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Happy Holidays



Everyone on Sanibel and Captiva should take a lesson in the holiday spirit from the children of the Islands.

Left: Santa made a new friend in Abbey Raven at the Children's Center of the Islands during his visit to the center last week.

Below: The Sanibel Elementary School holiday program included a reading of the Christmas story. They are, left to right, Mical Natoniewski, Tommy Dalton, Jeff Highsmith, Samantha Kennedy, Emily Hein and Jesse Miller-Smith.

For more holiday photos from the Children's Center and Sanibel Elementary School see page 3B. Photos by Mark Johnson.



ISLAND SHORTS

Community news
and announcements about
your friends and neighbors



Lions donate \$500 to refuge for audio-visual equipment



Lion John Cook, left, presents a check for \$500 to Chris Olsen of the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge staff. Photo by Mark Johnson.

T-shirt commemorates the Year of the Wetlands

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20 Years Ago This Week
Dec. 21, 1964
The thrift shop of St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church opened for its second season recently. The shop is in Town Square near the Snack House and is open Thursday afternoons and occasionally on Friday evenings.

Construction has started on a 10-sided, \$35,000 building that will house St. Isabel Catholic Church on Sanibel-Captiva Road. The building was designed by architect Robert Matts.

After three years of sending the paper to everyone on Sanibel and Captiva for no charge, starting in February The Islander will charge for subscriptions. Yearly rates will be \$3 on the Islands, \$3.50 off-Island.

15 Years Ago This Week
Dec. 25, 1969
A feature story about the Sanibel Volunteer Fire Department listed the following men as providing vital fire protection services to Islanders: Alva Nave, fire chief; Ed Legel, assistant chief; Herb Purdy, captain; Marty Holtz, rescue captain. The following men volunteered when they were home from college: Preston Woodring, Ray Rhodes, Chuck Holloway, Chuck Nave, Ray Turner, Jerry Muench, William Main, and Tom Holtz provided assistance when he was on leave from the Navy.

Balley's advertised eight ounces of cream cheese for 19 cents, a 14-ounce bottle of catsup for 15 cents and 100 tea bags for 99 cents.

FOR SALE: 1967 Mustang. Fully equipped, 17,000 miles. \$1,500.

10 Years Ago This Week
Dec. 28, 1974
David John Bretzke has been named Sanibel's first city manager. The appointment is a temporary one, however. Bretzke will receive \$60 a day for his services on Sanibel.

Sanibel Mayor Porter Goss has resigned his position as officer and director of the Island Reporter newspaper.

Patricia Bissell weds

James Phillips

Patricia Mae Bissell and James Phillips were married Saturday, Dec. 1, 1984, at the Church of the Resurrection in Fort Myers.

The bride is the daughter of Ginny and Don Bissell of Sanibel. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Phillips of Danville, Ky. Bridal attendants were Janet Bissell, maid of honor; Barbara Bissell, Wendy Bissell, Ginny Messinger, Steve Bissell and Debbie Phillips.

Groomsmen were Steve Fisher, best man; Lew Phillips Jr., Steve Phillips, Tim Phillips, Capt. Steve Bissell, USMC, and Brian Bissell.

The bride graduated from Edison Community College and the University of Florida. She is employed at the Olympiad of Port



Trish and Jamie Phillips

Myers. The groom attended Eastern Kentucky University and the Southwest Florida Police Academy. He is an officer with the Sanibel Police Department. Following the ceremony guests were taken via the Sanibel trolley to the reception at the Sanibel Community Association hall. After a honeymoon on Hutchinson Island, Fla., the couple is at home in Fort Myers.

IRS has \$3 million in undeliverable refunds

The Internal Revenue Service is looking for more than 7,000 Floridians who are due tax refunds from their 1983 federal income tax returns. 142 of those residents are in Lee County and are due an average of \$36 each.

Merlin Hoyer, IRS district director for Florida, says 7,283 refund checks worth \$3,025,182 have been returned by postal service as undeliverable. The amount of the re-

fund checks ranges from \$1 to \$16,033. The average check is \$414. Both the number of checks and the dollar amount are the highest ever for Florida.

Taxpayers who have not received their refunds for 1983 or prior years should contact the IRS as soon as possible. In all refund inquiries taxpayers should be prepared to provide the name and address as it appeared on the return, the actual name and address if different, Social Security numbers, type of tax form filed and year of refund.

Hoyer stresses that the checks are not available at local offices throughout Florida. Persons needing assistance should call the IRS toll-free number, 1-800-424-1040.

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Fiction bestsellers as advertised by MacIntosh Bookshop this week are as follows: Centennial by James Michener, Something Happened by Joseph Heller, The Seven Percent Solution by John Watson, The Pirate by Harold Robbins, and The Ebony Tower by John Fowles.

5 Years Ago This Week
Dec. 25, 1979
Because of the Christmas Day holiday The Islander did not publish this week.

1 Year Ago This Week
Dec. 28, 1983
Eben and Eileen Joy did not have any family home for Christmas — so they created their own by hosting 12 international students for a traditional Christmas dinner and a day exploring Sanibel.

Persuaded by statistics that driving under the influence and disturbance arrests on Sanibel double after midnight, the City Council last week decreed that bars and lounges cannot sell alcoholic beverages after 1 a.m.

In return for financial assistance from the city to pay off the principal of its mortgage, the Sanibel Community Association has agreed to allow the city to use its facilities for special events through Sept. 30, 1984.

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Weather watch

Everybody talks about it...

Last week's weather according to records kept by the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce was as follows:

	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Tuesday, Dec. 18	71	43	0
Wednesday, Dec. 19	78	61	0
Thursday, Dec. 20	74	61	0
Friday, Dec. 21	78	61	0
Saturday, Dec. 22	76	61	0
Sunday, Dec. 23	74	64	0

Coming

Monday, Dec. 24
Year's Eve Reception

Tuesday, Dec. 25
New Year's Day

Wednesday, Dec. 26
Regular meet

Thursday, Dec. 27
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Monday, Dec. 31
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MUNICIPAL RECORDS

Citizens committee disappointed in accountants' trash collection report

There was absolutely no "useful information" in the 21-page Probe Batson and Co. report on its study to determine if Sanibel Disposal Inc.'s cost of operations is equitably allocated among its Sanibel customers.

That was the judgment of the Retiree State Study Committee appointed by

the City Council to work with the Fort Myers certified public accounting firm.

SDI owner Joe Hamstra hired Probe Batson to review the structure of the rates charged for garbage and trash collection on the island.

The city committee with Dave Ar-

old representing commercial users, Will Flatow representing condominium users, Mrs. Walter Emmons representing residential users, and CPA John Freeman, has asked Probe Batson to redo the comparison of the rates for the three service categories using actual costs rather

than percentage of revenue as a base.

Gordon Kiddoo, who represents Sanibel on the county's Resource Recovery Task Force, called the report "woefully inadequate."

"It doesn't differentiate among the three types of service," he said, adding, "Single-family home collection costs are much higher than the other two categories."

Judge rules in favor of Ferry Landing dock continued

Paulsen filed a lawsuit against the city last August after the Planning Commission denied his request to construct a 130-foot-long dock in San Carlos Bay for the use of 18 Ferry Landing homeowners. The City Council

upheld the commission's decision.

At the time boat docks were a permitted accessory use for single-family homes in the Bay Beach ecological zone.

Paulsen called the denial a "de facto

rezoning" and sought a court judgment ordering the city to issue the development permit.

Oral arguments were held Dec. 6, 13 and 20.

More municipals,
page 17A

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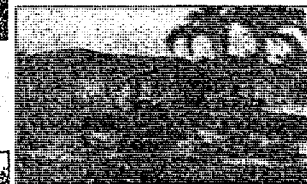
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BUSINESS NEWS

By Scott Martell

Island Locksmith expands services with opening of hardware store

Though the Island Locksmith business has changed dramatically in the past three months, the business is still "all in the family" and now has even deeper roots grasping Sanibel.

Last Saturday the business held a grand opening party to celebrate the opening of its hardware and service store. The store will sell everything dealing with home security," according to partners Allan Betten and Walt Thompson.

Among the new services the partners plan to offer are:

- A stock up to 1,000 blanks for keys, foreign and domestic — previously Island Locksmith had 70 blanks;
- A sharpening apparatus for knives, saw blades, and sockets;
- A stock of fire extinguishers, safes and alarm systems for sale;
- Hours from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday;
- A 24-hour emergency service for those who desperately need a locksmith; and
- Two radio-dispatched vans to service Islanders and visitors' locksmith needs.

Island Locksmith has been in business since 1973, but until now its office has always been on wheels.

Don Humphreys started Island Locksmith in 1973 after he retired from the armed services. His motorhome, which he used as an office, was a common sight along the Islands' byways or in front of his home.

Last September Humphreys decided to retired for the second time. But he wanted to keep the



Left to right: Al Betten, Norma Thompson and Walter Thompson. Photo by Mark Johnson.

business in the family if possible, so he contacted his son-in-law, Allen Betten, in Van Nuys, Calif. Betten worked for General Motors, first in security and then as a locksmith for the past three years. He and his wife, Donna, decided to move to Sanibel and purchase the business.

Betten also wanted to expand Island Locksmith — give it roots with an office and hardware store. So he looked for a partner. He

found Walt Thompson, who had already expressed interested in joining Humphreys as a partner.

Thompson was a shop teacher and guidance counselor in Cape Cod, Mass. He and his wife, Norma, also ran a motel in Provincetown. And now, after just two months as partners, the two have an Island Locksmith hardware store — the roots are in, and they are still growing.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

We want to take this opportunity to wish SEASON'S GREETINGS to all of Sanibel and especially the following, who have made the start of our fifth year better than ever:

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and marketing. The 3,509 individuals who have earned the designation have completed an intensive series of real estate marketing and management course, meet stringent experience requirements and demonstrated the application of brokerage management concepts in their everyday practice.

Asp is vice president

of Priscilla Murphy Realty, Inc., and director of project sales at Sanibel Harbour Resort. She is a member of the Fort Myers Board of Realtors and the Florida Association of Realtors. She is also on the board of directors of Outreach, Inc., an adolescent drug rehabilitation program in Lee County.

Confidential counseling sessions offered for small business people

Free advice on small business problems will be available at the Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce Jan. 3. Confidential one-hour sessions will be conducted by professional counselors from the Small Business Development Center of the University of South Florida. Current or future small business owners can take advantage of this free service.

Appointments are necessary. Con-

tact the chamber of commerce, 334-1132, to schedule a session. The counseling sessions will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Key problem areas in business planning, marketing, financial assistance, loan packaging or personnel can be covered by the SBDC. Find out how to obtain a share of government or private industry contracts through the Info Bid program.

The experts advise: Don't buy when it's comfortable

By Al Goldman
Courtesy of Mark Webb
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Two of the most reliable indicators that a market correction is doing its job are when brokerage firms start closing branches and market analysts stop getting invited to social events.

The industry is on a cut-back kick, and we can personally attest to the fact that having market analysts to parties is no longer the "in" thing.

Both of those phenomena are caused by the public's declining interest in owning stocks, which is a direct result of the declining value of their stock portfolios over the past 16 months.

Corrections are painful, but the "I want out" or "I'm not interested" mood creates a critical ingredient needed to start stocks up again.

When enough market participants are convinced that stocks are never going up again we get a predictable chain reaction — gloom. Going by the continued sloppy action of the market, not enough folks have thrown in the towel. But the indicators of the mood of the market are showing a trend in the right direction.

The growing disinterest in stocks is a bullish indicator long term but a dangerous psychological state for investors.

With more and more turning sour on stocks we strongly believe it is time to start thinking in just the opposite direction. The best buying opportunities occur when most don't want anything to do with an asset like common stock that has intrinsic value.

We believe now is a critical time to reevaluate negative opinions about owning stocks and to review the attractions they offer versus alter-

native investment vehicles. In fact, we believe all investment brokers have an obligation to clients and prospects to discuss the rewards and the risks of owning stocks now that many investors have closed minds.

The discussion may be elementary to some, but we all need to review basics from time to time.

Based on the action of the market itself, we have to continue to say that there is no rush to buy and that we probably have more hard times ahead.

However, if you wait to buy when it is comfortable doing it, you are probably late. Do your emotional and intellectual analysis now so you will be ready to go when the market trend reverses.

Market analyst Al Goldman based this report on market conditions as of Tuesday, Dec. 18, 1984.

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POLICE BEAT

All information in the following reports was taken directly from Sanibel Police Department records.

A resident of Mariner Point condominiums reported three fishing rods and reels, one pair of prescription glasses and a tackle box had been taken from his boat that was docked behind the condominiums between 6 p.m. Dec. 13 and 8 a.m. Dec. 14. Value of the missing items was placed at \$230.

Police looked for but could not find a person who was reportedly throwing rocks at an alligator in the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge around 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14.

Sanibel woman was cited for

failure to yield the right-of-way after a two-car accident at the intersection of Periwinkle Way and Dixie Beach Boulevard early Friday evening, Dec. 14. Laura Guyton, 18, of 1870 Woodring Point, was cited. There were no injuries in the accident.

Police were able to replant two of three hibiscus plants that were uprooted from a Greenwood Court front yard between 6 and 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14. The resident of the home notified police of the vandalism.

Police charged Sanibel resident William Burton Farrell, 28, of 1422 Sandpiper Circle, with driving under the influence after he was stopped on Periwinkle Way near the Sanibel Community Church shortly after 11 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 14. Farrell was taken to the Lee County Jail.

Police investigated the theft of three fire extinguishers from the Shammar motel on West Gulf Drive Tuesday morning, Dec. 18. The Kimtron ABC extinguishers were valued at \$40 each.

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Ben Jenks
President and Chief Executive Officer for Sanibel Realty. Ben is a trained professional with an excess of 16 years in real estate. After graduating from South Oregon College, he did graduate work at the University of Oklahoma and University of Chicago. Since his move to SW Florida, Jenks has maintained a high visibility in community affairs. His most recent involvements have included the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club, the Parishione's Council of St. Hubert's Church, and previously was a member of the Lee County Planning Commission. He is thoroughly familiar with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan which was adopted during his tenure.

Ben Jenks was one of the founders of the Co-Operative Brokers for Sanibel-Captiva, and Computerized Listing Service.

Ben and his wife, Joanie, live on Sanibel and enjoy sailing ... when they find the time from their many community involvements.

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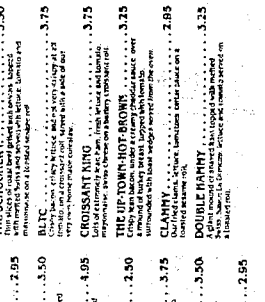
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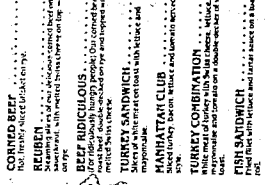
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Council sees need for ordinance to regulate placement of newspaper vending machines

An ordinance to regulate the placement of newspaper vending machines on Sanibel is being drafted by City Attorney David La Croix. Currently several newspapers including the two Island weeklies have vending machines in public rights-of-way. This violates a state law that prohibits obstruction of rights-of-way, Code Enforcement Officer Dick Baker reported to the City Council last Tuesday.

Nine Fort Myers News-Press coin-operated vending machines have been removed from various locations along Island roads after the News-Press was cited for violation of state statutes as well as the city's Graphics ordinance.

One News-Press box was relocated on Sanibel Post Office property, Baker said. But Postmaster

Paul Adams has informed the city that federal postal regulations prohibit a vending machine on post office property.

La Croix said that under the Freedom of the Press First Amendment newspapers have the right to be distributed in public places. But municipalities can regulate placement of newspaper vending racks in public places if there are "reasonable and demonstrable public health, safety and welfare concerns to justify the regulation," he said.

Prohibition of newspaper racks along a road where stopping is not permitted could probably be justified, he added.

City Manager Gary Price said he was seeking direction from the council on how to proceed. Mayor Fred Valtin pointed out that the council is

"committed to do something to re-establish regulations to prohibit obstruction of public rights-of-way."

"The easiest way would be by an ordinance," he said.

Jim Hobson, owner of the Three Star grocery, urged the council to pass an ordinance prohibiting vending machines in the public right-of-way.

He said he wanted to charge newspaper companies rent of \$1 to \$2 per month to place their vending machines in front of his place of business, but some of the companies simply moved their racks to the right-of-way.

Both Island newspapers have occupational licenses to do business on the Island, Valtin said.

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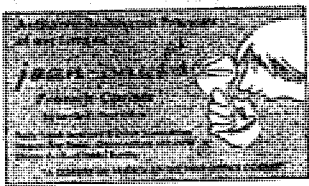
MUNICIPAL RECORDS

Condos withdraw requests

The Lee County Health Department no longer requires restrooms at condominium swimming pools. Because of this change in regulations, three requests before the Sanibel City Council for specific amendments to permit restrooms on ground level without floodproofing were withdrawn. All three were scheduled for second hearings before the council last Tuesday. Architect Roland Stout told the council developers of the Tularia, Sunward and Poinciana condominiums had decided not to construct the restrooms since they are no longer required by the Health Department. Planning Director Bruce Rogers told Stout that amended development permits with the restrooms deleted from the site plans would be required.

Neighbors protest vacation of portion of Las Tiendas Lane

"We hear you loud and clear," Mayor Fred Valdes told residents in the neighborhood who were objecting to the city's vacation of a portion of Las Tiendas Lane to private ownership. Doug Smith, who is developing six single-family lots on property along Periwinkle Way between Sabal Street and Las Tiendas Lane, asked the city to vacate ownership of the 300-foot-long, 75-foot-wide public road easement that runs east to west bisecting the parcel. Under terms of the development permit for the subdivision approved last January Smith would have to pave the road to city standards. The Planning Commission agreed an asphalt road would not be compatible with the casual sand/shell roads that dominate the area. All six lots would have access on this easement, which is an extension of La Tiendas Lane, and curb cuts on busy Periwinkle Way would be eliminated. City Manager Gary Price said the city would benefit by the vacation by no longer being responsible for maintenance of the street. But the protesters maintained only the developer would benefit. They reminded the council of its policy not to give up any more public property. The applicant was not present at last Tuesday's first reading of the ordinance. The second hearing is scheduled for Jan. 2.



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Aluminum can recycler will be installed at Jerry's from page 6A

The \$11,000-foot machine issues a ticket showing the number of cans deposited, the price per can and the total amount due. The ticket can then be presented to the store for payment.

Storzy estimates there are 100,000 cans purchased on the island annually. 40,000 cans are needed for the recycler to pay for itself, he said.

The two recycling operations on Sanibel at the Sanibel Captive Conservation Foundation and the American Legion are not convenient for the average person, he said.

At the SCFC 450 to 500 cans are recycled weekly. The American Legion handles about 1,000 each week.

"Recycling cans at Jerry's can become part of the weekly grocery shopping trip just as returning bottles is," Storzy said.

The council agreed with Councilman Mike Klein that the concept of providing an easy way to recycle

cans is a "great idea — the only question is the location."

Because the recycling machine requires "three-phase electrical hookup" it would not be possible to locate it near the Sanibel Elementary School, as suggested by Councilman Louise Johnson.

City planners maintained Jerry's is already developed to the maximum potential authorized by the settlement stipulation under which the development permit for the center was approved.

Mayor Fred Vaitins said that without the ecological angle the council "would never agree to another for-profit business that will increase traffic at one of the busiest intersections."

As a compromise Klein suggested the recycling operation be approved for one year at Jerry's parking area. After a year its benefit to the community and impact on traffic will be reviewed by the council.

The motion passed by a 3-2 vote with Johnson

dissenting. Councilman Francis Bailey, declaring a conflict of interest, abstained from voting.

Council hears request for car rental office

from page 6A

said the number of cars parked at the site would vary from 10 in the busy season to five in off-season.

Six parking spaces are assigned to the 1,200-square-foot unit being considered for the office, Martelli said.

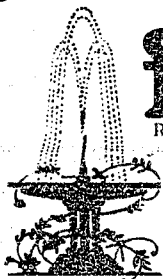
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Part I

Third world resources: Coping with their overuse

We have all heard much about hunger in the Sahel ... There is a solution to at least part of this complex problem. It is a tree native to Central America that grows as a weed tree on Sanibel and much of the West Indies — *Leucaena leucocephala*.

By George Campbell

Illustrated by Ann Winterbotham

The Foster Parents Plan, Inc., a fine organization headquartered in Warwick, R.I., recently published in its periodical an interesting article on the plight of many Third World women in the poorer, less developed rural areas of the world.

Typically women in this plight arise before 5 a.m., wash, eat and walk to the fields, where they spend about nine and a half hours doing tough stoop labor. Then around 3 p.m., if they're lucky, they spend an hour or so finding firewood for cooking the evening meal. From 4 to about 5:30 p.m. after returning home laden with firewood, they prepare the meal, which is largely *ofon*, often maize, ground in a mortar and pestle.

At 5:30 p.m. to at least 6:30 they have to take a long hike for water. Most Third World countries do not have water readily available nearby, and even if they do there is often only one well or one spigot for 50 or 60 women or more, so long lines usually eventuate. In addition to getting the water, this time is their social hour.

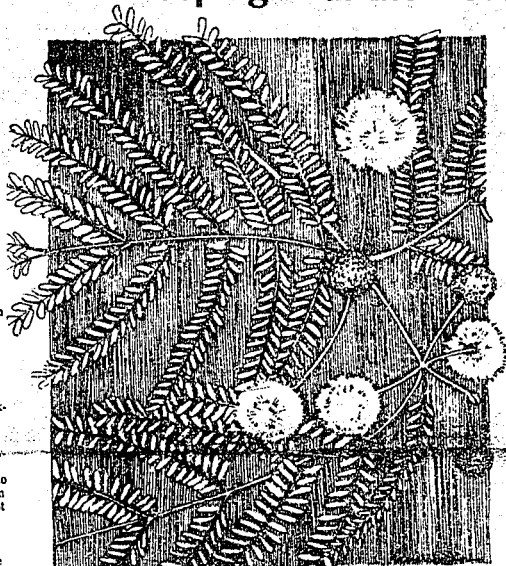
Then from about 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. they cook the food that was ground or otherwise prepared earlier. The family then gathers about to eat. From 8:30 to about 9:30 p.m. women take care of the children and accomplish other household duties. Then they are off to sleep.

Add it up — it is a long, long workday. And such women lack the amenities of even the poorest people in the developed world. They have no vehicles of any kind and must walk everywhere to do their chores. The only dishwasher consists of their own hands. No showers, no indoor plumbing — nothing by way of conveniences to make their lives easier.

The above average times are just that. Some women have much tougher lives. In some places water can only be collected once or twice a week, the source being so far away that other chores would not be accomplished if water were acquired more frequently.

One of the greatest problems in the developing world is gathering firewood for cooking the evening meal. As populations grow sources peripheral to human settlements diminish, and consequently in many cases much great distances must be traversed before sufficient wood can be acquired.

Foreign advisors from many parts of the world have exacerbated the situation by teaching nomadically nomadic people to settle down and stay at one place near the village church and to farm and graze their animals in one region. Their original cultures dictated just the opposite. This exacerbates the situation because such centers of permanent settlement encourage the depletion of resources in the immediate vicinity — resources such as firewood. Also, this stationary life encourages water problems and over-utilization of land resulting in desertification and poorly nourished stock.



Leucaena leucocephala

Nomads who graze their animals over large areas cause less environmental destruction. Depauperate lands and soils can tolerate nomadic cultures with much less over-use of natural resources than can stationary peoples. I know of one formerly nomadic African tribe that is in deep trouble because its members no longer wander, but have settled down in one place.

We have all heard much about hunger in the Sahel. At least part of the problem relates to the above described change in cultural patterns.

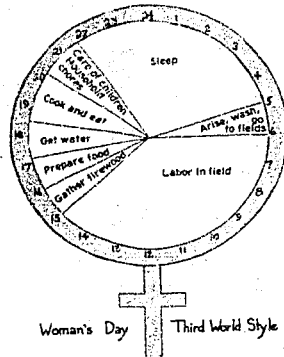
There is a solution to at least part of this complex problem. It is a tree native to Central America that grows as a weed tree on Sanibel and much of the West Indies — *Leucaena leucocephala*. These "mimosas" looking trees have round, white flower clusters, hence the specific name, which means "white head."

Some cultivars of this remarkable species do very well in some impoverished countries. There are many advantages. They grow so fast that some varieties attain a five- or six-inch trunk diameter in a couple or three years.

This form then has the potential for satisfying the firewood problem in many parts of the world. The fact that the tree can grow in some poor soils under adverse conditions is, of course, a great plus. Instead of having to walk miles for the ever-diminishing firewood, Third World women in developing nations can have their own *Leucaena* for firewood.

Of course, in establishing such a woodlot patience would have to be exercised to allow the trees to grow to sufficient size for harvesting.

Leucaenas present as valuable contributors to developing nations.



Woman's Day Third World Style

One important activity, conspicuous by its absence in the above 24-hour clock, might, demographers say, ultimately result in the extinction of the human species.

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REFUGE REPORT

The third of the Islands' 'Big Three' undesirable species

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This is the third and final article in my "Big Three" trilogy. The Big Three includes three species of introduced, foreign and highly undesirable plants. Each species has severely impacted the natural ecosystems of the southern Florida peninsula.

In previous articles I have discussed the Casuarina or Australian pine and the Schein or Brazilian pepper. In this finale of the series we'll look at South Florida's ominous "drowsy" tree.

Those of us living on the Islands and frequent visitors who keep up with Island events are familiar with the great melaleuca debate on Sanibel. Both pro-melaleuca and anti-melaleuca forces have espoused their views on the subject.

Despite all the input by everyone concerned, the problem remains. The city of Sanibel has taken

some positive action, but much more has to be done. Shortly after I arrived in Southwest Florida as a teenager in 1962, I learned about the cajuput tree — a common name for the melaleuca — from new friends in Estero. At that time there were a few small stands of the trees in and about Estero produced from stock brought there by botanists of the Koreschan Unity.

In those long summer days we rode horseback through the woods hunting snakes, and I generally explored the region. We often rode along the melaleuca stands, pulled off a handful of leaves and ground them up in our hands. The juice produced was used as a makeshift mosquito repellent.

Today the scene on the mainland has changed dramatically. Countless acres of pine flatwoods and mangroves of cypress stands have been displaced by the cancer-like march of the cajuput. Beautiful ponds and live oak-lined streams are now rimmed with these repulsive-smelling trees.

Just drive out to the new jetport for a demonstra-

tion of what these trees have done, are doing and will do to the unique South Florida landscape. Like other introduced species, the melaleuca has an attractive side. They have been planted as ornaments on the Islands and as privacy barriers. When I came to Sanibel in 1958 there were but a handful of the trees growing in an orderly fashion at homesites and business establishments. These trees, for the most part, were manicured and maintained. Over the years I have observed minimal spread from these trees and have always assumed that the absence of seedlings was because they could not compete with lawnmowers. But what about wildlands nearby? I was alarmed recently to learn from Bill Patric, the city's noxious plant control officer, just how severe the melaleuca's spread to undeveloped lands is.

Each melaleuca produces millions of seeds in small capsules. At times of stress such as fire, cold,

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Then each year a new planting would be made so there would always be trees of sufficient size and number to provide all the firewood needed.

This remarkable tree, which in some parts of the world is called turpentine, is good for other things too. Being a legume, it has nitrogen fixation capability. Bacteria in the root nodules are

capable of combining atmospheric nitrogen to form nitrogenous compounds available for the nutrition of plants. Additionally, there is a mycorrhizal fungus that through some biological magic renders phosphorous compounds available to the plants.

It is possible to utilize these two important pro-

perties of Leucaena to grow better crops for the production of more food.

Next week in part II of this mini-series I will explore a plan for the utilization of Leucaena to benefit crops and people.

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Birders cover the Island for annual Christmas count

by Scott Bartell
A group of dedicated birders with binoculars and pencils and pads canvassed Sanibel and Captiva on Saturday, doing what they often do — observing Island wildlife.

But Saturday's observations had a special purpose. Saturday was selected for Sanibel and Captiva's segment of the annual nation-wide Christmas Bird Census sponsored by the National Audubon Society.

The results will be tabulated this week and will be presented to the public and the National Audubon Society as soon as possible.

Last year 79 birders counted 1,338

birds representing 124 species on the two Islands and in adjacent waters.

The yearly count helps point out trends developing in the Island's bird population. Last year, for instance, the counters discovered five more species than were seen the year before.

However, the total number of birds seen was 7,585 less. One reason for the decline in birds was that the robins and yellow-rumped warblers had not arrived in time for the count last year.

Unusual bird sightings are also one of the more interesting features of the annual count. And it will be interesting to compare those unusual birds sighted last year with those sighted

this Saturday.

Last year the unusual sightings included: nine bald eagles, one broad-winged hawk, one peregrine falcon, three merlins, 13 king rails, seven Bonaparte's gulls, two little terns, one common tern, one gull-billed tern, one mangrove cuckoo, one gray kingbird, one ruby-crowned kinglet, one Tennessee warbler, one orange-crowned warbler, one Nashville warbler and one Connecticut warbler.

The Islander will present the 1984 bird count figures when they become available.

Refuge Report continued

trimming, etc., the encapsulated seeds are released. In stands the natural pruning process resulting from normal growth releases seeds that are wind dispersed. This process produces the tiered growth patterns so obvious on the advancing fringes of melaleuca stands.

The South Florida that I first saw in 1952 has certainly changed. The Everglades is in its death throes — thanks to improper water management AND the encroachment of melaleuca.

When you next drive a cross Alligator Alley take a good look at the Everglades. Much of the "river of grass" ecosystem is experiencing trees or small stands that will one day become a panorama of "wall-to-wall" melaleuca about 55 miles in uninterupted solidarity on BOTH sides of the highway.

If we consider the freshwater interior wetlands of Sanibel as a miniature Everglades, the threat of the above occurring here is graphically alarming.

This spring during my spraying operations against another exotic invader, the Brazilian pepper, in the Bailey Tract I discovered five scattered

six- to 10-foot melaleuca saplings growing in former spartina sloughs. Needless to say, these were in-

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