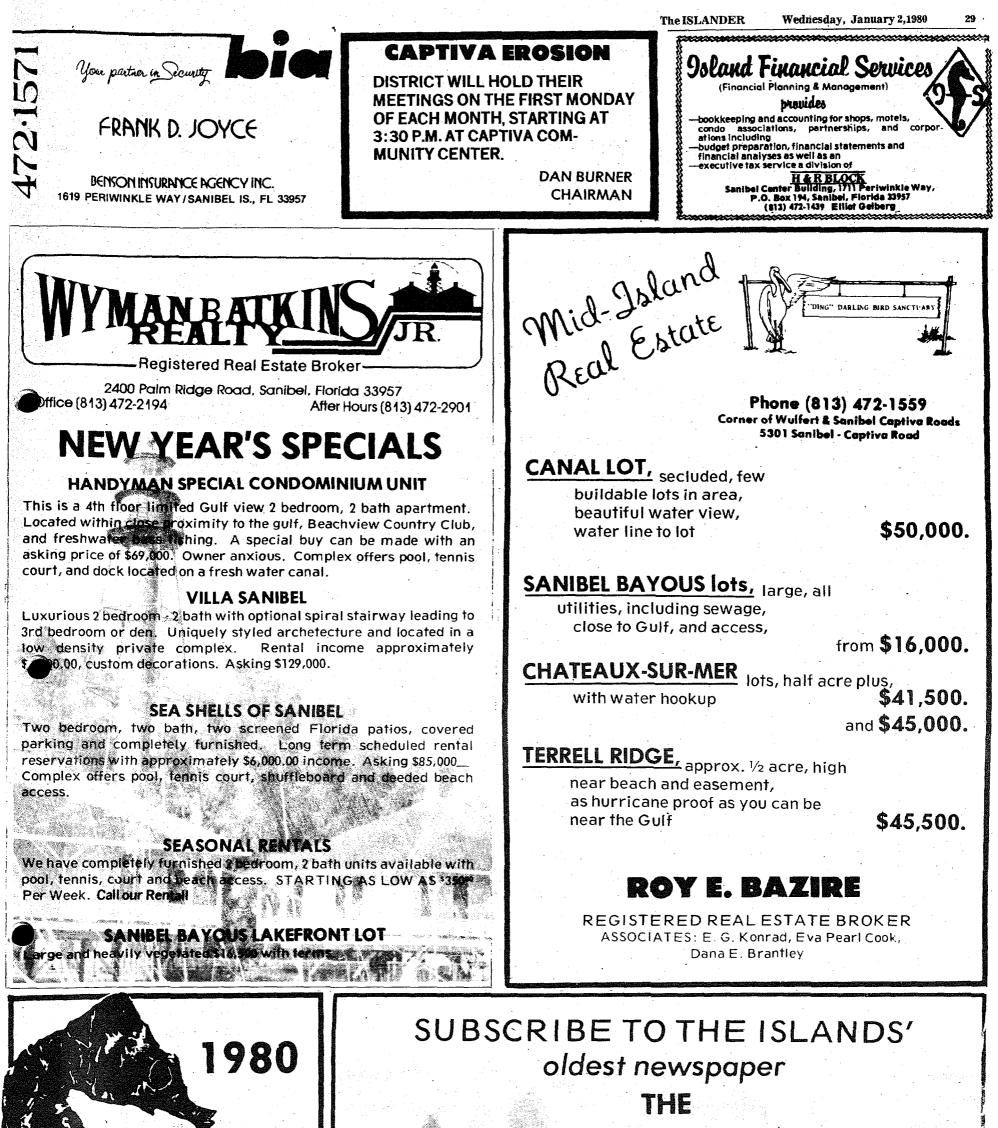
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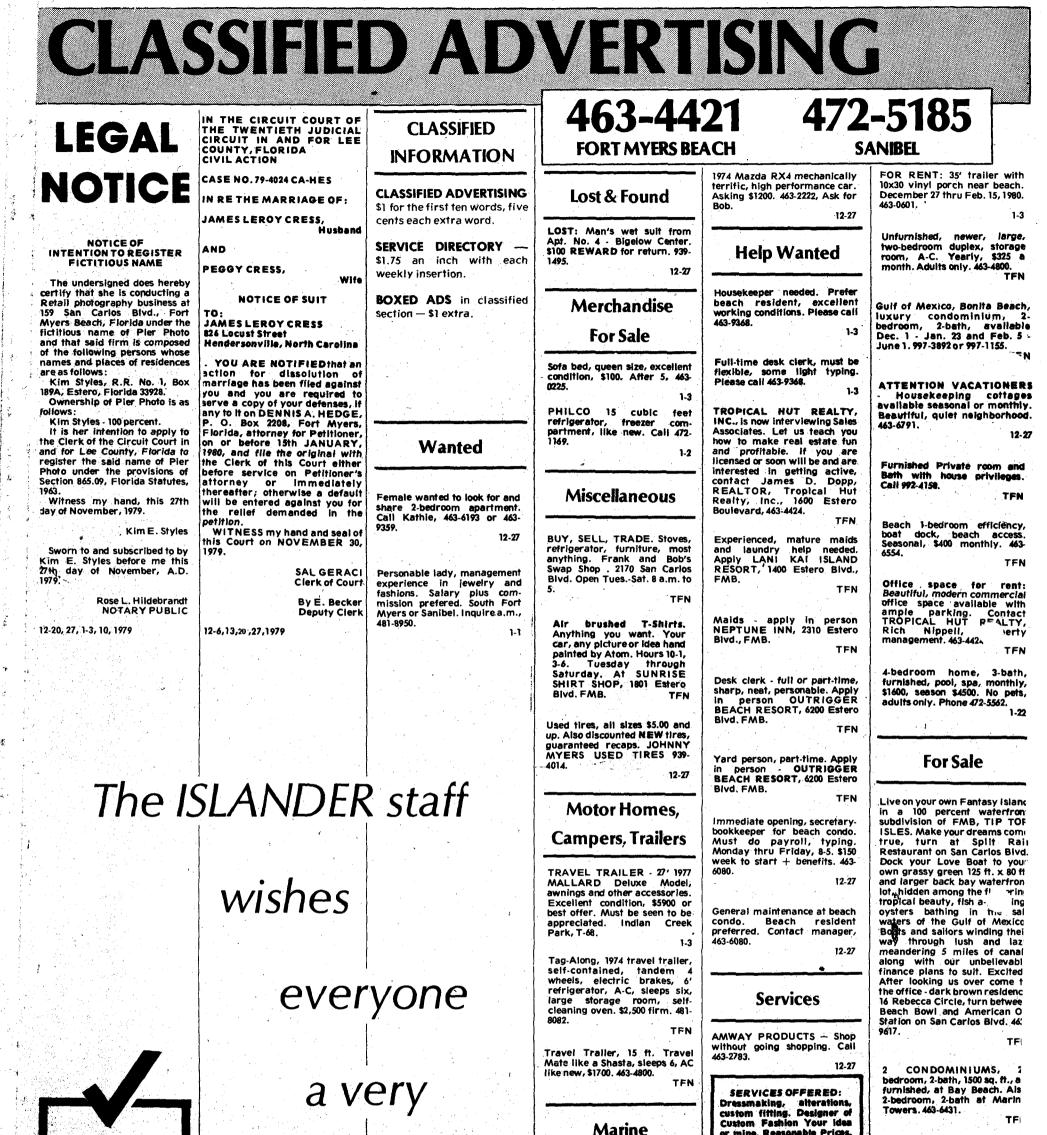
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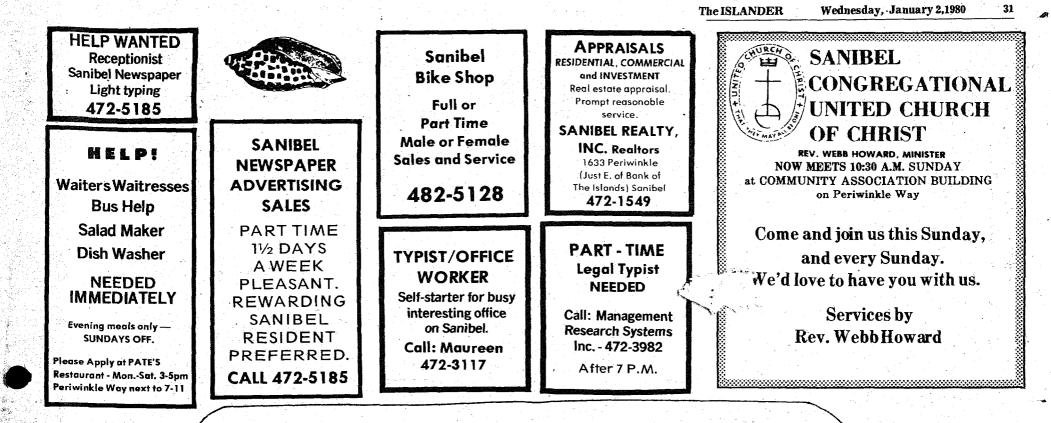


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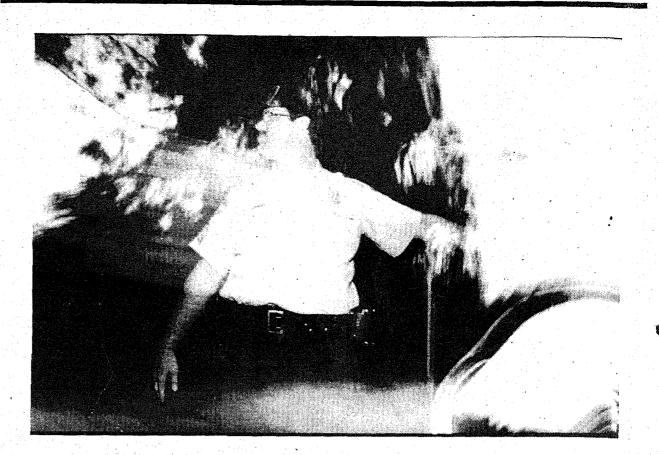
here are about a thousand other seasonal things that could be described such as the springtime appearance of the Sting Rays who gather en masse and re-introduce us to the Sanibel shuffle when

enter the water: late summer

production of red mangroves floating throughout the waters in great abundance; the autumn Goldren Orb Weaver Spiders that used to be so evident here in their soaring treetop orb webs; the humping Gopher Tortoise often seen in the summertime warmth and, also, less frequently, at other seasons.

So, you see, even if you don't get a sock in the jaw by a North Dakota blizzard to tell you its wintertime, or a blaze of hardwood forest leaves to let you know its autumn, or bare, dead, deciduous trees to denote winter, or frigid early springtime days that promise but don't quite deliver the joy of spring for a couple of months until the buds begin to show on those dead looking trees; even though all of those rather more dramatic signs of seasonal change are absent on Sanibel, we do, most assuredly, have our four seasons.

I remember as a youngster here in Florida that I dreaded the approaching winter as much as any sun-starved Swede. For, to a thin-blooded local schoolboy, the 40 degree temperatures of a Florida winter were very cold indeed.



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