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MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY HOLIDAYS



AWAY IN AN ISLAND MANGER—The Take 2/The Lord youth group from the Sanibel Community Church presented a live Nativity scene at the Luminary Trail Dec. 2. Louis Mendez brought the animals from his petting zoo in Bonita Springs.

Driver in DUI, fatal crash sentenced to three years

By Matthew Miller
Staff Writer

It was just nine months ago a college student driving a car while intoxicated spun off the road claiming three of his fraternity brother's lives. Friday, Mark Stanley Sterner was sobered with a sentencing of three years in the Lee County Jail and 12 years of community service.

In the first hour of March 4, Sterner commanded a rented Lincoln Town car

down Sanibel-Captiva Road traveling an estimated 70 mph, failed to negotiate a curve, skidded off near the six mile marker and crossed the southbound lane into an area of thick trees. Along the path of fatal destruction, the car uprooted a Brazilian pepper tree, flipped for 60 feet and struck another pepper tree before landing upright.

None of the men were wearing a seatbelt and although two air bags inflated all five were thrown from the

car. Two were found nearly 60 feet from the car.

Killed were James J. Smith, 23, of Lindenhurst, N.Y., Peter D. Scott, 22, of West Islip, N.Y., and Aaron B. Ebbert, 24, of Amherst, N.H. Darren Moll, 22, of Farmington, N.Y. and Sterner were both seriously injured.

In the wake of his three fraternity brothers' deaths, Sterner was pegged with driving the car after blood test showed a .17 BAC (blood alcohol content), twice the .08 content permissible by law. Three counts of DUI

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Council opposes nude beach

By Mark S. Krzos
Staff Writer

Sanibel City Council members have agreed to support the Lee County Board of Commissioners in opposing nude sunbathing at Silver Key.

The show of support opened the door for arguments for and against nude bathing.

While nude sunbathing has never been formally discussed by the Sanibel City Council, Tuesday, Council members fired the first shot against naturists who seek out secluded beaches to sunbathe au naturel.

"Sanibel Naturists seek to have a beach or section of a beach that is

clothing optional," said John Yarbrough, director of Lee County Parks and Recreation. "I will be taking their request to the Lee County Management and Planning Committee meeting Jan. 9 in Fort Myers."

Yarbrough said he felt

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City considers suing CEPD

By Mark S. Krzos
Staff Writer

Sanibel City Council members moved to seek legal action to prevent any sand from being placed on Captiva's beaches without Sanibel's consent and approval unless provisions are made to provide sand for northern Sanibel.

"We have attempted to negotiate faithfully with Alison Hagerup,

Stephen Cutler, the CEPD [Captiva Erosion Prevention District] and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, but we're just not getting anywhere," said City Attorney Bob Pritt.

Pritt told Council members the issue needs to be resolved. He suggested looking into the possibility of filing a lawsuit.

"We continue to not

be able to work anything out because, frankly, the CEPD does not want to take responsibility of the renourishment on northern Sanibel," Pritt said.

Erosion on northern Sanibel has damaged several properties, causing some to literally slip into the gulf. Sanibel residents tend to blame beach renourishment on Captiva for the Sanibel

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Island voices

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It's about time

To the editor:

John Kubisz is a legend in his own mind but I'm sick of hearing his opinion of himself. With all the recent paid advertisements placed in local papers, you would think he was running for public office. Why does this man who obviously perceives himself as the "be all and end all" of wildlife rehabilitation feel he needs to stoop to this level? Could it be that information released by the CROW board of directors is showing the public the real John Kubisz, and he is finding it unpleasant? Or could it be that this is a huge smoke screen to draw attention away from what's really important—the proper care of the animals under CROW's care. The animals at CROW are being very well cared for under the expert guidance of Dr. Marc Elie and Dr. Brian Novak. Maybe John doesn't want people to realize this fact.

It's about time the truth about John Kubisz is revealed (the *real* truth—not John Kubisz's idea of the truth), and it's about time the public is given a much needed rest from John's propaganda. Accept facts, John. You were released from your job and the reasons for your release were valid. Your behavior is not convincing me that you care anything about wildlife. If you did you would let CROW get on with its work and stop dragging its name through the mud. Get on with your life, John, and let us get on with ours. It's about time.

Jacque Dammann,
Sanibel

Thanks for repaving

To the editor:

A special thanks to the Sanibel Department of Public Works and the paving contractor for the recent

repaving of Periwinkle. I had totally forgotten the thrill of dodging potholes (and hitting)! Surely the manholes and curb stops involved in the recent repaving of Periwinkle will be raised.

Surely they will, won't they?

William A. Kish,
Sanibel

Opposite opinions...

To the editor:

I can't speak for other non-resident Sanibel lovers who have contributed to CROW ... but I did, once, and have found myself considered a member with a right to vote in this controversy. I keep getting mail asking me to take sides in this dispute and to also renew my membership. My one and only contact with Dr. Kubisz was very favorable ... hence my donation.

However, since I know none of the people involved in this mutual mud-slinging between supposedly mature people, I am not going to vote for either side. I can't understand how such opposite opinions on the same issues keep arising.

Didn't we all go through this a few years back with another major problem between the CROW board and another wildlife caretaker?

Helen J. Martz,
Evanston, Ill.

Pirate Playhouse thanks supporters of benefit

To the editor:

The Pirate Playhouse company and staff wish to express a warm, holiday thanks to all the island resi-

dents, visitors and volunteers who make our benefit performances of "A Christmas Quilt," such a success.

Thanks to all of you and our fabulous actors, Marilyn Mays and James L. Walker who donated their time and talents for our Dec. 18 performance, the Pirate Playhouse was able to offer a merrier Christmas to the women and children spending their holidays at the Abuse, Counseling and Treatment Center shelter.

In addition, those who attended our Dec. 22 matinee made cash contributions to help the non-profit Children's Center of the Island meet some special needs in the new year.

Special recognition should be bestowed upon the anonymous woman who couldn't stay for the performance Sunday night, but stopped by with gifts and contributions because she wanted to help.

"A Christmas Quilt" and the holiday cheer it spread would not have been such a success were it not for the support of our community, the holiday spirit of Marilyn and James, the extra work from Pirate Playhouse CurtainRaiser volunteers including Judy and Art Williams and Adele Erenstone, the special talent of musical accompanists Don Wiegold and Judy Friedman, and the invaluable assistance of our box office manager Trevor Ward and technical director Ken Heist who worked on their day off to make the benefit possible.

Once again, Pirate Playhouse staff and company wish to thank you all and offer you and yours the happiest holiday season and the very best new year!!!

Carrie Lund
Producing Director,
Pirate Playhouse

Shell Museum Musings.

The Rotunda of Creation begins to take shape



R. Tucker Abbott, Ph.D. is a noted conchologist and director of the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum. He occasionally submits a column for publication in the *Island Reporter*.

By R. Tucker Abbott

As the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum comes into shape alongside Sanibel-Captiva Road, a metamorphosis is going on inside in preparation for the springtime grand opening. While many interesting projects will have to wait for funding, the immediate fabrication of public exhibits is among the top priorities. Thanks to the generous donors of choice shell specimens and partial funding to build "Smithsonian quality" displays, nearly half of the exhibits have already been created. Still in temporary storage, these exhibits will be moved by their fabricators, C.M. & Associates of Fort Myers Beach, into place when the George Parker Contractors have finished the building, hopefully by February.

The great centerpiece of the hall of shells is the *Rotunda of Creation*, a two-story high, ethereal reach up into the octagonal cupola that caps the main exhibit wing of the museum. The architectural design of the rotunda by George Tuttle allows us to express the three themes of the spirit of the museum: the wonderment of creation; the story of life on our planet; and the miracle of the mollusk.

Thanks to the generosity of Wil Schlosser, former owner of Wil's Landing, a restaurant on Periwinkle Way, and a nationally prominent building contractor, and the foresight of our local glass-carving artist, Luke Century, the crown of the rotunda will consist of 24 glass-sculptured windows. The windows will depict in blue, green and frosted white the impression of celestial outer space. Below these in glass will be inspirational sayings.

The dark blue octagonal ceiling will be marked with small, fluorescent "starfish" outlining the navigationally important Big Dipper to the north, and the Southern Cross constellation pointing to the south. A sliver of moon will remind us of our heavenly com-

panions.

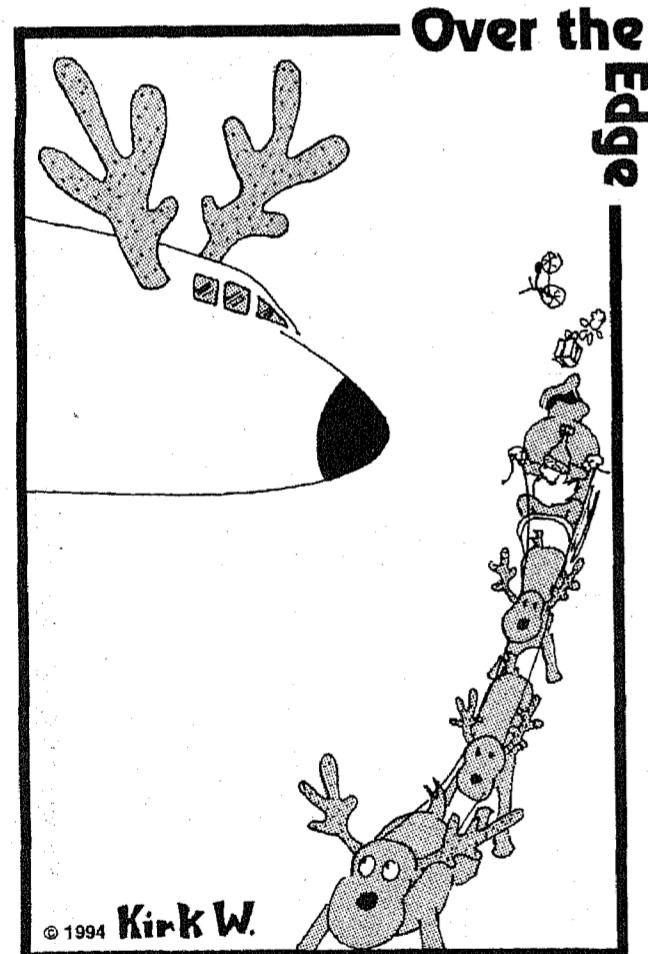
Well below these windows and encircling the 160 feet of the side walls of the octagonal hall will be a colorful pictorial ribbon representing the progressive time development of our universe from the Big Bang to the formation of our Milky Way, Sun and Earth. Along the ribbon will be displayed the parade of life from the first bacteria, worms and sponges, through the coming of the shells, fish, dinosaurs, birds and finally the ascent of mammals and man.

But especially drawing the attention of the visitor will be in the center of the hall a huge, revolving 6-foot model of the earth with its oceans and continents that might be viewed by an astronaut from outer space. Around this replica of our planet will be pie-shaped display cases of shell from specific geographic regions. Visitors, at a glance, will learn about the geography of our world and the forms of mollusks and inhabit each unique oceanic province. Through the help of the National Geographic Society and the financing of the globe by the American Express Company, this unique educational exhibit is made possible. Painting of the globe, and possibly the "ribbon of life," will be the work of such artists associated with our island's Big Arts as Gale Bennett.

Off to the sides of the rotunda will be exhibition areas for another 30 displays covering the shells of Sanibel and Captiva (dedicated to Anne Morrow Lindbergh, with her permission); the biology of mollusks; the role of mollusks in shell-fisheries, medicine and agriculture; as well as shells in art, history and shellcraft.

Creating a small jewel of a shell museum, not only for the benefit of our barrier island communities, but one much needed for our environmentally conscious nation, is a major undertaking that is drawing international attention. It requires the cooperation and spiritual, if not financial, support from many private sources and other non-profit organizations. Our hard-working board of trustees, headed by Dr. Harold M.M. Tovell, has made many personal, cheerfully given, sacrifices, and over a dozen national shell clubs, including our own Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club, have been coming to our rescue.

There's a fine educational and cultural institution being born on the "Island of Shells." Can we successfully nurture and raise to fruition? I believe we can!



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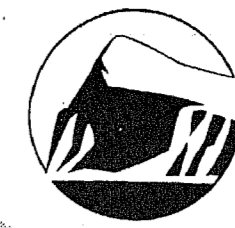
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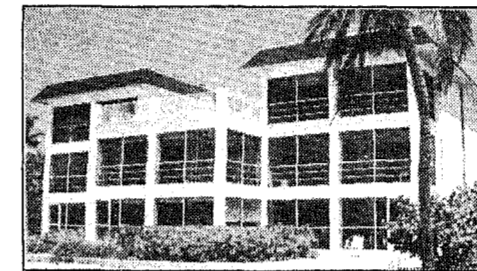
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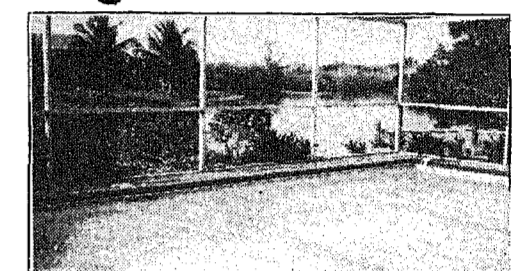
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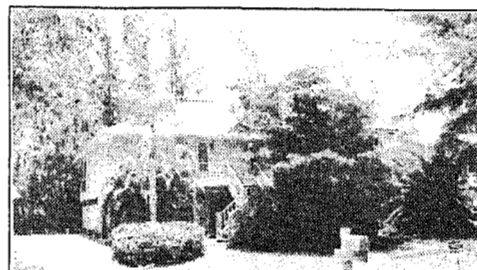
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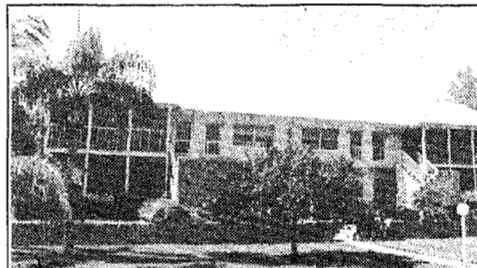
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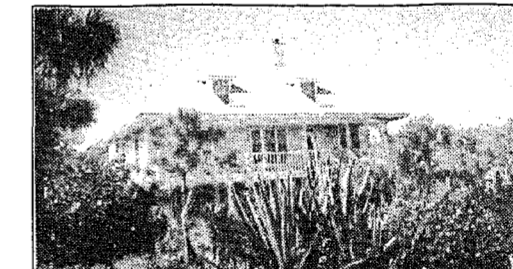
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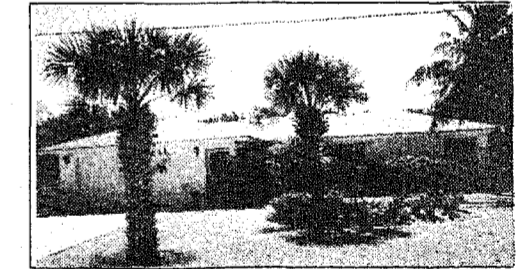
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Dependency

Alcohol and the elderly: The problem is more common than you think

By Janice Caron

For many people in today's society, aging means a dark and lonely path. Much emphasis is placed on youth. For some elderly aging is often denied in spite of biological and psychological changes. The stress of change is compounded with the stress of loss, thereby requiring the aging person to make major adjustments at a time when stability is valued and desired. If burdens of stress are too great and support systems too few, the aging person becomes more vulnerable to the use of drugs or alcohol in an attempt to make living more bearable.

It is estimated that between 10 and 15 percent of the 42 million Americans over 60 years old are alcoholics and drug abusers. These people are often difficult to identify because they are the last group of substance abusers still in the closet. In addition to that, elderly substance abusers often show symptoms of confusion, injuries, insomnia, forgetfulness and irritability which mimic other diseases of aging, such as Alzheimer's disease and depression. Elderly people can often drink alcohol to excess without being discovered. Most don't work, so an employer doesn't notice. Many don't drive, so they don't get arrested for drunken driving.

The elderly are the nation's biggest consumers of prescription and over-

the-counter drugs. They buy 25 to 30 percent of all prescription drugs, and 40 percent of all over-the-counter medicines. They are also multiple drug users. A nationwide average of people over 65 are taking six medications daily. Many swap drugs with their friends, self-prescribe home remedies, or take more than the recommended dosage believing that if "one pill is good, then two must be better." Eighty percent of the elderly also drink alcohol in combination with the drugs. Many of them take their medication in the morning and then drink in the afternoon or evening.

Alcoholism among the elderly usually has its roots in social drinking that suddenly increases with the death of spouse, an empty nest, and retirement, which all lead to feeling of loss. Some retirees feel as if their life has lost its purpose and turn to alcohol to fill empty days. Depression also sets in, sometimes accompanied by an increase dependence on prescription drugs. Alcoholism among the elderly takes

these senior citizens do not seek treatment because of the stigma associated attached to alcoholism and drug abuse. They are not going to admit to that type of problem and volunteer to walk into a treatment program. The elderly seem to be set in their own ways and can resent anyone telling them what to do. Many do not trust new ideas which makes it rough for anyone to intervene. In addition, elderly people may also hesitate to seek impatient treatment because they see the hospital as a place to die. Most of them grew up in a time when people were encouraged to solve their problems alone. Children are often instrumental in getting help for their alcoholic parents, but parents often resent advice from their children. An alternative might be a family meeting or seeking advice from a physician. Working as a group works much better than to try one-on-one with an alcoholic or drug abuser. They will usually not listen to the opinion of just one person. A support group for the co-dependent



Janice J. Caron is a certified addiction professional with a master's in counseling. Readers with confidential questions about addiction can call Caron at 395-2184. Her column appears monthly in the *Island Reporter*.

two forms, those whose alcohol problem worsens when they get older, and those whose alcoholism emerges late in life. Many of these senior citizens do not seek treatment because of the stigma associated attached to alcoholism and drug abuse.

The elderly population have very special needs to which the helping professions need to be sensitive and aware. Here are some indications that are an elderly person may be using alcohol:

—Inconsistent behavior. The elderly alcoholic might be friendly and outgoing one day, but moody, irritable and belligerent the next.

—Unexplained bruises, fractures, cuts or burns. We don't grow old and just start falling down. There is usually a reason for what has happened.

—Increasing medical complaints. Elderly alcoholics often suffer from high blood pressure, gastrointestinal disorders, malnourishment, anemia and incontinence. A thorough medical exam can help rule out other causes of those disorders.

—Inappropriate telephone calls. A person might make a phone call and call again when sober.

—Changes in interests and activities. Hobbies can go by the wayside, and the elderly alcoholic sometimes loses interests in children, grandchildren and friends.

—An elderly person may become increasingly isolated, and prefer to drive alone. They would rather be alone than have someone tell them they are drinking too much.

Police bust three for having green thumb; marijuana plants seized

By Matthew Miller
Staff Writer

Police arrested three individuals Thursday afternoon Dec. 15, on three counts manufacture of marijuana, three counts of possession of marijuana, three counts of possession of paraphernalia, and three counts of possession of LSD.

Michael Bevacoua, 33, Bret Loy Wolfenbarger, 24, and Robert Helms Harold, 34, all of Sage Court were taken to the Lee County Jail following an extensive search of their residence.

Police stopped Michael Bevacoua for driving left of the double center yellow line. The officer conducted a field sobriety test which Bevacoua passed. In plain view the officer noticed a leafy substance which tested positive for marijuana. He was issued a notice to appear for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

During the roadside investigation, Bevacoua

stated that the marijuana and the car belonged to Wolfenbarger, his roommate. The investigating officer informed Bevacoua that he needed to speak with Wolfenbarger.

While Bevacoua entered the home to retrieve Wolfenbarger for questioning, police saw in plain view a marijuana water pipe and a cigarette rolling machine.

Bevacoua was informed the residence was being secured until the officers could obtain a warrant for possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia.

Five police officers executed the search and found individual bags of marijuana located in a

leather jacket, on a book shelf, and a black film container with marijuana tar. Marijuana was also found in a sunglasses case, in a dresser drawer and a wooden box which contained paraphernalia as well. LSD was found in a cigarette box.

In the living room the search yielded two hits of LSD, baggies of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and several marijuana roaches.

Several empty plant buckets, PVC pipe and filled water jugs were also found. The items are commonly used for marijuana cultivation, according to police reports.

An extensive search throughout the remainder of the house found sever-

al locations with seeds and additional paraphernalia as well as several more hits of LSD.

A constant electric bill throughout the seasons and numerous cultivation tools strewn around the house such as empty buckets, potting soil and several pepper plants that

are used to attract insects away from marijuana plants led police to further investigate the premises.

Sgt. Michael Cooper detected a wall from the main room that did not appear to begin and end. Beyond this area proved to be a mother lode of

timers, lights, scales, switches, fans and small hydroponics growing chambers. A total estimated weight of one quarter to one half pound of marijuana was seized. All residents admitted to the knowledge of all the substances.

Obituary

Lawrence Cochenour

Lawrence Cochenour, 89, of Sanibel, died Saturday, Dec. 17 at the Medical College of Pennsylvania Hospital in Bucks County, Pa.

Born in West Newton, Pa., Cochenour was a 29-year resident of Sanibel prior to moving to Levittown, Pa. for the past year.

He was the beloved husband of the late Ethel R. Cochenour.

Cochenour was also the loving father of Diana R. Beadling of Levittown, Pa. and Sanibel.

He is also survived by two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Services and interment were private. The family requests memorial contributions to FISH on Sanibel.

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The Sanibel Planning Commission will conduct Public Hearings on Tuesday, January 10, 1995 beginning at 9:00 A.M. at Sanibel City Hall in the Council Chambers (MacKenzie Hall), 800 Dunlop Road, Sanibel, Florida, to consider the following applications.

9:30 A.M. 7. Continuation of a public hearing (from November 29, 1994) for consideration of a variance to Land Development Code Section I.E.7. Accessory Docks, Boat Davits, and Boat Lifts, Subsection c.(3), to allow for the installation, at an existing dock, of a boat lift that is to extend waterward from the mean high water line more than 20% of the width of the canal adjacent to 1076 Captain's Walk (Sanibel Estates Subdivision, Unit 3, Lot 20 - Tax Parcel No. 20-46-23-T3-00400.0200); as submitted by Bray Marine Construction for Roger L. and Nancy Y. Strayer, owners. No. 94-332V.

9:45 A.M. 8. Consideration of an application filed pursuant to Land Development Code Article III, PART D., INTERPRETATION OF LANGUAGE, to determine whether or not properties located south of the westernmost approximate 925 feet of (platted and recorded) Lake Murex Subdivision and on the north side of West Gulf Drive in Section 27, Township 46 South, Range 22 East are part of Lake Murex Subdivision as identified as a modern platted subdivision by the City's Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Land Development Code, and therefore eligible for single family residential development pursuant to Land Development Code Section I.F.2. Existing Parcels subsection a.(5). The subject property is comprised of eighteen lots commonly known as lots 1 through 15, 17, 18 and 19 of Lake Murex Subdivision, comprised of the following tax parcel numbers:

27-46-22-T4-00014.0000; 27-46-22-T4-00014.0030; 27-46-22-T4-00014.0040; 27-46-22-T4-00014.0050; 27-46-22-T4-00014.0060; 27-46-22-T4-00014.0070; 27-46-22-T4-00014.0080; 27-46-22-T4-00014.0090; 27-46-22-T4-00014.0100; 27-46-22-T4-00014.0110; 27-46-22-T4-00014.0120; 27-46-22-T4-00014.012A; 27-46-22-T4-00014.0130; 27-46-22-T4-00014.0160; 27-46-22-T4-00014.0170; 27-46-22-T4-00014.0180; 27-46-22-T4-00014.0200; 27-46-22-T4-00014.0210;

Submitted by Timothy J. Murty, Attorney for owners of lots known as 12 and 13 Marjorie A. Doran, Ann A. Allen, and Arthur H. Alden III. IL 94-57.

Signed: Kenneth Pfaltz, Assistant Planning Director

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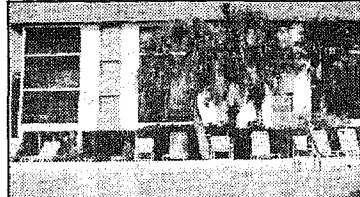
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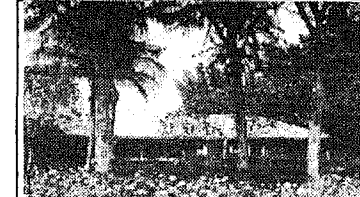
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SEAGULL ESTATES
Gorgeous Seagull Estates' home featuring 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, new gourmet kitchen, family room, large dining room, and living room with fireplace. Newly painted inside and out, lushly landscaped, security system, hardwood and Mexican tile floors. Available for \$450,000. Please call Angie or Tony Lapi at 472-1511.



TARPON BEACH
Beautiful gulf front apartment completely remodeled from top to bottom. Shows like a model! Spectacular view of the Gulf. Two bedrooms, two baths, pool, tennis, a must see! \$439,900. Furnished. Please call Angie or Tony Lapi at 472-1511.



THE BEST OF THE BEACH
Treatise the sea to sky views of the Gulf of Mexico from this immaculate Gulf front home located on prestigious West Gulf Drive. Features include a fabulous beach front acre parcel with lush natural vegetation, screened and enclosed porches and much more. Very charming and private beach home. \$1,195,000. Please call Angie or Tony Lapi at 472-1511.



SOUTH SEAS BAYSIDE VILLA
One bedroom, two baths with nice water view in South Seas Plantation leaseback rental program. Includes all of South Seas amenities. Won't last long \$225,000. Please call Angie or Tony Lapi at 472-1511.

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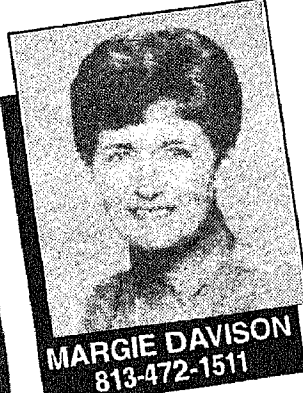
AAH YES!
On The Second Day Of Christmas... Can't say no to the best home in Chateau-sur-Mer. Gulf front four bedroom, three bath home equipped to satisfy the most demanding homeowner. Family room, glassed-in lanai, built-ins, see every wonderful detail. Best time to see is today! Please call John or Elisabeth Smith at 472-1511.



A HOUSE IS A HOUSE IS A HOUSE?
On The Third Day Of Christmas... Not this house - remodeled ground level home on direct access canal in prestigious Sanibel Harbor subdivision. Three bedrooms, two baths, pool, patio dock, fireplace, quiet. Worth seeing. Please call John or Elisabeth Smith at 472-1511.



PICKY, PICKY, PICKY!
On The Fourth Day Of Christmas... You should be, and this spotless three bedroom, two bath canal front home in Shell Harbor really measures up. Eat-in kitchen, game room, living room, large enclosed pool, boat dock. So clean you beam to see. And see it you shall - Please call John or Elisabeth Smith at 472-1511.



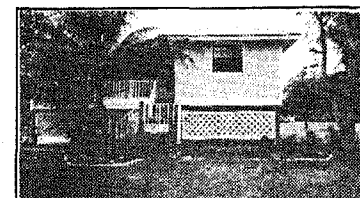
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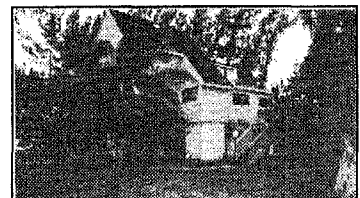
WALK TO THE BEACH
You will love entertaining in this bright and open 3 br/2 ba home. Special features include great room, vaulted ceilings, fireplace, gourmet kitchen, breakfast nook and heated, screened pool. Impeccable quality and design, quiet privacy and near beach location make this special value you won't want to miss. Available for only \$259,000. Please call Margie Davison at 472-1511.



RARE OPPORTUNITY
Spacious bi-level home in beautifully maintained MOONSHADOWS residential Gulf-front community. Special features include living/dining room, family room, three bedrooms, three baths, screened porches and covered parking. This complex includes pool and tennis. Offered at \$525,000. Please call Margie Davison at 472-1511.



SPECTACULAR GOLF COURSE VIEWS
You'll love the panoramic golf course views enjoyed by this outstanding DUNES COUNTRY CLUB home. Special features include a spacious open floor plan, vaulted ceilings, Florida room, combination of carpet and ceramic tile floors, concrete driveway, and much more. Available for \$349,000. Please call Margie Davison at 472-1511.



CAPTIVATING CONTEMPORARY
Charm and sunshine await you in this spacious contemporary style DUNES COUNTRY CLUB home. Features include 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, formal dining room, fireplace, enclosed lower level, many extras and upgrades. This is a value you won't want to miss at \$259,000. Please call Margie Davison at 472-1511.



LOGGERHEAD CAY
This upgraded, ground level apartment offers ceramic tile and many upgrades. It features a garden-like courtyard and excellent rental potential. It comes complete with two bedrooms, den or third bedroom, two baths, large storage and more. Available furnished and equipped for \$249,500. Please call Mary Lou Bailey at 472-1511.



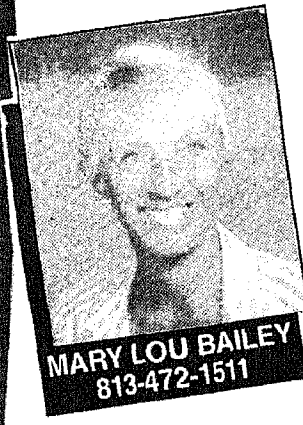
GULFSIDE PLACEI
First floor walk-out to the beach and swimming pool. Beautiful views from this 2 bedroom - 2 bath, well decorated apartment. All the "bells and whistles" - don't miss this opportunity for only \$519,000. Please call Mary Lou Bailey at 472-1511.



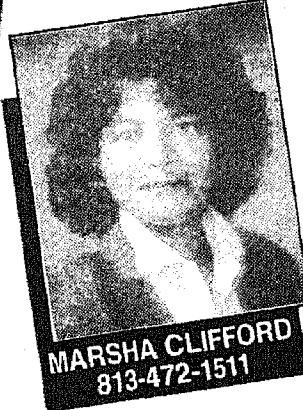
DESIGNER HOME
Stunning two-story designer home located within walking distance to beautiful gulf beaches and Beachview Golf Course. Well thought out floor plan for carefree living and comfortable entertaining. Three bedrooms +, two baths, fabulous caged swimming pool surrounded by lush vegetation, fireplace, porches and privacy! \$365,000. Please call Mary Lou Bailey at 472-1511.



GORGEOUS GULF FRONT
Elegant "Old Florida" style home boasting outstanding vistas of the Gulf of Mexico. Features include a spacious master suite, massive stone fireplace on Great Room, private bedrooms and baths for guests, vaulted and skylight ceilings plus much more. A splendid expression of nature and architecture found together on a fabulous acre + beach front lot. CALL FOR PRICE. Please call Mary Lou Bailey at 472-1511.



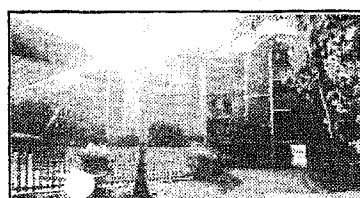
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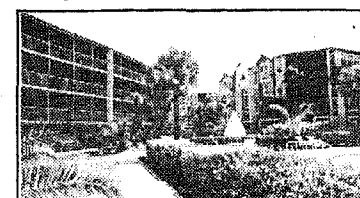
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LOOK AT THIS SUN!
A westward penthouse apartment at SUNWARD with exquisite views and a wonderful floor plan with wide living room. A developer unit, this is the first time it is offered for sale! Features include tray ceilings with recessed and spot lighting and glassed-in porch off the guest bedroom. Available for \$820,000. Furnished. Please call Marsha Clifford at 472-1511.



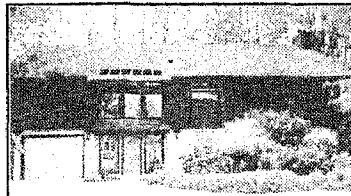
GULF FRONT PENTHOUSE
This Gulf front penthouse at Junonia Condominiums on West Gulf Drive features three bedrooms, garden room, two porches, new white kitchen with wood cabinets and ceramic counter tops. Excellent condition and perfect location. \$699,000. Please call Marsha Clifford at 472-1511.



SOMERSET AT THE REEF
This lovely 2 bedroom - 2.5 bath apartment + den is in immaculate condition and features many upgrades, including an enlarged master suite and upgraded kitchen. Berber carpet, marble baths, and a very good golf view are some of the many extras. Available for \$665,000. Please call Marsha Clifford at 472-1511.



GULF FRONT COMMUNITY
This estate-quality property with lovely park-like setting features utmost privacy on over an acre lot in prestigious GULF RIDGE Subdivision. Three bedrooms - 2 baths, artium, vaulted ceilings, fireplace, community pool, tennis and dedicated beach access are some of the many fine features offered with this home. Fabulous property, wonderfully priced at \$399,000. Please call Marsha Clifford at 472-1511.



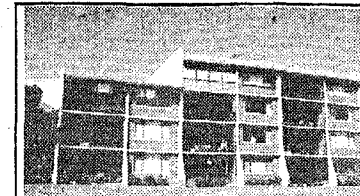
JUST THE RIGHT SIZE
Great opportunity to own a lovely home in the Dunes. Two bedrooms two baths, cathedral ceiling and fireplace in living room. \$238,500. Please call Ken or Claudia Frey at 472-1511 or 472-4121.



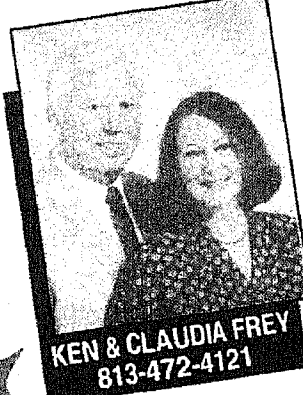
WATER & CONSERVATION VIEW
Wonderful view of conservation and water. Entrance at ground level. Room available for elevator with lots of storage space. Lovely large screen enclosed lanai with nice size pool. Available for \$349,500. Please call Ken or Claudia Frey at 472-1511 or 472-4121.



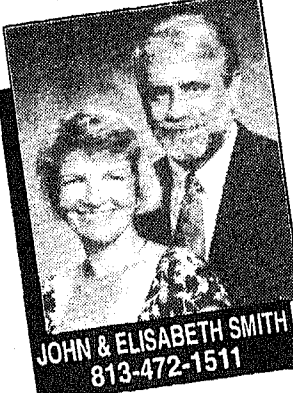
CLOSE TO THE BEACH
This charming 4 br - 2 ba home offers an excellent use of space and many extras. Including a family room, screened porch with hot tub and a double lot located directly across from the Gulf of Mexico. Want to welcome you, it is available for \$280,000. Please call Ken or Claudia Frey at 472-1511 or 472-4121.



WHAT A VIEW!
Gorgeous view from living room, lanai and master bedroom. 2 br/2 ba. Wonderful complex with pool, tennis, shuffle board, barbecues and beautiful beaches. New furniture in living and dining rooms. Patio overlooks beautifully maintained garden, Gulf of Mexico and pool. Offered at \$359,500. Please call Ken or Claudia Frey at 472-1511 or 472-4121.



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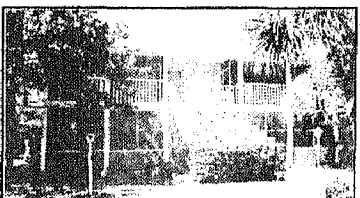
DEEP DOWN INSIDE YOU WANT IT!
On The Fifth Day Of Christmas... Come tour one of Sanibel's largest and most luxurious condominiums. Brand new. Three bedrooms, 3.5 baths, den, pool and clay tennis court. Prices start at \$650,000. Wedgewood of Sanibel Model open daily from 10 am to 4 pm. Come and visit us or call John or Elisabeth Smith for your private viewing. 472-1511.



TWELVE TEMPTING REASONS!
On The Sixth Day Of Christmas... First there is January. Enjoy each following month in this two bedroom, two bath condominium with an unimpeded view westward down the beach. Watch the sunsets from your glassed-in lanai every evening of the year. Don't spend a day away! We are here to show it to you today! Please call John or Elisabeth Smith at 472-1511.



FROM ANY ANGLE...
On The Seventh Day Of Christmas... This one bedroom, one bath canal front condominium at Sanibel Arms shows well. Gulf front complex, tie up your boat in your back yard. Pool and tennis courts, plus on-site management. Great little starter unit. Looks great all the way around. Please call John or Elisabeth Smith at 472-1511.



CUTE AND COZY CONDO
On The Eighth Day Of Christmas... Because you want to enjoy life, this two bedroom, two bath + screened-in lanai at quiet Captain's Walk is waiting for you to see. Carefree living awaits you. relax and see. Please call John or Elisabeth Smith for a showing 472-1511.



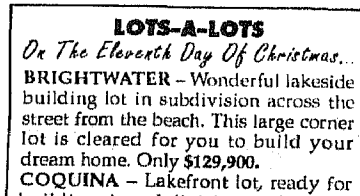
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CUPCAKE OF A COTTAGE!
On The Ninth Day Of Christmas... Cute, clean and conveniently located near the Gulf beaches and downtown Captiva. Four bedrooms, two baths on oversized lot. Walk to the restaurants, galleries... everywhere! Capture its charm today. Please call John or Elisabeth Smith at 472-1511.



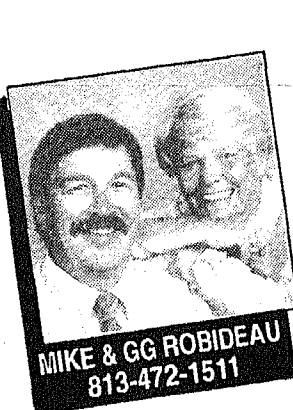
A HEARTWARMING PORTRAIT
On The Tenth Day Of Christmas... Your family enjoying this three bedroom, two bath home. Peaceful preludes of Chopin may be listened to in the first floor living room, while the family's bustling activities continue in the upstairs family room. Lots of living space in this reasonably priced home. Please call John or Elisabeth Smith at 472-1511.



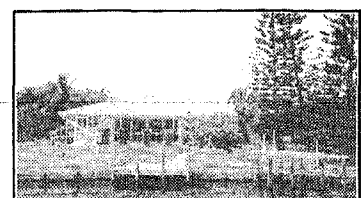
LOTS-A-LOTS
On The Eleventh Day Of Christmas... BRIGHTWATER - Wonderful lakeside building lot in subdivision across the street from the beach. This large corner lot is cleared for you to build your dream home. Only \$129,900. COQUINA - Lakefront lot, ready for building, in subdivision with beach access. Owners open to offers. Offered at \$129,900. GULF PINES SUBDIVISION - Dasher says "Let's make a deal!" Building lot in subdivision with community pool and tennis court. Very close to beach, choice of two! Asking \$133,000. Please call John or Elisabeth Smith at 472-1511.



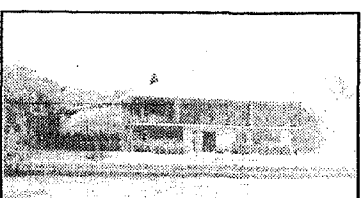
VILLAGE OFFICE
On The Twelfth Day Of Christmas... Here is your home away from home office! Located in the Village Shopping Center, this office is complete with private bath. Perfect for the northern executive looking for an office away from home. Please call John or Elisabeth Smith for more information. 472-1511.



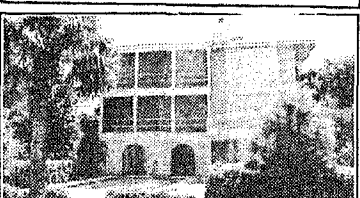
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SHELL HARBOR HOME
This large, ground-floor, canal front home features a wonderful floor plan with a large screened/heated pool. You'll benefit from a great location, convenience to the Causeway, shopping and just minutes to the Bay. Offered for \$420,000. Please call Mike or GG Robideau at 472-1511.



WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE!
See the lights of Fort Myers across lovely San Carlos Bay from the living room, kitchen or master bedroom of this 3 bedroom - 2 bath Bayfront pool home. A large dock in Sanibel Harbour Marina is the added feature. Offered at \$795,000. Please call Mike or GG Robideau at 472-1511.



BAYFRONT BEAUTY
The views are breathtaking, the home is elegant and the special extras are outstanding. Features include formal dining area, gourmet kitchen, 4 bedrooms, workout room, and bayfront pool. Available for \$998,500. Call today! Please call Mike or GG Robideau at 472-1511.



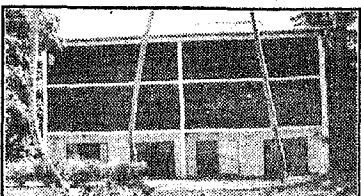
LIMPET DRIVE POOL HOME
Just minutes to the Bay, this SHELL HARBOR home has it all! Three bedrooms, pool, large outside entertainment area, formal living room/dining room, vaulted ceilings. Built in 1986 and a prime location. Please call Mike or GG Robideau at 472-1511.



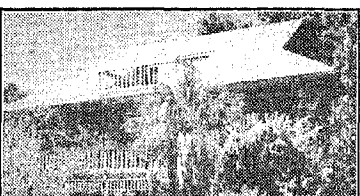
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BOATING & BEACH
Gorgeous canal-front home in an ideal location just steps to Sanibel beach. This elegant model-like home comes complete with pool, fireplace, 40 ft. dock, seawall, new boat lift and professionally landscaped yard. See this and stop looking! Available for \$480,000 or decorator furnished for \$530,000. Please call Jim Branyon at 472-5154.



CAPTIVA - GULF & BAY
Sparkling CAPTIVA SHORES offering restful and relaxing sunsets - all this from your top floor, recently redecorated condominium. Berber carpeting, pool, cabana, garage, pool and docks. Don't miss this opportunity. Available for \$439,000, furnished. Please call Jim Branyon at 472-5154.



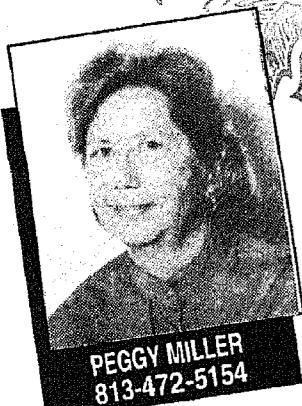
CAPTIVATING CAPTIVA
Sunset Captiva Casaparra model with 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, and large loft. Offered furnished and priced to sell. Bright decor, community pool, tennis, docks and beach access in excellent condition, never rented. Call the CAPTIVATING ELI \$365,000. Please call Jim Branyon at 472-5154.



PRICE REDUCED - LAKE FRONT HOME
Large 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 Bath family home in McGregor Woods. Great near island location with association tennis, pool, spa and playground. Best Lake Front buy in McGregor Woods. Now \$249,900! Please call Jim Branyon at 472-5154.

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DIRECT GULF FRONT BEACH HOME
Direct Gulf front Beach Home. Two plus bedrooms, Mexican Tile. Superb location, near pool and tennis. Fantastic rental income. \$895,000. Please call Peggy Miller at 472-5154.



SUPERB SANIBEL ESTATE
Classic, elegant, superbly constructed home on estate grounds of approximately 3 acres complete with pool, tennis court and guest or caretaker's cottage! Large screened recreation area, wine cellar, library, fireplace and fountains are just a few of the exquisite fine points. Please contact Peggy Miller at 472-5154 for more details.



READY TO MOVE INTO!
This Sunset Captiva unit is ready and waiting! This single family home on large lot in complex has a pool, tennis court, dock and Gulf beach. Fireplace and large screened porch with lots of privacy located on large lot. Priced at \$347,500. Please call Peggy Miller at 472-5154.



BEACH VILLA SOUTH SEAS
Very attractive "A" rated 2 bedroom unit in South Seas Plantation's guaranteed rental program with full club membership and all South Seas amenities. Priced at \$399,000. Please call Peggy Miller at 472-5154.



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This custom built residence features approximately 2,800 s.f. of living area, a gourmet kitchen, dining room, hot tub, 2 zone AC, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, brand new carpet, and much more. Beautifully situated on 1/3 private acre in lovely CLUBBO LINDO. Available for \$399,000. Please call Karen Bell at 472-5154.



NATURAL & SECLUDED
Beautiful lake views and conservation property across the street creates seclusion and privacy. Just like having a wildlife refuge out our back door. This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home is located very near to the treed beach access. Please call Karen Bell at 472-5154.



BEAUTIFUL CAPTIVA ESTATE HOME
Imagine yourself sipping lemonade on your own charming wrap around porch. This attractive 3 BR - 3.5 BA home, together with a 2 BR - 2 BA guest home, is situated on almost 2 acres of land with 107 ft. on Roosevelt Channel. Vaulted ceilings, hurricane shutters throughout and a large, open sun deck. Lovely lush vegetation. Available for \$1,349,000. Please call Karen Bell at 472-5154.



SENSATIONAL WATERWAY VISTA
Built in 1987, this incredible CLAM BAYOU residence boasts 3 bedrooms, formal dining room, heated screened pool, ground level storage, lush vegetation and an outstanding view of the Bayou. A must see home. Available for \$469,000. Furnished. Please call Karen Bell at 472-5154.



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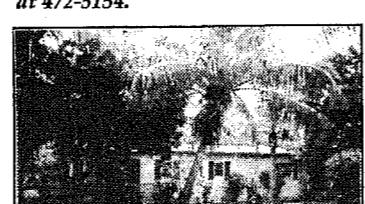
SUNSET BAY
Located on romantic Sunset Bay, this home comes complete with a dock for direct access boating to the Gulf. Special features include 3br, 2 ba large screened porch, fireplace & sunny eat-in kitchen, easy beach access. Available for \$329,000. Please call Loretta Geiger at 472-4121.



STUNNING DEEP WATER GULF ACCESS
This classic beauty in one of Sanibel's most beautiful neighborhoods, absolutely dazzles with bright, open rooms that offer commanding views the length of a wide, deep water, direct access canal. This home is immaculate and the dock and canal can accommodate the largest of boats. Priced at \$1,264,000. Please call Loretta Geiger at 472-4121.



CAPTIVA FOR THE FUN OF IT
From Pine Island Sound to the Gulf of Mexico is where you'll find a luxurious vacation lifestyle including the finest resort amenities. This 3 Bedroom - 2.5 bath CAPTIVA SHORES home has been recently redecorated and shows beautifully. It's a great rental or vacation property available for \$475,900. Please call Loretta Geiger at 472-4121.



INLAND CANAL WITH DOCK
Spacious 2 bedroom - 1 bath canal home, remodeled in 1992. New cabinets, appliances, carpet and paint. Large screened porch with lots of privacy. Large lot with dock next to nature preserve to park your canoe! Available for only \$159,500. Please call Loretta Geiger at 472-4121.



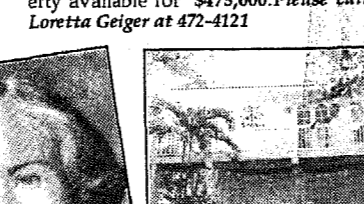
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ISLAND LIVING AT ITS BEST!
3 bedroom, 3 bath home. Large screened porch and sundeck with long lake views. Very close to deeded beach access. Lush landscaping, heated swimming pool. Nicely furnished, ready to move in. Realistically priced at \$310,000. Please call George Veillette at 472-4121.



JUST STEPS FROM THE BEACH
3 bedroom, 2 bath, ground level living, terrazzo floors, covered lanai, free form pool with Southern exposure and lots of privacy. Approximately one half acre lot in a quiet neighborhood. Offered at \$269,000. Please call George Veillette at 472-4121.



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FERRY LANDING
Gorgeous and private community of homes offering a pool, tennis courts, bay and Gulf beach access, fishing pier and lush grounds. This Old Florida Style home features three bedrooms and a loft, cathedral ceilings, pickled wood appointments, sunning deck, spacious porch and patio for gracious entertaining plus a jacuzzi! \$444,000. Please call Dorothy Sprouse at 472-1511.



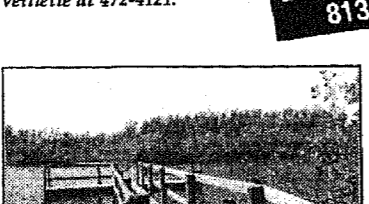
SUNSET SOUTH
Spectacular views of golf course waterway and a peek of the Gulf from this spacious and beautifully furnished apartment. Private enclosed garage and many other features available in this low density, quality complex with on-site management. \$249,500. Please call Dorothy Sprouse at 472-1511.



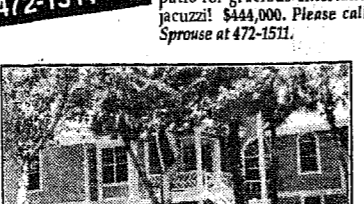
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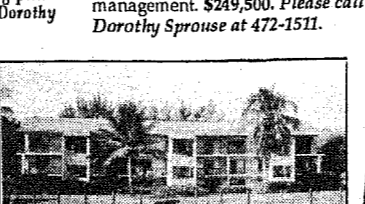
JUST LISTED
Beautifully decorated Tropical Elegance. 3 bedroom/3 bath plus den. Lots of glass, nice views and wildlife. \$795,000. Please call Ellie See at 472-1511.



PANORAMIC WATER VIEWS
This 3 bedroom/3 bath plus den townhome comes fully furnished with many special features. \$595,000. Furnished. Please call Ellie See at 472-1511.



PRICE REDUCED!
Lowest price home in Heron's Landing. Wonderful value. Like new home. 3 bedrooms/2.5 baths. \$440,000. Please call Ellie See at 472-1511.



CONDO UNDER \$150,000!
Meticulously cared for unit, nicely furnished, new carpet, bright and open. Available for \$149,000. Please call Ellie See at 472-1511.

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Anti-nesting hoods can keep birds off chimneys

By Matthew Miller
Staff Writer
In the unique environment on Sanibel and Captiva, with over 5,000 acres of national wildlife refuge, at times there is a seemingly abundant bird population. On occasion these birds, namely ospreys, find their way onto rooftops and roost on chimney flumes causing any fireplace inoperable along with various complications birds as close neighbors may bring along.

A residence in Heron's Landing off Sanibel-Captiva Road was the latest stomping ground for a family of ospreys. The birds found a home on the house's chimney, roosting, mating, eating and talking in their high pitched call. The remedy in such a case is to mount an anti-nesting hood on the chimney, now possible due to an ordinance passed last November exempting anti-bird nesting devices on chimneys, effectively allowing home owners to mount a device to prevent nesting on chimneys from ever starting.

The anti-nesting hood placed on the home in Heron's Landing cost the homeowner \$260 plus a maze of city, state and

federal permits for the steeple shaped cap, installation and the pole and platform adjacent to the chimney. The pole and platform are required by law if an osprey has already nested on a chimney. These expenses could be avoided by installing an anti-nesting hood when building the home or installing one before the birds begin to nest, said Mark "Bird" Westall.

Westall, aside from being a City of Sanibel Council member, is also the project director for the International Osprey Foundation. He noted the pitfalls for homeowners who wait to remedy a nesting problem. "We are getting an increasing number of nests but people don't do anything until the nest is on the chimney," he said.

A state permit is required to remove a nest from a chimney and law requires the homeowner to furnish a separate pole and platform in close proximity to the original nesting site. Nesting season is from Dec. 1 to July 15, and nesting transfers are prohibited during that time. For some people in such a predicament, a yard with an osprey platform is objectionable.

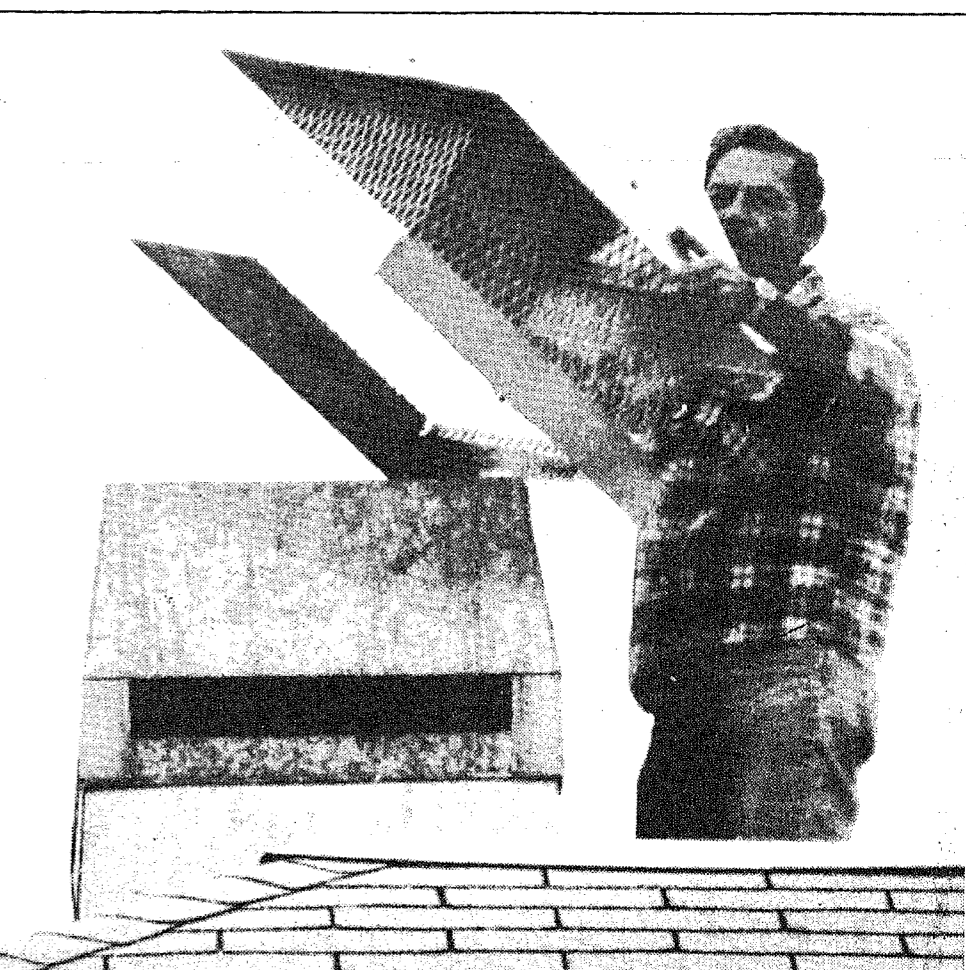
"Those are the people that should have considered putting a hood [anti-nesting hood] up before the problem starts, or ask their neighbor if they want the platform," Westall said. "We certainly have enough ospreys on Sanibel and Captiva, overpopulation can cause problems too."

The torch has been passed to private contractors hired by the individual homeowner.

Charles Ringland of Ringland Construction, Inc., is one of the first companies to supply this service. "The results here [Heron's Landing] have worked well, the transition from the chimney to the platform was a smooth one," he explained.

There is no permit required to put an anti-nesting hood on a home during construction, Ringland said, but to put one on after the birds have nested on a chimney is a tedious process. "We had to get a Federal Fish and Wildlife permit, a state of Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission permit and details at the city of Sanibel needed to be cleared," he said.

Westall explained that a steeple shaped anti-



Ray Gage installs an anti-nesting device on a chimney in Heron's Landing. Prior to the installation, a 55-foot pole was installed near the house, in order to give ospreys an alternative nesting site.

nesting hood is better than the less expensive hardware cloth, or chicken wire, that some homeowners use. Hardware cloth still provides a surface for nesting and actually puts the bird in dan-

ger. "It gives the birds' sticks something to attach to and occasionally the bird will get their talons stuck in the wiring," he said. "Then you would really have

some problems if the state found out."

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Ritz Diner closes after being cited for health violations

By Matthew Miller
Staff Writer

The Ritz Diner closed its doors Tuesday afternoon Dec. 13 after at least two inspections performed by the state Department of Business Regulation during which several health code violations were discovered.

Uncovered food in the walk-in freezer, a grooved and stained cutting board, food on the ground outside, food being thawed in the mop sink and a dirty microwave oven were among the violations officials cited. These reports were supplemented by complaints from former employees who reported that rodents appeared in the restaurant and rats left droppings in the kitchen area.

Mark Boutin, sanitation and safety administrator for the Department of Business Regulation, said the agency could not force the Ritz Diner to close, even in its condition, unless it was deemed an immediate health hazard.

Septic tank problems leaking into the restaurant and clear infestation by rodents documented by the

department constitute violations for an immediate closing according to Boutin. In the case of an immediate health hazard, the state health official from Health and Rehabilitative Services comes from Tallahassee to close the restaurant.

"Although there were reports from employees that wasn't enough to close the place, we had to be the ones to see the rodents," Boutin said.

Andrew Kaplan, owner the Ritz Diner, was not available for comment.

The re-inspected space was ready for business Dec. 12 and will be occupied and operated by long-time Sanibel restaurateurs Daniel and Ariel Mellman. The inspection showed no residual problems from the Ritz Diner, a fact the Mellmans want to make abundantly clear.

"We have done everything required by the health department and everything in our power to make this place one of the cleanest restaurants on the island," he said. "We could have opened on the 12th but this place needs a lot of work, that is why we are waiting

to open."

The Greenhouse Grill will be the name of the new eatery and is slated to open Jan. 16. Mellman said the actual space is the only common thread between the two businesses.

"I am very aware of what went on when it was the Ritz Diner and there will be no such problems here [Greenhouse Grill]," he said. "We are known as having some of the cleanest property on the islands both on Sanibel and Captiva."

The Mellmans, with eight years of Sanibel restaurant experience under their belt, are best known for The Thistle Lodge Bar and Grill and The Greenhouse on Captiva.

They attributed the Ritz Diner's closing to the owners' limited knowledge.

"All the problems they had were because they were unknowledgeable," he said. "People that don't know what they are doing in the restaurant business will have problems like the Ritz had."

Mellman said he has been trying to keep a lid on the new menu and the renovated interior but did say the decor has gotten a new face lift with new chairs and accessories as well as new kitchen equipment.

"We aren't even going to have any old spoons," he said.

-DUI

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manslaughter and one count of serious bodily injury were subsequently charged against Sterner.

DUI manslaughter is a second-degree felony and is punishable by a prison term of up to 15 years and a \$10,000 fine. He also was sentenced to random drug tests throughout his probation, counseling, DUI classes, he must speak of his experience and show videos of the wreckage he caused and write letters to the victims' families on the anniversary of the accident.

Letters reviewed in court from family members of the diseased victims were both sympathetic and unforgiving toward the sentencing of Sterner.

The Smith family wanted leniency for Sterner as they wrote, "putting Mark in jail will not bring back the son we lost."

Scott's family felt different about the tragedy and wanted Sterner brought to the justice they thought he deserved.

"Almost everything I do will have a sad hollowness to it," wrote Douglas Scott in a Nov. 4 letter about the effect of his son's death on his family's lives.

David Scott, brother and only surviving son, poignantly conveyed in a letter to the court the irrevocable damage the death of his brother caused.

"I think a person who has caused this much trauma in at least 1,000 people's lives should have more severe punishment," he wrote.

His plight for justice in the name of his brother took a personal tone toward Sterner at the end of the letter.

"You changed our lives forever," he wrote. "I don't know what you were thinking on that night...it could have been prevented, but you, the driver, chose not to."

Hurricane construction code to stiffen standards on windows

By Mark S. Krzos
Staff Writer

The Sanibel City Council is considering improving the hurricane resistant building code, while at the same time reducing the standards for maximum wind loads.

Sanibel has one of the best hurricane resistant building codes in Florida, according to a recent report. Now, Council members and the Building Department hope to improve that code by placing stricter guidelines on windows and doors.

Tuesday Sanibel Building Director Max Anderson and Roger Jeffrey, president of Jenkins and Charland Engineering, Inc., presented a report before the City Council that verified Sanibel's code is one of the strictest, but has room for improvement.

"The old code did not deal very completely with the exterior envelope of the building that consists of windows, doors, skylights, garage doors and sliding glass doors, and although we

-NUDE

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county commissioners would not be too receptive to the idea of a clothing optional beach.

"The Sanibel Naturists want the board of commissioners to work with them to hopefully find or suggest possible beach sites where the naturists will be free to tan and swim in the nude," Yarbrough said. "I doubt the naturists will get any support from the board."

City Attorney Bob Pritt told Council members that no matter how Lee County voted, they can not create a clothing-optional beach on Sanibel without City Council's permission.

President of the Sanibel Naturists Priscilla Ahlert said that the group did not suggest only Silver Key, but also pointed to several other locations in Lee County.

"Silver Key is the place we'd like to get to be clothing-optional and is the best place for us to be. It's secluded and hard to get to, so anyone who com-

are reducing the basic wind speed design from 130 mph to 120 mph, the new criteria will be equivalent or better than before," Anderson said.

Anderson said the 120 mph wind speed design is still above the rest of Lee County and most of Florida.

"Lee County and the state of Florida require that buildings be designed to withstand a wind speed of 110 mph and the only place I know where hurricane codes are more strict is Dade County where they use impact resistant windows," Anderson said.

The proposed change in the code would tighten standards on exterior glass.

"The old code under the standards we had in those days they required all the windows and sliding glass doors to be certified for 67 square pounds per square foot interior pressure and an exterior pressure of 35 pounds per square foot," Anderson said. "The new codes will basically increase that slightly to 66 exterior pressure and



City officials hope to avoid the destruction of a storm like Hurricane Andrew by increasing the standards by which houses are built.

70 interior pressure."

"The major change in the code is that although the pressure from the outside blowing against the building is about the same, but the internal coefficient—which is when the pressure increases from the inside of the building and blows windows out—that requirement has been

dealt with," Jeffrey said.

According to Jeffrey, two major components create the interior pressure.

"As wind passes the building itself it creates a suction and forces the windows out and the second is any breach of the exterior, basically breaking the window by any flying debris that pres-

surizes the inside of the house," Jeffrey said. "That was the biggest problem during Hurricane Andrew, where objects would break one window and then the rest would blow out due to the drastic increase in pressure.

Although the window's resistance to pressure is only a slight

improvement, Anderson noted that hurricane shutters will provide more flexibility in meeting the new code, but added that hurricane shutters on top of the new code will greatly increase the protection of the building during a hurricane.

A second reading of the amending ordinance is scheduled for Jan. 3.

plaints about us being there just doesn't like the fact that people are naked," Ahlert said. "We're not hurting anyone by being naked."

Some Council members disagreed, however. "Nude sunbathing will create more problems than it's worth," Council member Bob Jones said.

Ahlert noted that most nudists simply swim in the nude and strive for the perfect tan. She said that the very few radical people who do copulate on the beach in front of everyone ruin the experience for everyone.

One of the biggest areas of concern for the naturists is how they would be prosecuted for beach going sans clothing.

According to Ahlert, an arresting officer can not be both the witness and complainant. She said some nudists have been charged with lewd and lascivious acts for simply walking around naked.

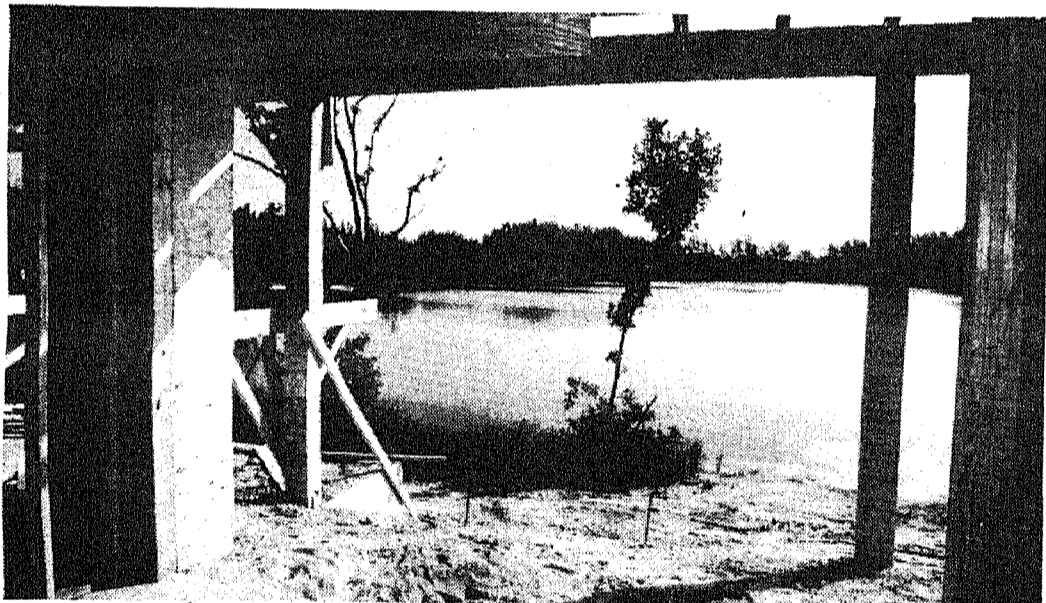
"It's disgusting to me that they can charge someone with a first degree misdemeanor, which is also a

sex crime, for being naked and sunning," Ahlert said. "However, more often than not these cases are thrown out of court."

Ahlert also said that police officers have tried and failed to book nudists for disorderly conduct.

"If they think they are going to stop people from taking off their clothes at Bowman's Beach, they're dead wrong. We have serious unflappable nudists who don't care about the police and what they do," Ahlert said. "We have unofficial lookouts for oncoming police officers and when one is spotted they come running down the beach screaming, 'The cops are coming,' and everyone covers up."

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'Tween Waters cuts transportation for employees

By Barbara Linstrom
Special to the Island Reporter

'Tween Waters Inn will no longer provide van transportation for its housekeeping staff beginning

Jan. 1, 1995, due to the expense and liability of the service.

However, if members of the 15-person staff can find their own way to work, they can keep their jobs.

"Nobody has been fired—nobody's been laid off," said Jeff Shuff, general manager of Rochester Resorts Inc., which owns 'Tween Waters, Castaways and Beachview Cottages.

"Actually, about six employees will continue to work by supplying their own transportation," he

added. 'Tween Waters Inn has been transporting its housekeeping staff from East Fort Myers to Captiva for the 16 years Rochester Resorts has owned the property. Many of the housekeeping staff have been working for the resort for much of that time.

One 15-year veteran will continue to work at the resort by carpooling with some other employees.

As for the others who will not be able to find a way to work, they will be replaced by a contract cleaning service that is new to the area.

In the past, the resort had to transport employees because no such contract service existed in the area, Shuff said.

The transportation of employees by van from East Fort Myers to Captiva takes about 1 1/2 hours each way. The cost of maintaining the van, providing fuel and the liability of transporting the employees led to the decision to go with the more cost-effective contract cleaning service.

Don Duda, head of housekeeping at 'Tween Waters, has contacted various resorts in Fort Myers and has helped some of the employees find new jobs.

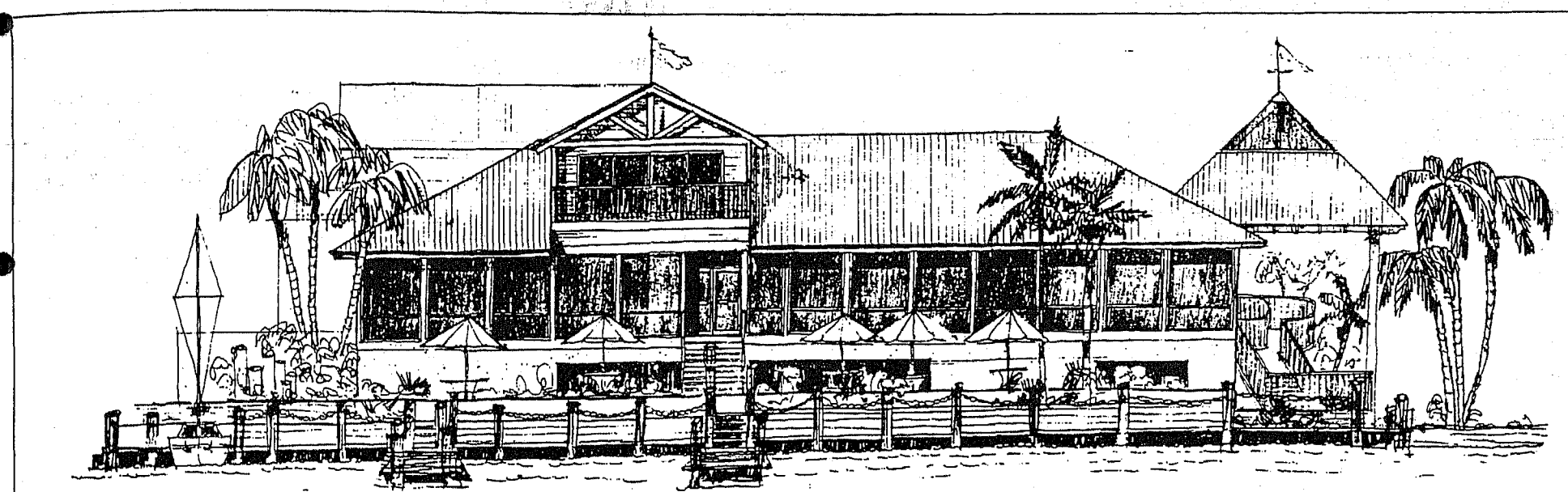
The management of 'Tween Waters has a long-standing tradition of having a heart for employees. Up until about two years ago, the resort provided living quarters for a number of employees.

However, plans to tear down the old, run-down employee residences and replace them with another rental complex led the resort to do away with employee housing.

Despite the two changes with respect to employee accommodations and transportation, 'Tween Waters retains the relaxed, old Captiva ambiance that has characterized it for generations.

The resort regrets causing any inconvenience to any of the housekeeping staff, Shuff added.

Future plans for Timmy's Nook revealed this week



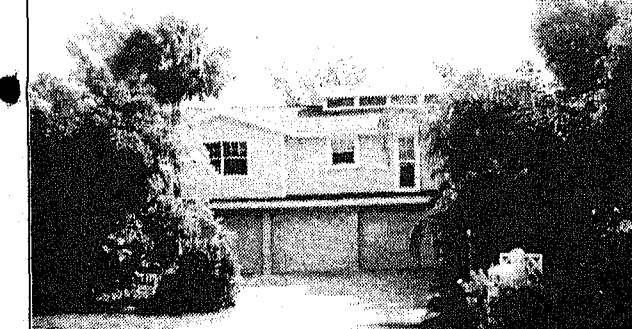
Andreas Bieri, the current owner of the old Timmy's Nook property, released this drawing last week of the 150-seat restaurant he hopes to build there—pending county permits. While he was considering keeping the name of the old long-standing Captiva hang-out, he has decided to change the name, but he is not sure what he is going to call it yet. However, he is sure that this is the look he would like to achieve. Bieri, owner of the Fort Myers Beach Mucky Duck, is excited to get moving with the project, but he does not know how long the permitting process might take.

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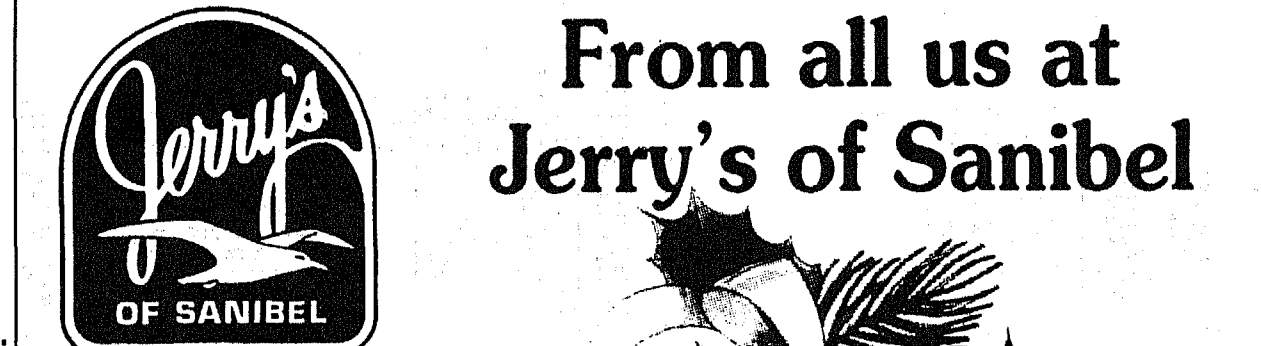
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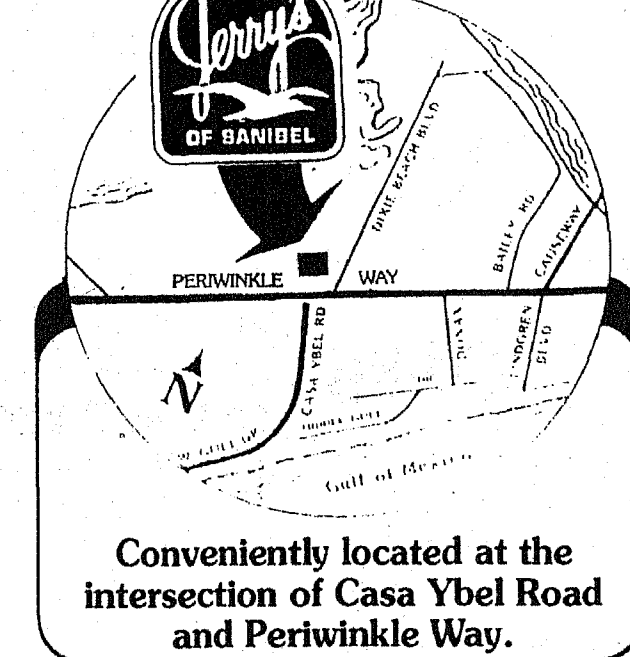
The magic of the Holidays is once again upon us. It's the time of year when past and present seem to become one. It's easy to recall when we were children, listening for sleigh bells, carolers and the sound of Santa's Ho-Ho-Ho!

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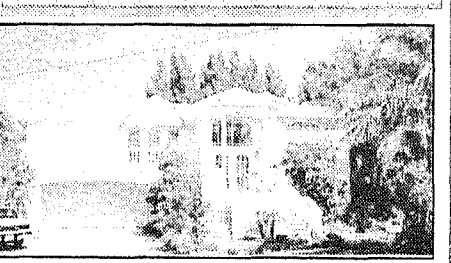
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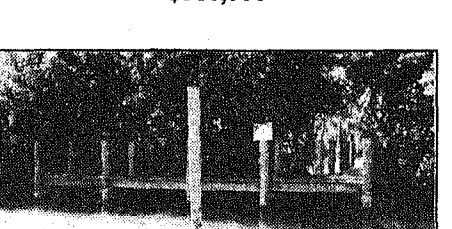
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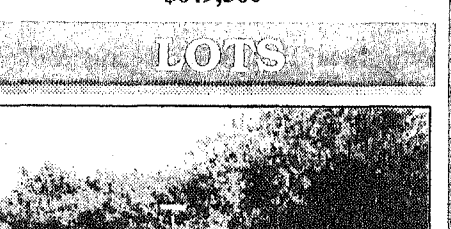
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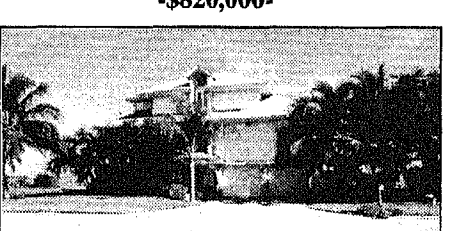
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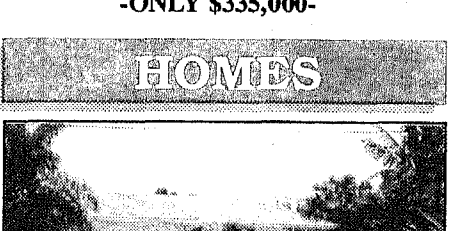
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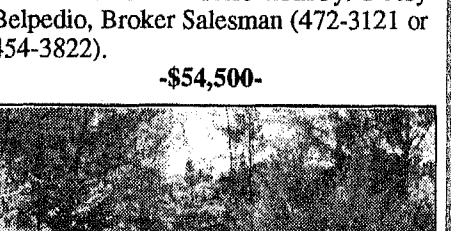
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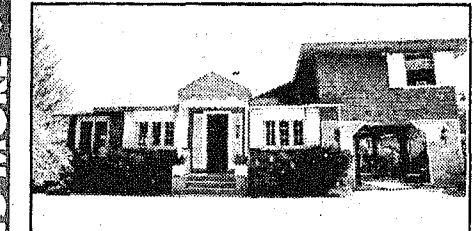
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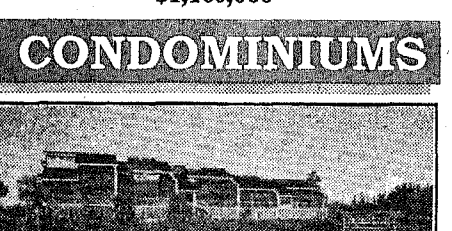
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B SECTION

COMMUNITY

Go jump in a lake

*But don't forget
your hand-built
wooden canoe*

By Matthew Miller
Staff Writer

So you're looking for something to do for the new year, something to occupy time and perhaps test your craft making skills? Before looking too much further, consider making your own boat.

That is exactly what nine students of the Calusa Canoe Co. canoe making school have been doing for the last several weeks. They are all part of a "build your own boat shop with supervision," as described by Marybeth Spearing, that is being offered by her and her native Floridian boat building husband, Larry. They recently packed up shop from their original location on Pine Island and now feature their school in a Pine Ridge Road warehouse in South Fort Myers.

The Spearings provide all the necessary tools and materials for this "work at your own pace" class.

"These people are so proud of what they are doing," Spearing said.

"This is our Christmas present for years to come," laughed Sanibel resident Ruth Kitchin, who has joined forces with her husband Bob, president of the Sanibel Audubon Society, to create their own personal masterpiece.

"It's a lot of fun, a lot of work and a lot of sanding but we absolutely love it," Kitchin said of the 30 to 45 hour per week project. The Kitchins plan to complete their kayak style canoe before Dec. 21 so they can celebrate their wedding anniversary in their new piece of art. They have gone so far as to print Christmas cards with pictures of them working on their pride and joy.

"It really is like sculpting a piece of art that can be used for years to come," she said.

The class involves making wood canoes with cedar, spruce and pine, that will last for generations due to the quality materials and advanced technology the Spearings offer in the class.

Spearing's expertise comes from three generations of boat building and enables him to individually instruct the students every step of the way.

"Larry is so great, whenever you need him he is right there," said Tom Taylor, a retired six month resident of Sanibel. Taylor is striving to meet the Christmas deadline to surprise his family with the 16-foot canoe that has occupied his time for the last month.

"He is such a wonderful teacher, he never takes over and he is very accessible," Taylor said.

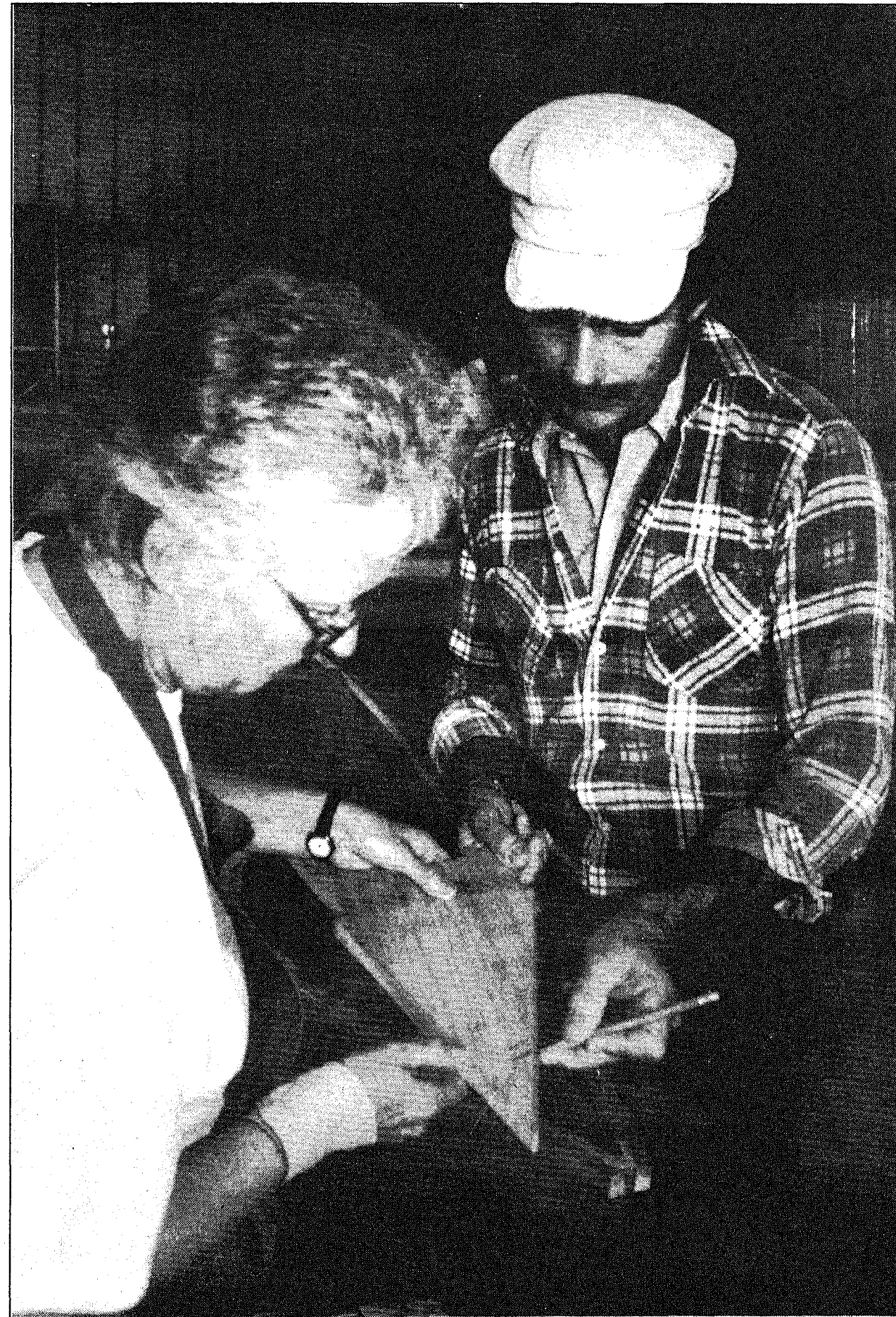
Charlotte Baker, a retired resident of Sanibel, worked Tuesday on a bow cap, a triangular piece of wood that is installed at the bow and stern. She has worked since early November, approximately 95 hours so far, and expects to be done after logging 130 to 140 hours.

"So when am I going to be done?" she laughed as she asked Spearing.

Spearing smiled and continued to instruct Baker of the fine tuning the wood piece required before it could fit properly.

"This is the person that makes this thing possible," she yelled over sounds of another student sanding as she pointed at Spearing.

Patently, Baker and Spearing huddle over the



Larry Spearing shows Sanibel resident Charlotte Baker where to file a bow cap for a custom fit.

details at hand, utilizing Japanese crafted saws and measuring techniques, devices Spearing has perfected over the years.

"He has a saying, you measure twice and cut once," Baker said.

"I say that, but that was my father's saying," Spearing smiled.

"He is filled with all types of these credos to learn by," Baker persisted.

No more than 20 minutes later Baker had completed her measurements and cutting and was on her way to the next steps.

Spearing said the class has been "excellent" and is very impressed with the students, most of which are first-time builders.

"Most of them haven't even made a spice rack, a bird house, you name it they haven't made it," he said.

The Spearings may offer to future students the option of crafting a dinghy. The plans for are in the works now.

For more information about the class and prices contact, Marybeth or Larry Spearing at (813) 466-8782, or 800-CALUSA-3.

Ruth Kitchin

Rabbit Road Children's Center shares Christmas

By Marianne Dila Strickland
Staff Writer

Learning to share is not always an easy lesson for pre-schoolers, but Miss Julie's class of 4-year-olds learned a little more about the meaning when they made a trip across the causeway on a recent morning to take Christmas gifts to another pre-school center.

Brightest Horizons Child Development Center on Gladiolus Drive in Harlem Heights is directed by Kathy Shaddock who has been seeing that children in this neighborhood have day care since 1974. This is a non-profit facility of the Lee County Mission, a social service organization. State and federal funds

also help maintain child care for working parents, or those in training. Shaddock is helped by six assistants, some of whom have children in the day care center. The facility serves 28 pre-school children and 44 school age children. Breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack are served each day.

Expectant faces of these preschoolers looked up with anticipation, as the Rabbit Road entourage, in their turquoise school shirts came through the door, shepherded by Jane Hudson, owner of the Sanibel facility, Miss Julie, and Jean Baer, mother of two preschoolers. Shyness was overcome as Brightest Horizons children shared chairs with the newcomers.

The 4-year-olds examined each other's brightly colored clothing and hair-dos.

After a while, wrapped gifts were distributed by island children to their Heights counterparts. There were plenty of gifts for all to open. Little fingers tore open the paper to find puzzles and books to delight any child, and they lost no time leafing through, looking at pictures and finding familiar characters and animals. The books and puzzles were to be enjoyed at Brightest Horizons center, by all the boys and girls and their teachers.

The gifts were put under the Christmas tree and out came a treat from the Heights bunch. Party time! Donut holes, popcorn and pretzels and cool apple juice were a welcome mid-morning treat. All preschoolers were responsible for cleaning up their own space, and putting their trash in the container.

Heights children unrolled a long computer art banner they had made and signed for the island children, thanking them for their visit.

A chorus or two of "We wish you a merry Christmas" made the parting a little less traumatic. It was too short a time to make a new friend, but it was a big enough experience to be remembered as a way to share the fun with someone else a little outside the regular neighborhood.



Sanibel children went to Harlem Heights to share Christmas gifts and cheer.

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Kiwanis donate to library

Craig Albert, treasurer of the Kiwanis Club of Sanibel-Captiva Islands presented a check for \$500 to Pat Allen of the Sanibel Public Library.

The Kiwanis donation is to be used for expanding the children's books section of the library by starting a collection of Story Time kits. These innovative theme concepts and character stories are designed to reinforce learning skills for pre-school children.

If you are interested in checking out one of these latest learning tools feel free to call the Sanibel Public Library at 472-2483 or stop by the Children's Books Section during your next visit.



Craig Albert presents a check to Pat Allen.

Zonta announces Razzle Dazzle committees

Sheila Hoen, chairperson for Zonta Club's extravaganza, "Razzle Dazzle," has announced committee heads. Janine Boardman heads the cast and show, with Joanne Marriott and Marsha Papham in charge of staging. Other committee heads are Ingeborg Mauksch, Phyllis Bogen Margaret Morgan, Judy Workman, Nancy Gordon, Bella Kontinos, Ginger Parker, Marika Lutheringer.

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Power Squadron holds Christmas party

The Sanibel-Captiva Power Squadron Christmas Party was held Tuesday evening Dec. 20 at the Community Center with 172 members in attendance. Commander Alan Boers presented a 25 year membership pin to Jack Richardson. Three new members were inducted into the squadron: Charles Fenton, Floyd Tekampe, and Robert Perlston.

Awards were presented for the Power Squadron Lighted Boat Parade. Twelve boats participated in the event held in the Shell Harbor canals Dec. 12. Participants enjoyed a dinner at Grandma Dot's following the parade. First prize was won by "Br-An-Dee" owned by Byron Roberts, and second prize was awarded to "Gulf Game," owned by Dave Spore.

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John Finley and Henry Klein thanked the members for their contributions of toys for the Community Cooperative Ministry. Over 100 wrapped gifts were donated to be presented to needy chil-

dren at a Christmas party.

Commander Boers announced that fellowship luncheons will begin Wednesday, Jan. 11, 12 p.m. at the Quarterdeck Restaurant. All members are welcome, no reservations are neces-

sary.

The annual Change of Watch will be held Feb. 13 at the Captiva Island Yacht Club.

Program Chairman Henry Klein introduced Louis Ball who put the group in a holiday mood by leading in the singing of Christmas carols, accompanied by Mike Cohen on the piano.

1935 when it occupied its original perch at the edge of San Carlos Bay next to the old Bailey store at the ferry dock. Charlotta Matthews served light refreshments to all comers, ferry travelers and store customers alike.

MHF gets \$17,000

Richard Schneider presented Michael Calinski, president of the Marine Habitat Foundation with a check for \$17,000 from the Robert E. Schneider Foundation. The foundation was founded by Richard's parents, Melvin and Phyllis Schneider, in memorial to Richard's youngest brother, Robert, who died suddenly at the age of 16. This is the largest single contribution MHF has received since it incorporated in 1991.

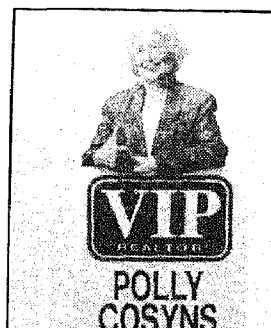
The Marine Habitat Foundation, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to rebuilding marine resource populations through nursery habitat enhancement and clean water. Its facility is located at 900 Tarpon Bay Road.

Tea room decked out for Christmas

Counterpoint to the color and excitement of the antique toy show at the Historical Village and Museum is the tranquility of Miss Charlotta's tea room on the village grounds.

Garden clubbers responsible for decorating are Jean Klein, Jean Hallstead and Mary Jo Kirkpatrick, with coordinator Hulda Walters. The entire garden club has accepted an invitation to hold its Jan. 16 meeting in the tea room.

Miss Charlotta's tea room was an active part of island life from 1927 to



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New Year's Eve events

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The party begins at 8:30 p.m. and there will be dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

A first for the Sanibel Community Association, this New Year's Party is coordinated by Judy Hicks. Cost is \$10 per person for members and their guests and \$15 for non-members.

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After the show, champagne and bountiful appetizers will be served as audience and cast members ring in the New Year. As 1995 begins, the third annual and everpopular Midnight Cabaret will commence featuring casts of "Stardust Memories," "Ho! Ho! Ho!" and "Greater Tuna."

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New Year's Eve events

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Sundial hosts theater

Ring in the new year at the Sundial Beach Resort's New Year's Eve dinner theater performance of "Last of the Red Hot Lovers." The Neil Simon comedy, performed by the Off Beach Players, will be followed by a traditional New Year's Eve champagne celebration with cast and crew members from the show.

"Last of the Red Hot Lovers" Tells the story of Barney Cashman, an upstanding business and family man who finds himself in a mid-life crisis on his 47th

birthday. He is convinced that a brief extra-marital affair will add excitement and pizzazz to his life, so he immediately embarks on a quest for a meaningless but inspiring encounter. But the women he chooses have their own share of odd problems and quirks, and Barney suffers several disappointing attempts at seduction.

Revelers will say farewell to 1994 with a cash bar at 7 p.m., featuring complimentary hors d'oeuvres. A four course dinner will follow in the Sanibel-Captiva Ballroom, beginning with corn and tasso chowder and grilled shrimp Caesar salad with goat cheese bruschetta. As the new year draws near, guests will

savor grilled tenderloin and bronzed grouper served with garlic potatoes and vegetables, followed by a raspberry torte for dessert.

"Last of the Red Hot Lovers" will follow dinner and end at 11:45 p.m.

The dinner costs \$65 per person, including hors d'oeuvres, dinner, the performance and champagne and party favors at midnight. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 472-4151. The Sundial is located at 1451 Middle Gulf Drive.

BIG Arts offers music

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Eat and be entertained in the Phillips Gallery and dance on the deck and in the Founder's Gallery.

There will be tables for eight and 10. Get your reservations in early. \$30 per person. Call 395-0900 for more information.

Stomp in the swamp at SSP

South Seas Plantation Resort & Yacht Harbour dons vines, fog and swamp things as they ring in the new year swamp-style in the Conference Center Ballroom Dec. 31. Chadwick's offers another opportunity, toasting the new year with a festive buffet dinner and celebration.

Serving dinner buffet-style, the "Everglades Swamp Stomp" features a variety of food options and drink specials. Sixties' sensation "Hitmen" provide the foliage-filled entertainment.

Chadwick's, boasting a \$250,000 renovation, joins

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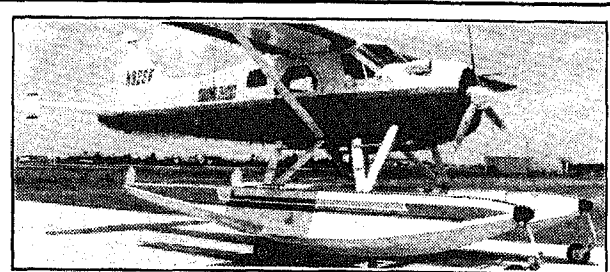
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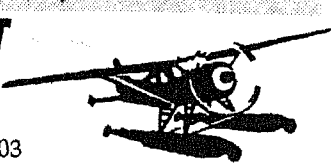


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New Year's Eve events

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the celebration as well featuring food, festivities and the island music of the Danny Morgan Band, joining Chadwick's lounge permanently beginning Dec. 23. Both parties will offer midnight champagne toasts.

The "Everglades Swamp Stomp" is \$58 per person, plus tax and gratuity. Chadwick's celebration starts at \$29 for early seatings.

The Conference Center and Chadwick's are located at the entrance to South Seas Plantation Resort & Yacht Harbour on Captiva Island.

Sanibel Harbour hosts three parties

At Sanibel Harbour Resort's IsleVista lounge, celebrants can enjoy New Year's Eve with a Caribbean flair in a New Year's Masquerade all from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. There will be a Caribbean style buffet, party favors and a champagne toast at midnight. Those who dress in costume are eligible to win on the spot prizes in the masquerade contest for the most creative mask. Cash bar, no cover charge.

From 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Everglades Grand Ballroom, there will be a New Year's Eve Gala. The gala will feature the "rockboogie" sounds of San Francisco's Mitch Woods & his Rocket 88's. From 7 to 8 p.m. there will be an open bar and hors d'oeuvres. The 8 p.m. dinner features lobster bisque en croute, mixed baby greens with red currants and a tarragon vinaigrette, poached salmon with maltaise sauce, roasted tenderloin of beef with peppercorn sauce and double chocolate truffle cake with vanilla bean sauce. Complimentary wine served with dinner. Midnight festivities include champagne, light show and balloon drop. The \$125 ticket price benefits the Lee County Humane Society. Black tie optional. To make reservations or for more information, call 466-4000, ext. 2380.

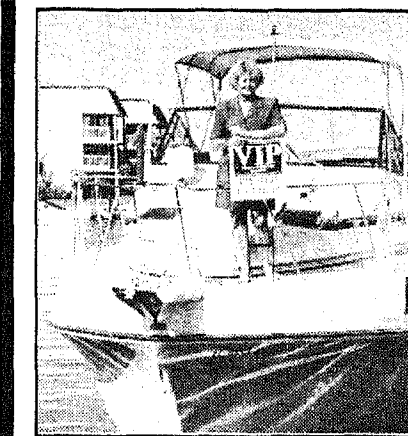
The cuisine of Chef Eric Truglas will be featured at Chez le Bear. Dinner begins with a lobster and crab cake with fresh coriander pesto sauce, followed by summer baby mixed greens with truffle essence and cheese duo croutons. The main course consists of Dover sole souffle and venison medal-

ions with creamy sun dried tomato and green peppercorn sauce with wild mushroom fricassee, basil potato au gratin and asparagus bundle. Black currant mousse mirror, chocolate royale or creme brulee Napoleon served with a

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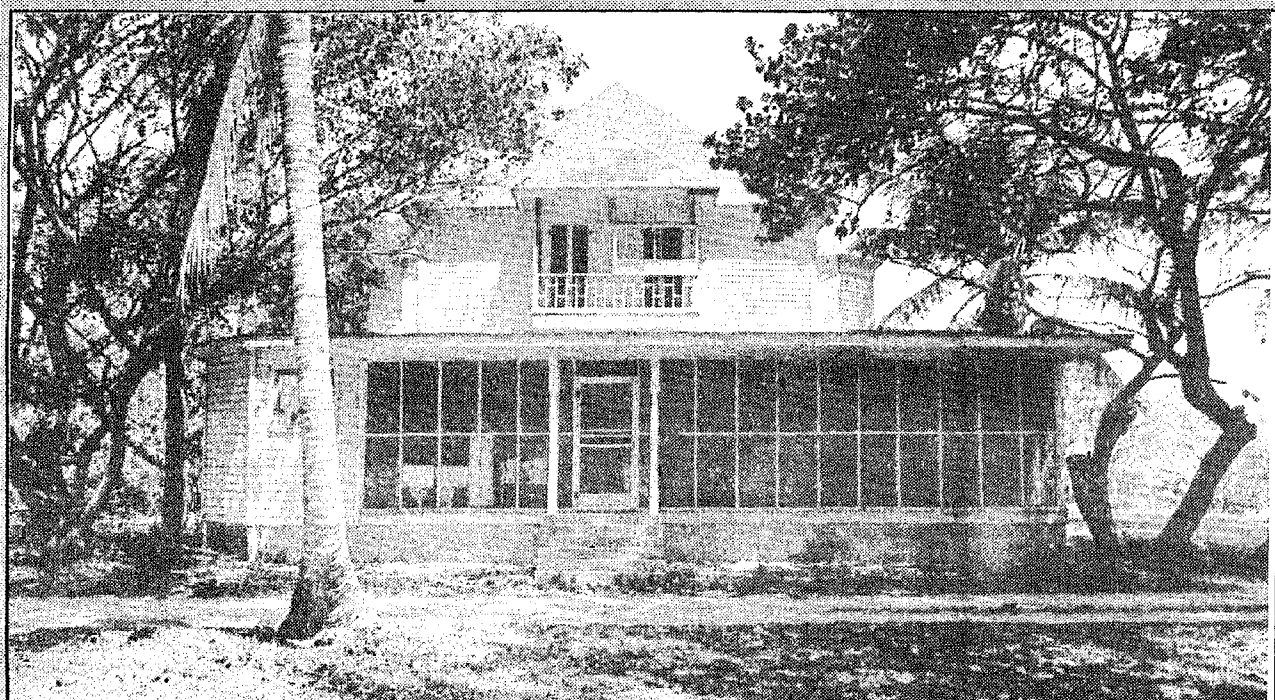
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Historical photo contest



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FRIDAY
23

Natural Wildlife-History Boat Tours, sponsored by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and Captiva Cruises sets sail every day from South Seas Plantation at 4 p.m. aboard the Lady Chadwick. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children 12 and under. Children under 3 ride free. For details, call 472-5300. Other daily cruises are as follows: 9 a.m.—Morning Nature Cruise; 9 a.m.—Cruise to Boca Grande and Cayo Costa; 10:30 a.m.—Cruise to Cabbage Key and Useppa Island; 5 p.m. Sunset Serenade Cruise.

Island Seniors aerobics, 8:30 & 10 a.m. at the Island Civic Center (old library building). 472-5743.

Walk In The Wetlands, three guided tours Monday to Saturday 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sponsored by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. Reservations 472-2329.

Country Line Dance. With Sandra D. at the American Legion Post 123 on Sanibel Captiva Road at mile marker three. Fridays, 7-9 p.m. Free. 472-9979.

C.R.O.W. Tour, at 11 a.m. 472-3644.

Sanibel/Captiva Rotary Club Breakfast Meeting, 7:30 a.m. every Friday at the Hungry Heron, 2330 Palm Ridge Road. Visiting members welcome. 395-0512.

AARP meeting. The second Friday of every month October through May. 1:30 p.m. at the Sanibel City Center (the old library building, 2401 Library Way).

Al-Anon, noon, Sanibel Community Church.

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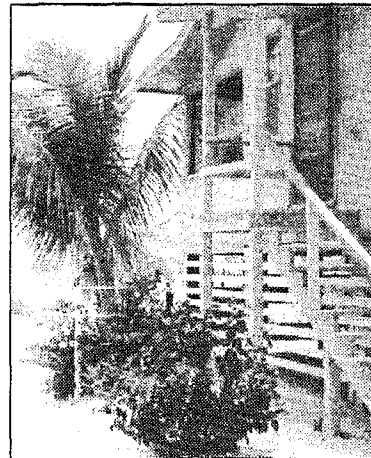
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Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., open speaker meeting, St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church.

Adult Children Of Alcoholics (ACOA), 8 p.m., Sanibel Community Church.

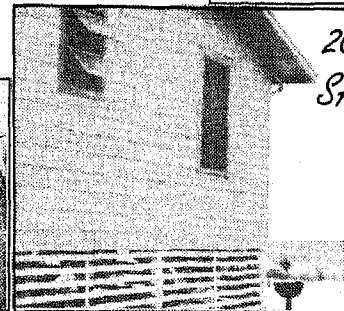
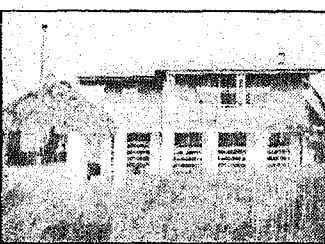
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SATURDAY 24

Natural Wildlife-History Boat Tours, see Friday.

C.R.O.W. Tour, at 1 p.m. 472-3644.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 9 a.m., next to library on Captiva Rd. (Look for library sign.)

Island Seniors Water Aerobics, 10 a.m., \$1 per class. Sanibel Recreation Complex pool. 472-5743.

Aerobics with child care, 9-10 a.m., Sanibel Recreation Complex. Nursery open until 10:30 a.m. for additional workout. 472-0361. Donation suggested: \$2.00.

Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Visitor center open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Thursday. Orientation program at 10 a.m., noon, 2 and 4 p.m. One Wildlife Drive open sunrise to sunset daily except Friday. 472-1100. Gate times vary, contact visitor center for specifics.

Early Bird Special. A two hour birding tour of the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. A car is needed for the program. Meet at the flagpole in front of the visitor center at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 24. 472-1100.

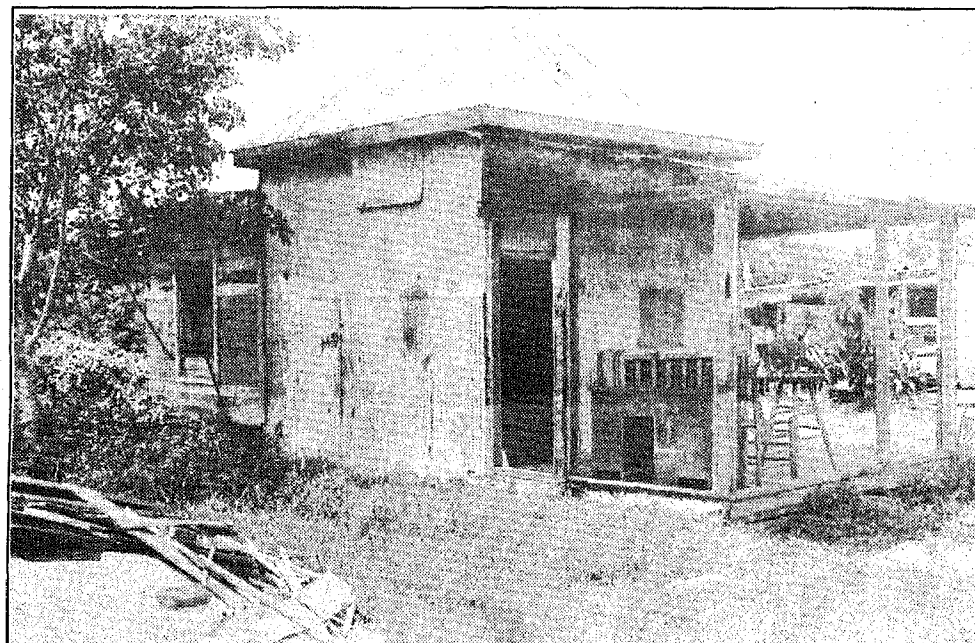
"Step" in Shape with Marie Marilloux. Step aerobics at the Sanibel Recreation Complex. 9 a.m.

SUNDAY 25

Merry Christmas! Call for cancellations and closings.

Christmas Potluck. At the Sanibel Civic Center (old library), 1 p.m. Dec. 25.

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Anyone recognize this old shed? If so, you could win \$50. See page 8B.

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25. Meat provided. 472-5743.

Natural Wildlife-History Boat Tours, see Friday.

Sanibel Recreation Center Closed Dec. 25.

Sanibel Emergency Radio Amateur Net, 7:30 p.m. Frequency is 146.79 with a tone coded squelch of 173.8 Hz. Visiting Hams welcome.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m. Step group, St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church.

MONDAY 26

Natural Wildlife-History Boat Tours, see Friday.

Sanibel Civic Center closed Dec. 26.

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Walk In The Wetlands, three guided tours Monday to Saturday 10 a.m.,

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sponsored by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. Reservations 472-2329.

Island Seniors Aerobics. 8:30 & 10 a.m. at the Island Civic Center (old library building). 472-5743. \$2 members; \$4 non-members.

Friendship Bridge. At the Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, 2050 Periwinkle Way, Mondays from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. \$2. Everyone welcome. Call Gertrude Ford at 395-1770 for more information.

Shellcrafters Workshop. Mondays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sanibel Community Center.

C.R.O.W. Tour, at 11 a.m. 472-3644.

Walk In The Wetlands, see Saturday.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 10 a.m., Sanibel Women's Group, Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ.

Island Seniors Bowling, 1:30 p.m., Beach Bowl, Fort Myers Beach, \$5.50. 472-5743.

Duplicate Bridge, 7:30 p.m., Joyce Truitt. Singles will be paired with a partner if one is available. \$3 at door. Sanibel Community Center, 472-2155.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., Captiva Survivors, next to library on Captiva Rd. (look for library sign).

Pajama Story Hour. At the Sanibel

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TUESDAY
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Natural Wildlife-History Boat Tours, see Friday.

Island Seniors cruise. Leave for luncheon and cruise on *Rosie O'Shea* paddleboat at 10:30 a.m. \$31.56 plus \$10 transportation.

Walk In The Wetlands, three guided tours Monday to Saturday 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sponsored by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. Reservations 472-2329.

"Step" in Shape with Marie Marilloux. Step aerobics at the Sanibel Recreation Complex. 9 a.m.

FISH sponsored Caregivers Support Group. Meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m. at the home of Topper Schram, 1774 Bunting Lane. For more information, call 395-0130 or 472-0404.

Community Course for Basic Bridge, at the Sanibel Community Center every week, led by Anne Green. Starts at 9 a.m. 472-2155.

Al-Anon. Sanibel Community Church. 8:30 a.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., San/Cap Tuesday Night Group, Sanibel Congregational United Church of

Christ.

Into the Mangrove Forest, see Monday.

Aerobics with child care, 9-10 a.m., Sanibel Recreation Complex. Nursery open until 10:30 a.m. for additional workout. Donation suggested, \$2.00. 472-0361.

Al-Anon, 8 p.m., Sanibel

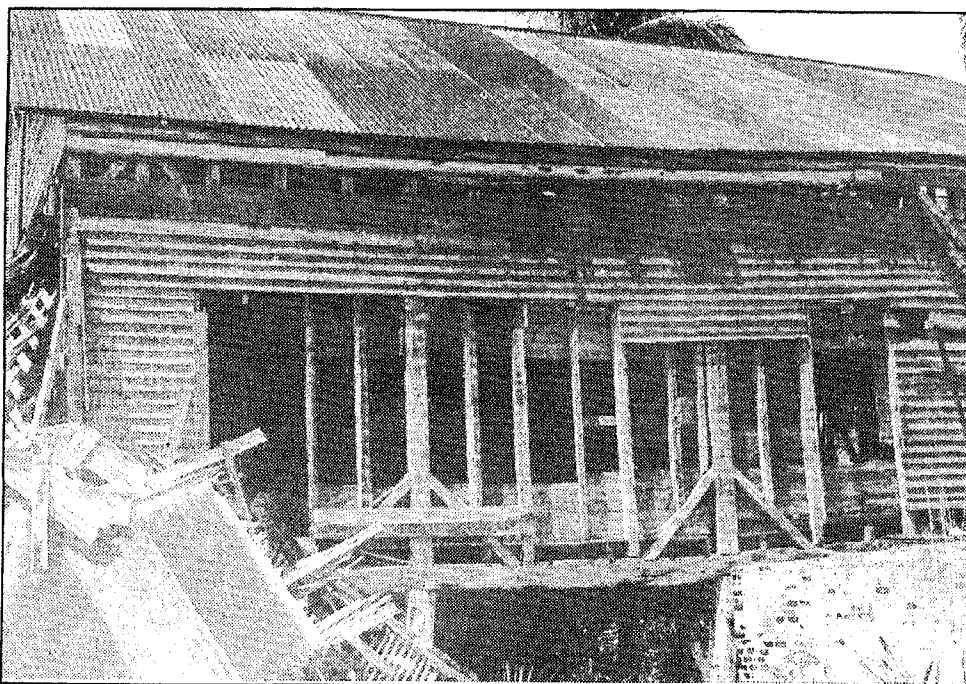
Community Church.

WEDNESDAY
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Natural Wildlife-History Boat Tours, see Friday.

Island

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Into the Mangrove Forest. Discover the fascinating plants in the mangrove ecosystem during the one hour walk on the Indigo Trail boardwalk at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Meet at the flagpole in front of the visitor center at 11:00 a.m. Dec. 28. 472-1100.

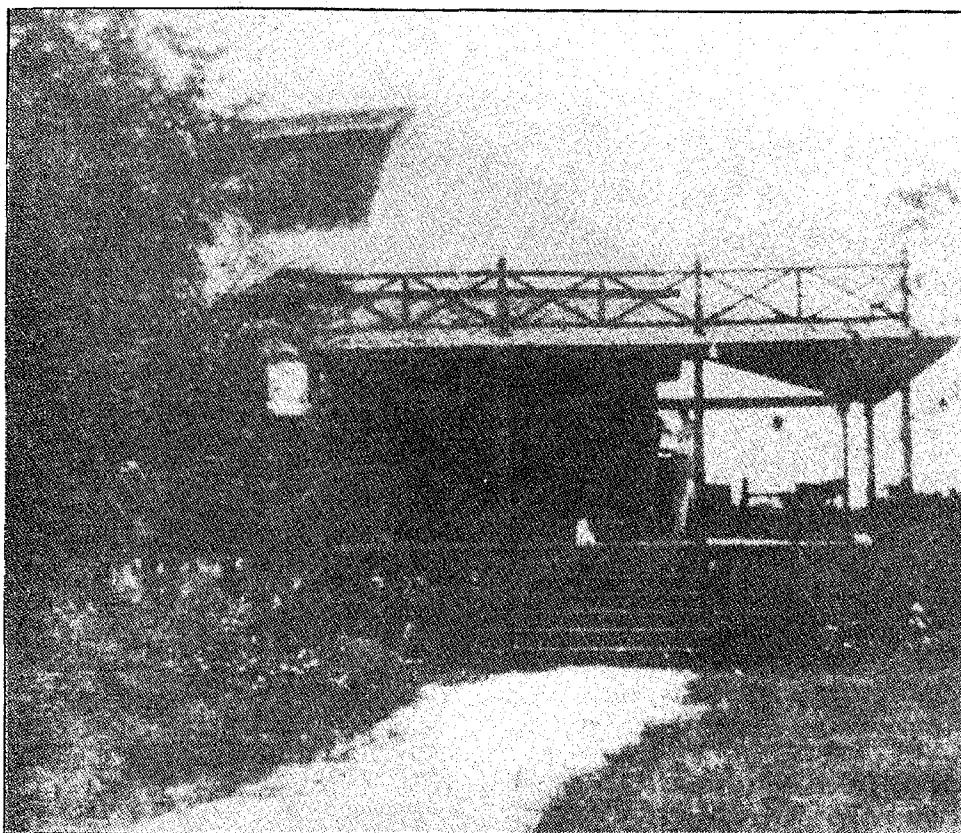
Island Seniors line dancing. Beginning from 1-1:30 p.m. Intermediate and advanced, 1:30 to 3 p.m. At the Island Civic Center (old library building). \$2 members; \$4 non-members. 472-5743.

Walk In The Wetlands, three guided tours Monday to Saturday 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sponsored by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. Reservations 472-2329.

Preschool Story Hour. At the Sanibel Public Library, 770 Dunlop Road, 472-2483. 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

C.R.O.W. Tour, at 11 a.m. 472-•please see page 14B

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Women's Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Congregational Church.

Sanibel/Captiva Lions Club. Meets first and third Wednesdays of each month. 6:30 dinner meeting at Sanibel Community Center. Visiting Lions welcome. Call Bob Steele at 395-1952 for more information.

FISH sponsored Support Group for the Visually Impaired, meets the first Wednesday of every month at 3 p.m. at the Sanibel Public Library in the downstairs room. For further information call 472-0047.

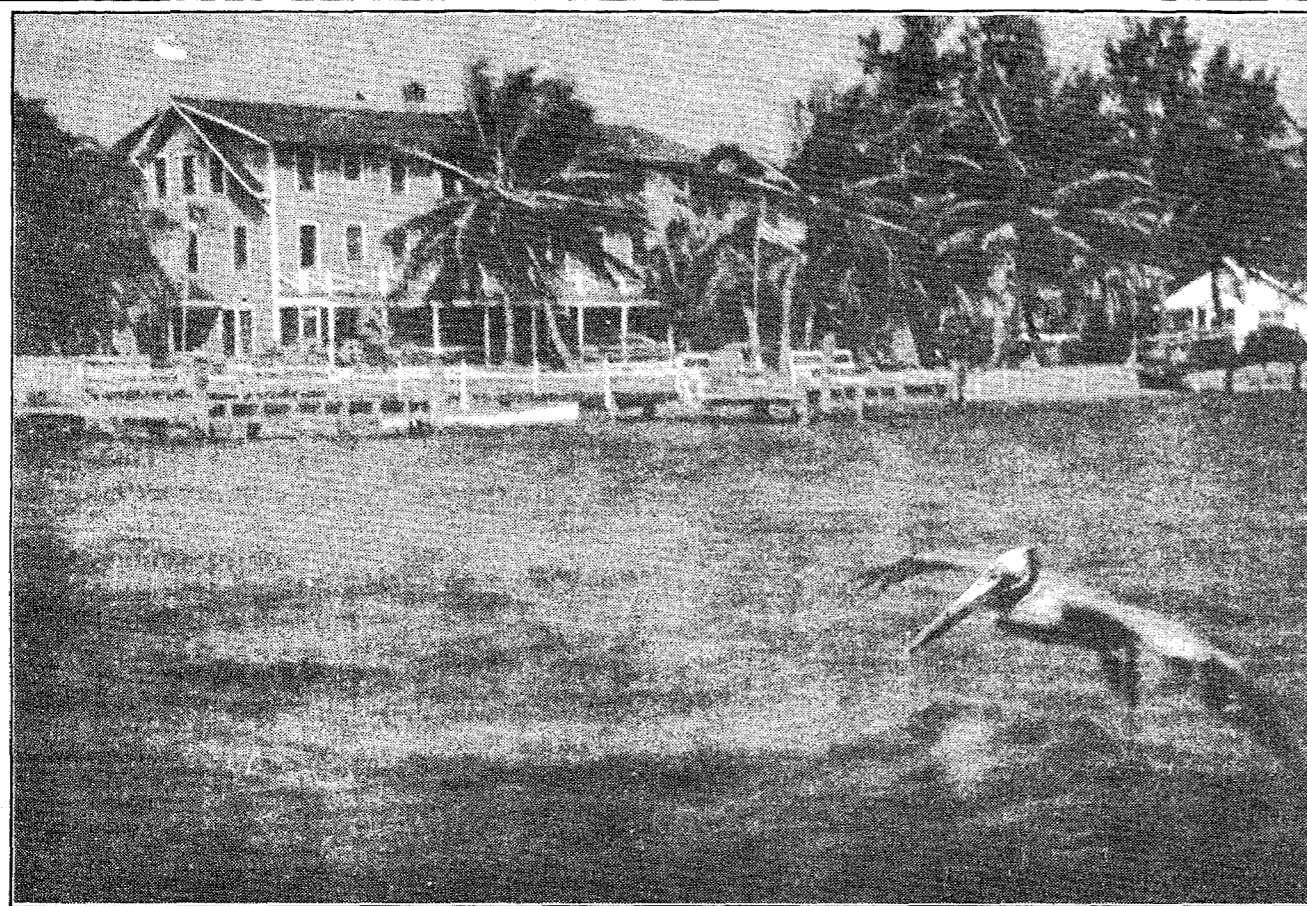
Alcoholics Anonymous, St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, 7 a.m., Spiritual Beginnings, 454-0330.

Sanibel/Captiva Kiwanis Club Breakfast, 7:30 a.m., every Wednesday at the Dunes. Visiting members welcome. 395-0328.

Alcoholics Anonymous, open step meeting. Sanibel Community Church, next to Jerry's, 8:30 a.m.

Newcomers/Oldtimers meets the first Wednesday of each month. Call Faye Granberry, 472-6940, for reservations.

Sanibel Step Meeting, Sanibel Community Church, 1740 Periwinkle Way, 472-2684.



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**THURSDAY
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Natural Wildlife-History Boat Tours, see Friday.

Bicycle Club on Sanibel. Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. at the Quarterdeck Restaurant.

Walk In The Wetlands, three guided tours Monday to Saturday 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sponsored by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. Reservations 472-2329.

"Step" in Shape with Marie Marilloux. Step aerobics at the Sanibel Recreation Complex. 9 a.m.

Country/Western Dance. Thursdays, 7-10 p.m. at

the Island Civic Center (old library building). \$5. 472-5743.

Duplicate Bridge. With Sterling Bassett at the Sanibel Community Center. 1:30 p.m. \$3.

C.R.O.W. Tour, at 11 a.m. 472-3644.

School-age Reading Story Hour. At the Sanibel Public Library. Thursdays from 3 to 3:30 p.m. For children in grades 1, 2 and Kindergarten.

Tai Chi Chuan class at the Sanibel Fitness Center. With Val Parker. 12:30-1:30 p.m. \$10 per class for non-members of the fitness center. Call 395-BODY for more information.

Beach Walks, Thursdays at 8:45 a.m. Meet at the •please see page 15B

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Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation, 3333 Sanibel-Captiva Road. For details call, 472-2329.

CONA-Committee of Neighborhood Associations meets the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

12 Steps For Everyone, 11 a.m., Sanibel Community Church, 472-2684.

Zonta International meets the first

and third Thursday of every month at the 7:30 a.m. at the Sundial. Visiting Zonta members welcome. For details call, Nancy Intogna, 472-1222.

Alcoholics Anonymous, Noon, Men's Big Book Group, Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ, across from Periwinkle Shopping Plaza.

Duplicate Bridge, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Sterling Bassett, director. Singles will be paired with a partner if one is avail-

able. \$2.50 at door at the Sanibel Community Association. For details, call 472-2155.

Alcoholics Anonymous, closed discussion meeting, St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, 8 p.m. 454-0330.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 11th Step Workshop Group. 6:30 p.m. at the Sanibel Community Church, 1740 Periwinkle Way (next to Jerry's).

Country Line Dance. With Sandra D. at the American Legion Post 123 on Sanibel Captiva Road at mile marker three. Fridays, 7-9 p.m. Free. 472-9979.

C.R.O.W. Tour, at 11 a.m. 472-3644.

Sanibel/Captiva Rotary Club Breakfast Meeting, 7:30 a.m. every Friday at the Hungry Heron, 2330 Palm Ridge Road. Visiting members welcome. 395-0512.

AARP meeting. The second Friday of every month from October through May. 1:30 p.m. at the Island Civic Center (the old library building, 2401 Library Way).

Al-Anon, noon, Sanibel Community Church.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., open speaker meeting, St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church.

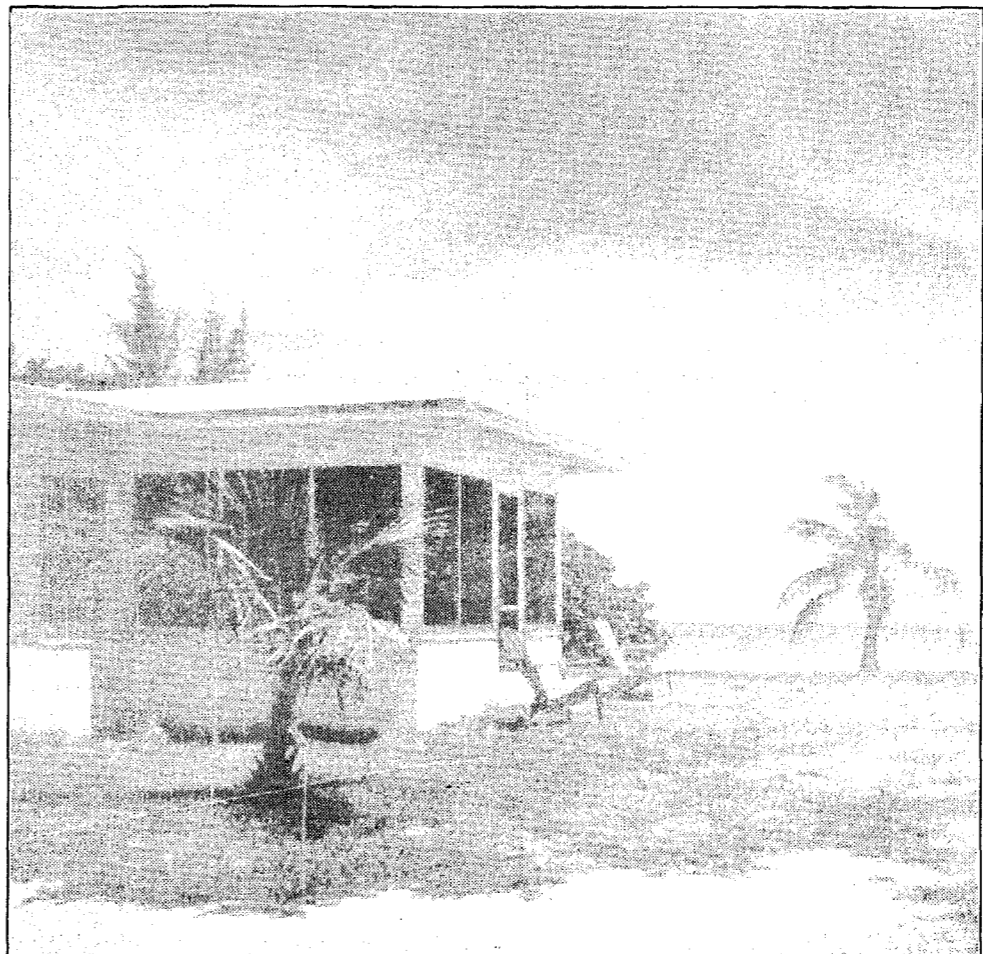
Adult Children Of Alcoholics (ACOA), 8 p.m., Sanibel Community Church.

**FRIDAY
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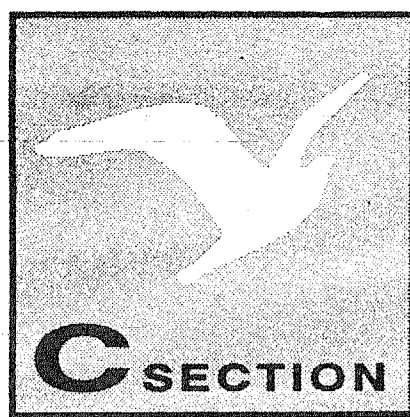


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'Captiva' movie premieres in Fort Myers



The Arcade Theater hosted the Florida premiere of the locally filmed movie, 'Captiva.'

By Barbara Linstrom
Special to the Island Reporter

With Klieglights swishing in the night sky and shiny limousines dropping off VIPs in tuxedos and evening gowns, the premiere last Saturday of the feature film, "Captiva," was truly a gala occasion.

Perhaps the first film premiere ever to grace downtown Fort Myers, the event enlivened the normally quiet city streets with bluesy tunes from the Cat Daddy's and plenty of hoopla from the about 1,200 people who attended the private street party reception and screenings.

The Arcade Theater, which dates back to 1908, provided the perfect setting for the celebration of a fine feature film.

Prefaced by a video presentation in which *Uncommon Friends* author Jim Newton took viewers

back to the days when Thomas Edison invented the motion picture image, the screening of the movie gave context to the relationship between Fort Myers and film.

Mentioning that Edison used to love to attend showings of silent films at the Arcade Theater, Newton merged past with present in connecting the audience with the origins of filmmaking.

Elated by a full house—or 380 people—at each of three screenings, first-time feature film director Long John Biffar exuded tremendous excitement as he introduced the family-oriented film.

"Generally, I felt the response was very positive," said Biffar. "I think the kids especially liked it and that's who our market really is."

Given the enthusiasm of the children, Biffar is looking forward

to opening the film at the Cobb Theaters in Fort Myers over the Easter vacation for area school kids.

The film may also be released theatrically state-wide at the same time, and it is also being courted by several foreign distributors as well as major U.S. distributors who are interested in the film for cable television, as well as the home video market.

The audience in attendance last Saturday generally found the film to be quite entertaining. Kids remarked that they were really impressed by the action in the film. Thrilled by the scenes of dolphin swimming right into the camera, wave runners careening through the gulf, ultra lights soaring in the sky, barefoot water-ski antics, parasailing, scuba diving, kayaking and skateboarding, the

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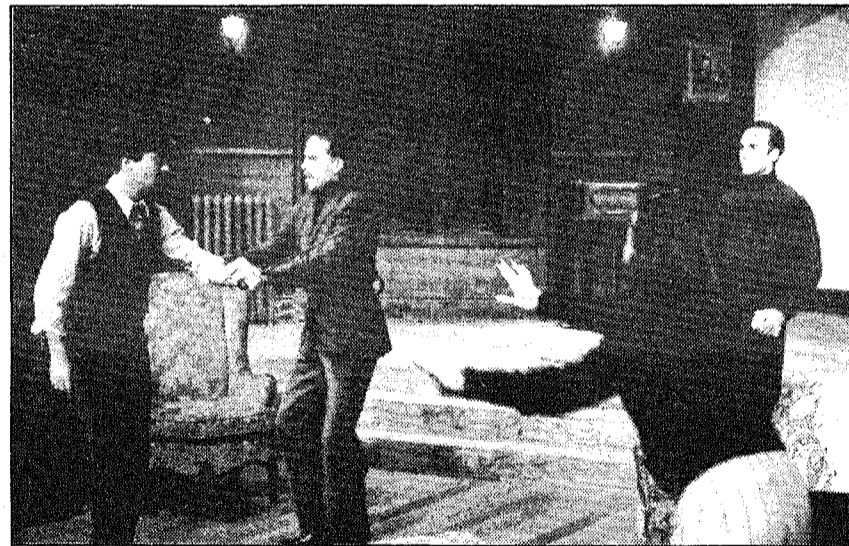
No matter how many times you've seen it...

'The Mousetrap' will hold you

By Marianne Dila Strickland
Staff Writer

For the thrill of seeing exceptional actors at work, the Pirate Playhouse is offering a great opportunity through Jan. 14 with Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap."

Christie captured a diverse group of characters, each one showing signs of both innocent and sinister behavior, in a snow-bound English country manor with a murderer lurking among them. Every one of the characters is played with distinction and charm by the cast whose English accents



The stage of the Pirate Playhouse has been transformed into the great hall at Monkswell Manor through Jan. 14.

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SNL's Kevin Nealon plays the Sanibel Island Comedy Club

By Mark S. Krzos
Staff Writer

"Saturday Night Live" veteran and actor Kevin Nealon is bringing his special brand of intelligent humor for two special holiday shows with former SNL companion A. Whitney Brown to the Sanibel Island Comedy Club.

Nealon joined "Saturday Night Live" in 1986 and earned an Emmy nomination in 1988 for writing comedy sketches such as "Weekend Update," "Hans and Franz" and "Mr. Subliminal" plans on leaving the show after this season to move on to the big

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Off Beach Players open first winter season in Fort Myers

By Marianne Dila Strickland
Staff Writer

For faithful supporters of the island's own community theater group, the Off Beach Players, the trip over the bridge, down festively-lit McGregor Boulevard to downtown Fort Myers, continuing on Dr. Martin Luther King Drive, left on Hendry, and right on Second to the parking lot of Kiwanis House will be an adventure well worth the effort.

There, in a lovely old Spanish style building, the hardworking

partners, Emily and Dave Hewitt, June and Jack Koc, and Vince Kelly are working to bring to bring it back to its original splendor.

Jack Koc, who with his wife June has spent many hours there during the last several weeks, said they were into a basic renovation.

"We had to start out working by flashlight," said June. "All the light fixtures were gone. We put in all new lighting inside and in the parking lot."

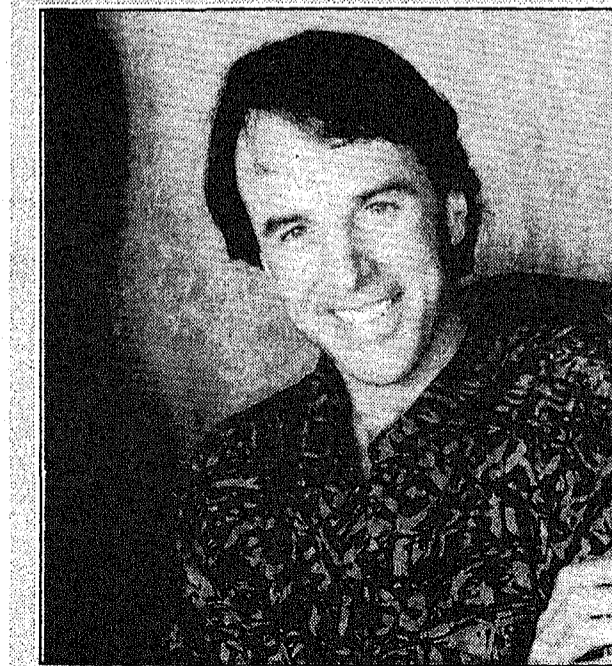
They cleaned it up from the

walls out.

"We had to pull nails, strip walls and wash them, take down the former stage infrastructure to bring it back to its original size. It's now a new stage—big," said Koc, who is accustomed to designing sets for the theater-in-the-round stage of the Old Schoolhouse Theater.

"This is a great stage. Every seat has a view," for the theatergoer this is good news. For Koc, it

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Kevin Nealon

Art briefs

Alliance holds winter classes

Lee County Alliance of the Arts is holding registration for its winter arts classes which begin Jan. 9 and run for 10 weeks.

Classes will include children's drama, creative painting, drawing, adult ceramics, drawing and painting for children, watercolor, photography and dark-room, mixed media, kindermusik, sculpture, Tai Chi, natural movement dance for children, Chekhov and modern playwrights. Call 939-2787 for more details or registration form.

Cabaret features comedy

Cafe Cabaret, the new a la carte restaurant inside the Broadway Palm will present comedy starting in December. Nationally known comedians David Sayh and Tom Drake will appear Wednesday through

Saturday nights. David Sayh is a veteran of 12 appearances on the "Tonight Show," numerous television appearances and has performed in concert halls around the country including Carnegie Hall. Known for his exceptionally clean act, David's observational style humor has entertained audiences everywhere for over 20 years.

Tom Drake, a Southwest Florida favorite is known for entertaining his audiences with local humor from Publix to Truly Nolen, his "Jersey attitude" and his biting commentary on today's world events. Tom performs regularly in Las Vegas and Atlantic City.

The shows will be hosted by J. B. Odum, a rising comedy star and local radio personality. Show times are Wednesday through Saturday, 9 to 10:30 p.m. Admission price is \$6 with no drink minimum.

For more information call 278-4422.

'Fiddler' comes to the Broadway Palm Theatre

"Fiddler on the Roof," one of the longest running musicals in American theatrical history, will open on Wednesday, Dec. 28 and run through Feb. 25.

The musical is centered on a lovable, desperately poor dairyman named Tevye in a Russian village in 1905. He carries on conversations with God, gently complaining about the afflictions the almighty has put upon him; his poverty, the lameness of his horse that makes him pull his milk-cart himself, the sharp tongue of his wife, and the existence of three daughters of marriageable age for whom he can provide no dowries.

The title role of Tevye will be played by Marty Ross who will also direct the production. He feels strongly about the role of Tevye because he is a descendant of Russian-born immigrants, and his grandfather lived and worked in a small town outside Kiev, very close to where this musical takes place.

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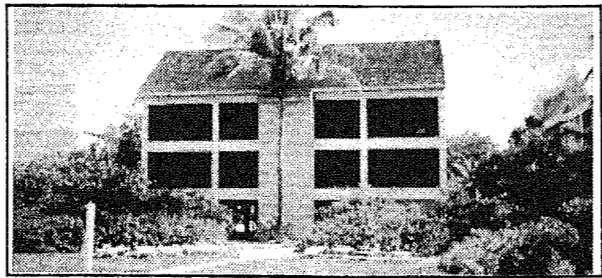
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•Pirate Playhouse, 2200 Periwinkle Way. 472-0006.

"The Mousetrap." Agatha Christie's record-setting mystery. Dec. 16-Jan. 14 at 8 p.m. Saturday matinees at 2 p.m.

"A Christmas Quilt." Traditional music interwoven with readings of seldom-heard poems and stories that reflect the Christmas spirit. Dec. 18 at

7 p.m. and Dec. 22 at 2 p.m.

•Sanibel Island Comedy Club, 975 Rabbit Rd. (Next to Loco's) 472-8833.
 Performances Wed.-Sun. at 9 p.m. Call for reservations and information.

•Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, 1380 Colonial Blvd. 278-4422.

"White Christmas Revue." Through Dec. 25. Tickets \$17-\$32. Call for show and dinner times.

"Jack and the Beanstalk." Dec. 16, 18, 21, 23, 29 & 30. Jan. 5, 6, 11 & 14. Buffet at noon, show at 1 p.m. \$12.

•Off Beach Players, Kiwanis House, Corner of

Second Street and Woodford Avenue in Fort Myers. 472-9357.

"Social Security." Andrew Bergman's comedy begins the premier winter season of the Off Beach Players. Dec. 15-17, 22-23, 29-30. Jan. 5-7, 12-14 at 8 p.m. Matinees at 4 p.m. Dec. 31 and 3 p.m. Jan. 14. \$12.

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4th Annual Juried Art Show. Dec. 15-Jan. 8. Opening reception Dec. 18 from 4-6 p.m. Awards presentation at 5 p.m.

•Imagine That, the Village Shopping Plaza, 2340 Periwinkle Way. 395-2100.

Friday meet the artists series, 5-9 p.m. Refreshments and demonstrations.

•Aboriginals: Art of the First Person, the Village Shopping Plaza, 2340 Periwinkle Way. 395-2200.

"What Child is this?" Nativity scenes by native Americans
 "Charmed Lives." Zuni fetishes. Through Dec. 31.

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•BIG Arts, 900 Dunlop Rd. 395-0900.

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Advanced Tap. With Merle Rauscher. Fridays, to Feb. 10. 8:15 - 9:30 a.m. \$55 for the series.

Yoga—Iyengar Style. With Pamela Gilbert Wortzel. Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. \$10 each class; \$48 for the series.

Beginning Tap. With Joy Schein. Tuesdays, Nov. 1 to Jan. 17. 8:30-9:30 a.m. \$55 for the series.

Tap Technique. With Merle Rauscher. Wednesdays, to Feb. 8. 8:15-9:15 a.m. \$55 for the series.

Intermediate Tap. With Merle Rauscher. Wednesdays, to Feb. 8. 9:15-10:15 a.m. \$55 for the series.

Current Events. Wednesdays, to April 26. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. \$3 a session.

•Memoir Writing

Workshop. With Marianne Dila Strickland. Friday, Jan. 6. 10 a.m. to noon. Call 395-2457 for location of meeting.

•Fort Myers Beach Art Association, Donora St. 463-3909.

Indoor Painting Workshop. Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to noon. Call 463-1214.

Outdoor Painting Workshop. Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to noon at various locations. Call 482-4158.

Film

•Island Cinema, Bailey's Shopping Center. 472-1701.

"Disclosure," 7 and 9:20 p.m. and "Dumb and Dumber," 7 and 9 p.m.

Boston man gives birth to giant coffee bean phenomena

Gotcha! ... "Boston man gives birth to giant coffee bean." Just like the headlines on the grocery store check-out tabloids. Publications at which certainly no sophisticated Sanibellian would ever deign to sneak a peek. Usually there is only a bean's worth of truth behind a tabloid headline attention grabber. This will not be the case in Mr. Bean's bi-weekly column. Mr. Bean promises to answer everything you wanted to know about coffee but were afraid to ask. Mr. Bean will always give you the straight skinny right from the bean's mouth. Well, almost always!

What is this coffee "thing?" This wave of coffee that's flowing from the west coast to the east coast and from north to south? What is driving the dramatic increase in consumption of specialty coffee drinks like espresso and cappuccino?

Conventional wisdom says that coffee has been rediscovered in the 90s. It is the politically correct beverage.

But what about coffee ... the early years? Less well known is the story behind Mr. Bean's headline.

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FULL OF BEANS

By Del Straub
 "Mr. Bean"

Being the proactive sort, Sammy called for a strategy meeting of his best buds at the Ye Olde Tea House. Tommy Paine, Johnny Adams, Jimmy Hancock, and Benny Franklin ... tea drinkers all, were in the group.

The story goes that Sammy forgot to make a table reservation. When the group arrived at the Tea House, it being "in season," all tables were full with a long wait required. Across the street with immediate seating available was the Ye Olde Coffee House. It was there, in America's first coffee house, over cappuccinos, lattes and mochas, that Sammy Adams formulated the grand scheme now familiar to all Americans. Most importantly, they loved the coffee drinks. More so than tea! The rest is history.

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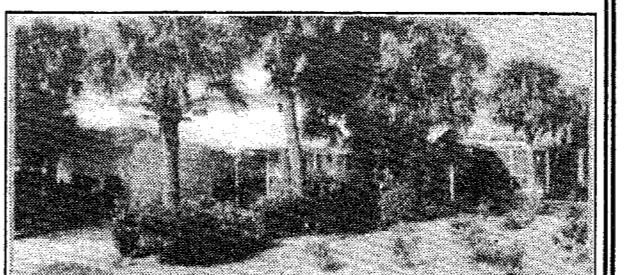
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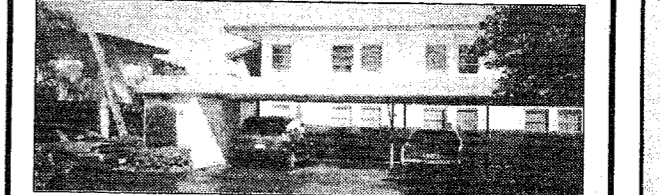


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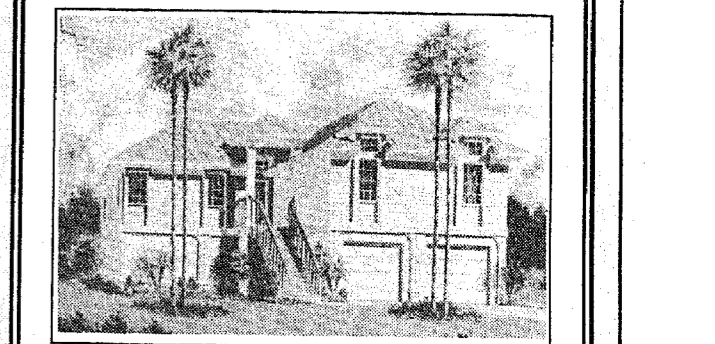


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Chadwick's reopens after \$250,000 renovation

By Barbara Linstrom
Special to the Island Reporter

Having received a \$250,000 makeover from floor to ceiling, Chadwick's restaurant is now offering a more contemporary and vibrant atmosphere.

With the refurbishment just completed, Chadwick's is now boasting new turquoise carpeting, new island-motif upholstery as well as new bright white walls that show off the addition of some colorful island artwork.

The overall change in the look of the restaurant, which dated back about 22 years, provides a more relaxing and fresh environment.

The renovations also include refinished furnishings, an upscaled atrium, which is highlighted by a gold-plated grill hood, as well as bright linens and window treatments.

"Chadwick's refurbishment was planned to provide our guests with an updated version of a very successful concept," said Jack Duncan, vice president of food and beverage for South Seas Plantation. "Natural woods, bright colors and better traffic flow will enhance the tropical, casual and comfortable setting for the guest."

The new look is complemented by themed buffets that are offered every night of the week. The popular seafood buffet, which has been an island favorite on Friday nights for 17 years, will now be offered on Monday nights as well.

Monday night during the re-opening of the refurbished restaurant, the buffet was filled with seafood delights, including snapper almondine, paella, stir-fried shrimp and vegetables, smoked and pickled salmon, beer-battered shrimp, baked grouper and a wide and tasty array of salads, side dishes and desserts.

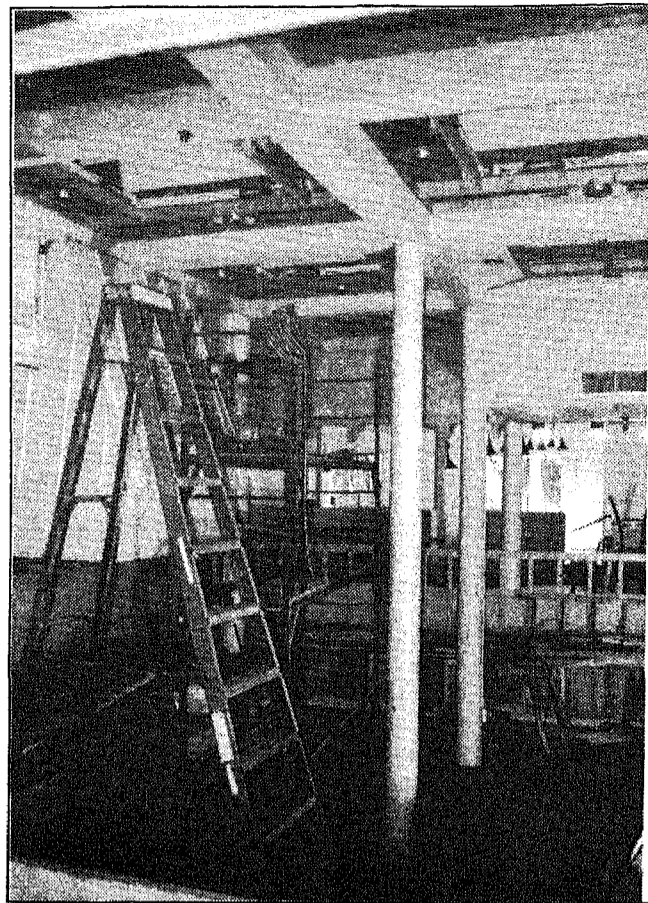
Chadwick's also offers a Tuesday night Caribbean Celebration, a Wednesday night Festival of American Foods and a Thursday night Bourbon Street Bash. Saturday and Sunday nights feature an expanded Taste of Captiva buffet, which includes about 40 items on the salad bar.

"The guests' acceptance and demand for theme-oriented buffets coupled with live entertainment dictated our selection of nightly themes," said Duncan.

Aside from the buffets, Chadwick's will be offering a 6-entree a la carte menu nightly, according to Nick Costa, assistant manager.

Chadwick's spacious lounge, which also sports a fresh, new look, will be featuring the Danny Morgan Band Wednesday through Sunday nights from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. The lounge menu has also been expanded to include a wider variety of snacks and sandwiches.

Chadwick's, which is located at the entrance to the private South Seas Plantation, is open to the public.



Just over a week ago, Chadwick's was in a shambles in preparation for its reopening Monday.

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come off quite well.

First of all, the great hall at Monkswell Manor, 30 miles outside of London, was reconstructed with impressive detail in the best set seen to date on the Pirate Playhouse stage. The dark paneling, wood floors, tall French windows, grand staircase, fine oriental rug, English country antiques, down to radiators and old brass ashtrays swept the theater-goer into the play's mood before a line was spoken. Bravo, Richard Crowell and Ken Heist.

Costuming was perfect, each of the charac-

ters in what Americans consider typically English nondescript classic apparel, no-nonsense boots, brown the color of choice. The somberness of the clothing contrasted with the quirkiness of personality.

Mollie and Giles Ralston, played by husband-and-wife team, Kathryn Graybill and Anthony Ridley, were a young couple opening their home for the first time as a country inn. With all the uncertainties that entrepreneurial effort brought, came the complication of being newlyweds, and having a snowstorm come down and finding themselves ill-prepared. Trying to

keep their guests relaxed and happy while dealing with their own insecurities was portrayed well by the actors in their swings between nervousness, excitement, and terror.

David Ruckman creates a character who is thoroughly compelling. From his boyishly amusing teasing at play's beginning, he changes through the pressure of the situation in a surprising way. Ruckman's Christopher Wren role is a fine work.

Mrs. Boyle, played by well-known island personality Charlotte Heimann, is one of those crusty old British upper-class ladies de rigueur in

a classic of this sort. A withering manner that causes an unsympathetic response in everyone present, Heimann is in perfect form.

James Walker plays the stiff, but helpful retired Major Metcalf.

Marilyn Mays fills the role of Miss Casewell from her store of major personality traits. This mysterious, mannish young woman has locked a secret inside herself determined never to let it out.

Secrets abound in these characters. That is what keeps the tension up throughout the play. Trying to figure out the hidden messages and clues that might be flying

around, keeps the audience entranced.

Mr. Paravicini arrives at the manor without a reservation—his car happening to have overturned in a snow bank. He is smooth, he is handsome, he has a foreign accent, he will reveal nothing about himself though he revels in poking at others' quirks. Nick Stannard, a fine actor creates a perplexing Paravicini.

Steven Satta plays a straight-forward Detective Sergeant Trotter who tries to make connections between the guests and a recent murder in London, hoping that information will develop some leads.

Together, the cast does a great job of keeping the pace up and the tension at a fairly high pitch. The whispered conjectures of theater-goers throughout the play reinforced the fact that everyone got involved in trying to figure out who dunnit. Playgoers who have seen the production previously are avid about not revealing any secrets.

All actors with the exception of veteran Charlotte Heimann are members of Actors' Equity Association and their performances are stellar.

For ticket information call 472-0006.

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screen as so many other SNL veterans have done in the past.

Nealon said he hopes to eventually work his way into some serious acting roles, but for now, at least momentarily, he plans on sticking what he has succeeded at—comedy.

"In an upcoming movie 'Jeffrey' I play a homophobic reporter," Nealon said in a phone interview Wednesday night. "The film is based on Paul Rudnick's off-Broadway play about gays in New York City."

The film due in theaters in February stars Sigourney Weaver, "Star Trek: The Next

Generation's" Patrick Stewart and TV's "Wings" star Steven Weber.

Nealon is no rookie when it comes to playing small, but memorable roles in movies. One of his most memorable roles was that of a local bully in the film, "Roxanne." He played one of the local thugs who had the great misfortune of calling Steve Martin "big nose" and proceeded to get the pulp beaten out of him by Martin and a tennis racket.

Nealon who is visiting his parents, Sanibel residents Emmett and Kathleen Nealon for the holidays said that he first heard of the Sanibel Island Comedy Club last spring when he noticed that his good friend A. Whitney Brown was performing.

"I stopped by and really liked the club. It was perfect for comedy shows, it's intimate and ideal for trying out new material," Nealon said.

Nealon said that he really enjoys vacationing on Sanibel, because of its peacefulness, natural beauty and privacy.

"My parents have been splitting their time on Sanibel and in Maine for the past three years and I've been coming down here for about as long," Nealon said. "It gives me time to relax and play some golf."

Nealon said that he has been on Sanibel since Sunday and that he has been enjoying his time even though the weather hasn't been the best.

"I played the Dunes golf course earlier in the week and lost 20 balls on the first hole," Nealon said.

Nealon and A. Whitney Brown played the Sanibel Island Comedy Club last night and will be performing again tonight. To see if any tickets are available call 472-8833.

McPhees prove you can go around more than once

By Barbara Linstrom
Special to the Island Reporter

Captiva's own celebrated world travelers, Scott and Gretchen McPhee, are ready to circumnavigate the globe again in their trusty 46-foot ketch, *Shadowfax*.

However, economic restraints should keep them docked in Roosevelt Channel for another year. Having recently dry-docked the boat to have the hull painted and refurbished, they are on their way to getting the boat in shape for its next world-wide trek.

But they still have about \$25,000 worth of repairs to do on the cozy and unpretentious vessel before they take off again. Currently, they are projecting the date of their next departure for January 1996.

While they are happy to have been back with all of their island friends on their island home for almost a year now, they are anxious to get back out on the open seas.

"I wish we could take everyone sailing with us," says Scott, with a wide grin. "It's great to be with our friends again, but we sure miss the excitement of being out there."

As part of their effort to secure the necessary

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means learning new tricks to his trade. "I've never had to work with flats before, this will be interesting. I have the director's drawings for the next production already, 'The Foreigner.' Without giving it away, this is going to be a complicated set," he said.

For the best view in the house, try the hall's balcony with its cushioned theater seats, great sound and excellent visibility.

"Social Security," currently playing at the theater, is a fast-moving, family situation comedy. The characters are well-defined, and recognizable as anyone's sister, brother, aunt, or mother.

The scratchy little personal idiosyncrasies that can become terribly irritating—say nothing of driving one crazy—make this a comedy that hits the mark.

David and Barbara Kahn, played with the perfect mix of sophistication and neuroticism by Rob Rosenberger and Niki Fridh, are the upwardly mobile yuppies who are faced with providing a home for an irascible mother. Betty

funds as well as to relive the thrill of their 5-year trip around the world, the McPhees will be presenting a slide show this Thursday night, Dec. 29, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Wakefield Room at Tween Waters Inn. The show, which is open to the public, costs \$5 per person.

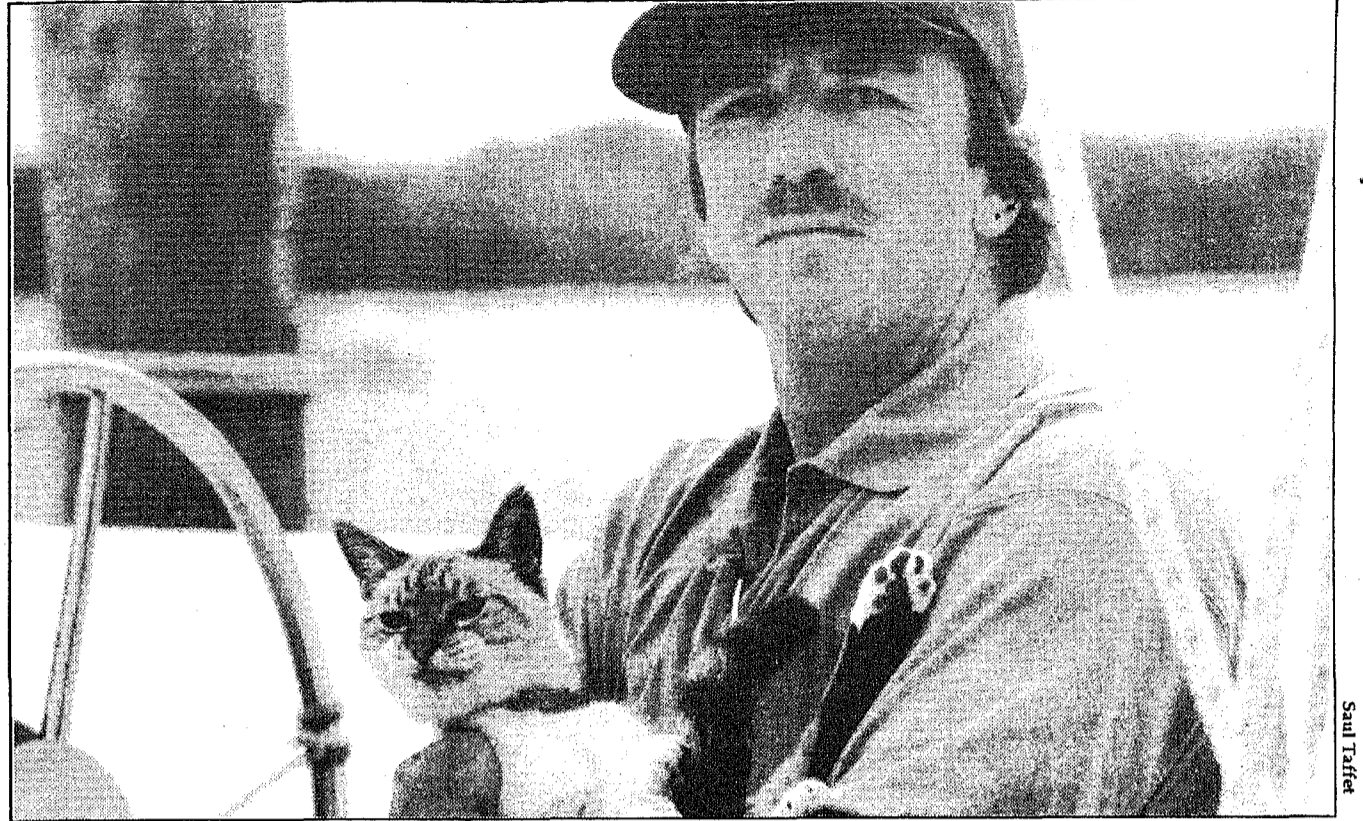
The slide show will feature 150 images from the 33 countries that the McPhees visited at their own leisurely pace during their last voyage.

Talking with anticipation of their next trip, both Scott and Gretchen have noticed a change in themselves while docked.

Having become accustomed to the adventurous and exciting lifestyle of sailing into foreign ports, they are finding themselves to be rather unfulfilled on Captiva.

"We love this island—it's like a foreign island in some ways, but we miss being able to help people out," says Scott, who has just about finished a 300-page book about their last trip.

Living hand to mouth during that trip by making T-shirts and doing whatever, the McPhees contributed to island communities that were in dire need of assistance. From donating T-shirts to funds, the McPhees



Scott McPhee and his cat, Capt. Bud, prepare for another 'round the world sail.

found purpose and satisfaction during their stops at different ports.

While they were touted and appreciated overseas as wealthy, philanthropic American cruisers, they find it hard to fill the same niche on Captiva.

"Here we're the poor people. Everyone else is rich—it's totally different," says Scott with hearty laugh. Always a joker, Scott does a great job of narrating the slide show in his own tangential style.

lines, and the audience never really stops chuckling.

For these determined and knowledgeable theater people, who have until now managed to squeeze some very enjoyable productions on stage during the few weeks between seasons in early summer and late fall, islanders wish the very best in their new endeavor in downtown Fort Myers.

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Merle Rauscher helps her students Tap the years away



Merle Rauscher's students agree: Tap dancing can make you look and feel younger.

By Marianne Dila Strickland
Staff Writer

Merle Rauscher's tap-dance students love her. There is such a feeling of accomplishment when they swing into a routine they never dreamed they could do, and then take their bows to an applauding audience, they feel Rauscher is as responsible for the success as they.

Rauscher, a 72-year-old survivor of cancer and knee replacement surgery, started ballet lessons when she was 6 years old, and went on to study all forms of dance, spending summers when she was in her teens at dance seminars in Chicago. She traveled with dance teams and danced in and around St. Louis where she started Merle Scheff's School of Dance. Open seven days a week teaching all types of dance and acrobatics for 52 years, her career became such a part of her that she can't stop. In 1989, she and 22 of her students performed in the Soviet Union in a performing arts exchange.

Going into the fifth year on Sanibel, Rauscher started teaching tap at BIG Arts at the insistence of Ida Lalor, who knew residents would find the activity irresistible.

Her first eight students are now known as the Sanibel Steppers and only one has dropped out since they started tapping four years ago. Of them, only Joy Schein had a dance background, although some of the steppers had taken dance classes as children, 50 years previously.

With an average age of 65, the students find that they benefit from what Rauscher calls "brain-aerobics," using your mind to find new approaches to dance and whatever life hands you.

"Students keep telling me how much their memory has improved after starting the class. So I tell them to keep approaching new things all the time and their memory and health will improve. It works," Rauscher said.

"It's not easy, but it's fun," she said. "You must put your mind into the lessons and practice. Knowing that you're in demand as a performer helps too."

Since the Steppers performed for the first time four years ago at the BIG Arts annual dinner, they have been called on for entertainment by the local AARP chapter, Friendly Faces lunch group, Bayside in Fort Myers and a retirement home.

They do a half-hour show, which includes about four numbers plus a solo by Schein and maybe another featured team.

Rauscher, who works at the Shell Basket gift shop at Bailey's about 14 hours a week, also makes hundreds of shell angel ornaments which she sells to retailers, and teaches three classes of tap at BIG Arts each week. With a role model like that, it's no wonder her students find her inspiring.

"I like passing my knowledge on to others," said Rauscher. "It's something I love to do and it thrills me when they accomplish something difficult." Asked why she teaches tap dance rather than another form, she said that ballet is too disciplined. It's not the fun that tap is.

Early in the morning in the Founder's Gallery at

BIG Arts the Sanibel Steppers are practicing their numbers with Rauscher. The nine attractive, firm-bodied women are soaked in sweat, tendrils of hair sticking to their necks. They are happy.

Schein, who has studied with Rauscher from the start of her Sanibel classes is the featured dancer. She now teaches the beginning tap dance class at BIG Arts.

Dolores Harper said she had never had any previous dancing lessons but likes the music, rhythm, and movements. "Tapping has a fun sound," she said. "Also, I've lost a few pounds at it."

Barbetta McHale said, "It makes me feel young and alive. It's a good feeling."

Jan Ingersoll remarked that people see her around town and know her from tap dance performances.

Julie Mann started with Rauscher last year and had taken lessons as a child.

"Tap was always my favorite. You can dance and make music at the same time. You meet a wide range of women," Mann said.

Alex Garret has danced with the Steppers for two years and is thrilled to death that she can do this at the age of 70.

Barbara Novatny has just joined the group but had been in a class in St. Louis with a colleague of Rauscher's. "There's something about tap dance that attracts really nice people," she said.

Husbands and wives have signed up for the classes also, but Rauscher doesn't put them in the same class because they become too competitive. Jesse and Rhode Klion enjoy their separate tapping classes. Rhode simply loves the joy of exercise while her husband, Jesse, has become quite a performer.

Bill Mullinnix is in his second year of classes and is in it for the exercise. "Plus, I'm the only male in the class—all eyes are on me!"

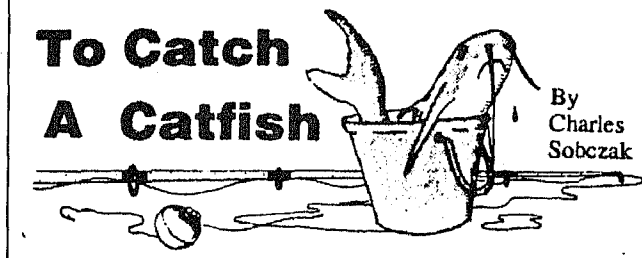
As Rauscher begins her next class, the Steppers moved out onto BIG Arts outdoor stage to run through a few steps. They're tired, they say, but they don't want to go home. "Come dance with us," they call out. "It's so much fun."

Red grouper on a suicide mission, Part II: Loran numbers revealed

For those of you who might have missed Part I, printed in the Dec. 9 issue of the *Island Reporter* ("Red grouper on a suicide mission: Throw away your fish finder, page 16C), here is a brief synopsis of what has transpired thus far: You are now in the boat, about 17 to 28 miles offshore. You have thrown away your fish finder only to replace it with a drift anchor and three orange marker buoys. Your loran numbers have taken you over what appears to be a flat, barren bottom. And you have your grouper rod rigged with 40 pound test and a curious triple hook rig ready to drop with an assortment of squid, cut bait or Spanish sardines. You are ready to drop those tasty jigs to the bottom, some 75 feet below you to see what is down there. Now to continue.

When I finally arrive at my loran numbers, which I should remind you are coming up soon, I zero out my location and head upwind about 50 to 100 yards, depending on the wind speed. From there I will start my first drift over the hard limestone bottom. If the wind is nearly calm, no drift anchor; if it is under 10

To Catch A Catfish



By Charles Sobczak

knots, one drift anchor; if it is under 15 knots, two drift anchors; if it is over 15 knots, head home! Remember that whatever the wind, you do not want to go too slow to start with, since the purpose of the drift is to cover some ground.

The object here is not to toss a buoy on your numbers per se, but to toss a buoy at your first good hook up. When you do get that strike, and you can tell if it is a *big* fish, toss the market off to the stern or the bow. If you toss it back toward the lines, someone will snag it and the next 10 to 15 minutes will be spent untangling that mess. Also make sure it unravels properly and the lead weights hit bottom. If it is drifting along with you, you will not find the spot again, I can assure you.

Now here is where 90 percent of all red grouper anglers make what I will call the *big* mistake! They do their first drift and come up empty handed. Then they do a second drift. Still nothing. "Well," says the dumbfounded skipper, "maybe we should anchor." After about two hours of that they decide the grouper just are not biting today and start heading home. *Big mistake!* I give each spot 15 to 25 minutes. No bites.



A string of grouper could be yours by following a few simple guidelines.

either grouper or snapper, and I'm gone. If you had that "one more drift" problem, bring a cheap kitchen timer with you; set it for 20 minutes over each number, and when it goes "ding," leave. On a given day I might hit 10 to 15 drifts. Most don't produce, even though I have caught huge grouper there before. One or two will pay off with a good grouper bite and those few spots can usually fill the cooler.

The next mistake most anglers make when fishing for red grouper is that they stay too long. A good red

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Passing shots

By Steve Robinson



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Fitness or fadness?

Whether the latest in sports/fitness news is a tool such as a "Step" or "Glide Slide" or simply a rediscovery of older ways of training such as medicine balls or swimming, there is usually some fitness fad that is at the forefront of public attention.

Before you plunge headlong into some new form of exercise—which may range from aerobic boxing to yoga—do some research and find out how today's many exercise options mesh with your interests and your body.

For example, the deconditioned (i.e., out of shape) individual may find an intense step aerobic class overwhelming at first. Those with lateral knee instability would be putting themselves at risk on a side-to-side slideboard. So ask yourself what your interests and needs are, how much time you're willing to give your exercise routine, and how the exercise works with your body and current level of conditioning. Better yet, consult a personal trainer and get an informed opinion on how to proceed.

The most exciting thing about personal fitness today is the myriad of options available—no more 1-2-3 drudgery these days. Whether you're cross-training in a variety of areas or simply looking for one exercise you truly enjoy and will do consistently, chances are that you'll find something. Weight training, step aerobics, power walking, jogging/running, yoga and swimming are just a few of many forms of exercise available to you. A balanced program based on your personal needs is best. Some folks will benefit from concentrating on cardiovascular exercises such as swimming, others from strength training with weights, and other still from the flexibility and body awareness stimulated by yoga. As you resolve to be more fit in 1995, be informed and get the most out of your commitment.

Bridge scores

On Thursday, Dec. 15 the Sanibel Community Association had 12 pairs of duplicate bridge under the direction of Sterling Bassett.

Winners were:

1. Eleanor Calves—Joyce Truit
2. Cindy Adams—Belle Lipski
3. Helen Quimby—Ev Horton

On Monday, Dec. 12 there were seven tables directed by Herman Jass.

Winners were:

North/South

1. Pat and John Eichenlaub
2. Elaine and Herman Jass
3. Helen and Preston Bassett

East/West

1. Ruth Frank—Nancy Healy
2. Ginny Reeves—Sterling Bassett
- 3/4. Eleanor Calves—Bill Cirrito

Mary Jane Rawlings—Cindy Adams

Dunes men's golf

The Dunes Men's Golf Association played a two man best ball tournament at the Dunes Golf & Tennis Club Dec. 14.

Winners were: A flight: Don Sikkema and Howard Drane with a 64; Knud Christenson and Paul Cornelius with a 66. B flight: Bruce Sprinkle and Mort Root with a 70; Bob Ochs and George Long with a 71. C flight: Dick Gadiant and Ray O'Neill with a 79; Dave Rubien and Bill Ford with an 80; Max Friedersdorf and Sam Clark with an 83.

Nine hole winners were: George Koury and George Kalvin with a 37; Jim Burke and Bob Rawlins with a 37.

Dunes Nifty Niners

The Dunes Nifty Niners played a scramble on Dec. 15.

Winners were: First, Barbara Root, Anita McKean

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and Barbara Shurtz; second, Virginia Green, Mimi Hatchkiss, Sandi Sultar, Claire Bowie; third, Phyllis Koury, June Hole, Jane Levine.

Children's Center to hold fund-raising golf tourney

The 7th Annual Golf Tournament to benefit The Children's Center of the Islands will be held at the Dunes Country Club Sunday, Dec. 31.

Tournament check-in registration and lunch begin at 11:30 a.m. Play commences with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Cost to participate is \$75 per player or \$300 for a team of four. Entry fee includes 18 holes plus golf cart, lunch, beverages and a host of raffle prizes.

In addition to awards for the top finishers, special awards are being given for the longest putt, closest to the pin and longest drive. Prizes range from free rounds to weekend resort stays.

All proceeds from the tournament go to The Children's Center of the Islands, a non-profit parent-run pre-school for children ages two to five. The golf tournament is the largest fund-raising effort undertaken by The Children's Center and helps support the numerous partial and full scholarships offered by the school.

For more information call Lisa Williams at 472-0871.

Dunes women's golf

The Dunes 18 Hole Women's Golf Association competed Dec. 16 in a two best balls foursome.

The foursome of Cindy Adams, Donna Horner, Betty Gadiant and Pearl Vaska came in first with a 116. Two foursomes tied for second, each with 121. Judy Wellons, Alex Iber, Ginny Fleming and Betty Long, and Dana Stinson, Katie Reynolds, Adrienne Cross and Joan Crimmins comprised the second place foursomes.

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kids reacted with big smiles and kept their eyes glued to the screen throughout the film. Shot on location on Captiva, Fort Myers Beach and Marco Island, the film depicts a fictional old Florida beach town where a group of playful seniors teach a disgruntled New York city boy and his distant father about living life to the fullest and realizing dreams.

In the film, "Captiva" refers to a mythical barrier island where the two lead characters have a mystical experience with an old Spanish coin and an allusive Indian while camping overnight. Produced by Bush Entertainment Inc., the film was conceived at Jensen's Twin Palm

Resort and Marina on Captiva a little over two years ago. While it does not depict the actual island, it was inspired by it. Brent Scheneman, production coordinator, extended great thanks to the Captiva community for its cooperation during filming there last June.

He also underscored the whole production crew's appreciation of the natural beauty of Captiva, which is presented in stunning imagery through the artistic excellence of Flip Minoit, cinematographer. Based on an idea that coalesced at Jensen's in a meeting between Biffar, Scheneman, producer Bill Rogers and Dave Jensen, the story took its form through the efforts

of first-time screenwriter Bill Schreiber, who grew up in Fort Myers.

The notion of creating the inspiring family-oriented film became a true possibility when Paul Bush expressed his willingness to finance the project.

Based on his faith in Biffar, who had proven himself as an Emmy-award winning documentary film maker and top notch television reporter for WINK TV, Bush decided to be executive producer and support

Biffar's life-long dream to direct a feature film. Bush's daughter, Amy, made her debut performance as the lead female character in the film. Jesse Ziegler, who had previously appeared in a TV mini series and in the Rob Reiner film, "North," played the lead male role.

Oscar-winning actor Ernest Borgnine as well as Arte Johnson of Laugh-In fame also starred in the film. While Johnson was unable to attend the premiere, Borgnine was constantly surrounded by fans eager for his autograph.

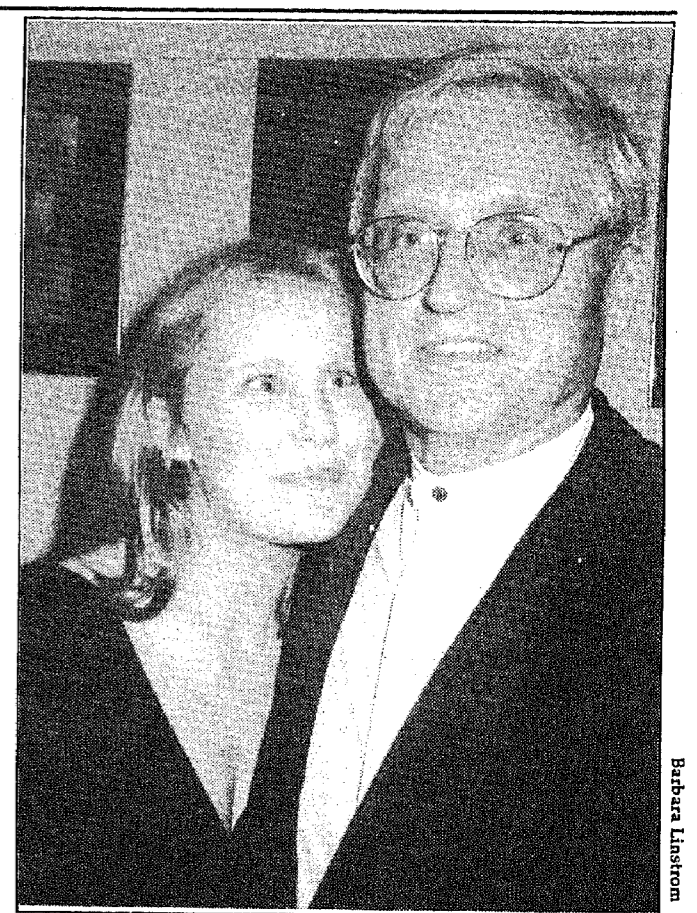
A story about growing "young," the film also features 79-year-old barefoot water-ski champion, "Banana" George Blair. Blair was in true form at the premiere—donning his traditional bright yellow cowboy hat

and boots and his brilliant yellow polyester suit.

A classy private reception hosted by Mai's Jazz and Sushi café gave the event a truly celebratory air.

For a night, downtown Fort Myers took on a Hollywood air—all because of the inspiring nature of Captiva Island, a place where the originators of the feature film were moved to create a story that would carry forth the island's spirit.

At a time when psycho-dramas and violent thrillers dominate the silver screen, the creators of "Captiva" deserve to be credited for their efforts to inspire, enliven and enrich the lives of an audience that could potentially stretch the whole way around the globe.



Executive producer Paul Bush attends the premiere with his daughter Amy, who starred as the female lead in 'Captiva.'



Film star Ernest Borgnine signs an autograph.



Production coordinator Brent Scheneman arrives in style.

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At 11 p.m., a carol and scripture service will be held in the sanctuary, 2050 Periwinkle Way.

Sanibel Community Church

1740 Periwinkle Way, P.O. Box 1257. 472-2684. Fax: 472-9658.

Dr. Ralph E. "Denny" Dennison, Jr., Pastor. Rev. Robert P. "Rob" Peterson, Associate Pastor.

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Christmas Eve services begin at 6 p.m. with a live Nativity. At 6:30 is the Christmas carol sing. Worship service is at 7 p.m. followed by another Christmas carol sing at 8:30, and finally another wor-

ship service at 9 p.m.

Christmas Day services include a worship service at 9 a.m., Sunday School at 10:15 a.m. and worship service at 11:15 a.m.

The church office will be closed Monday, Dec. 26. There will be no service on New Year's Eve.

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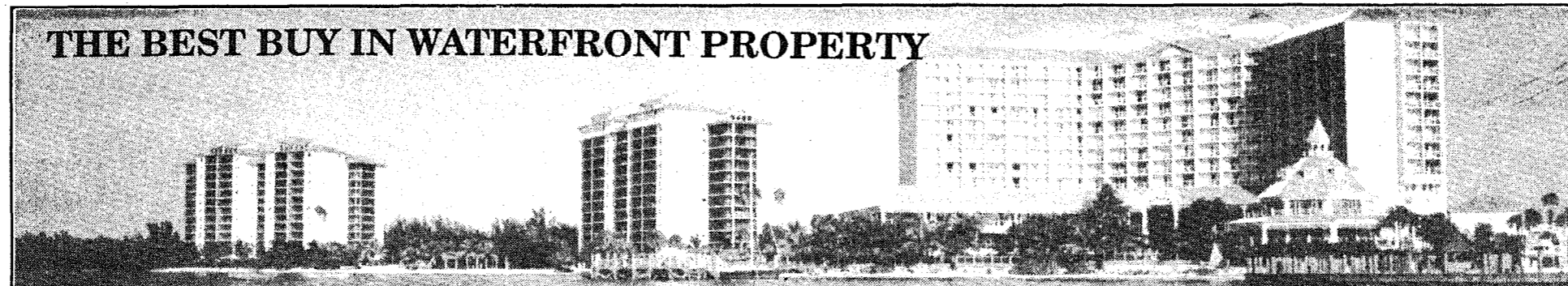
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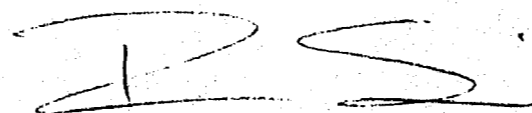
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