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Party time



The ISLANDER and Islanders enjoy the Friday the 13th opening of our Sanibel office.

City council makes history

Sanibel's City Council made history Tuesday morning since they finished the morning session for the first time in anyone's memory ahead of time and even had time to read some correspondence.

The afternoon session, too late for the ISLANDER's deadline, was scheduled to be taken up with the discussion and first reading of three ordinances, the texts of which we will print later.

After the invocation and approval of the minutes of the April 22 session, Marsh Wyatt was introduced. Ms. Wyatt is the city's newest employee and has been hired to assist the city clerk's office in getting the minutes out more quickly.

Then Planning Commissioner head Dwane White read the planning commission's report to Council, mentioning in particular that the commission was recommending duplex lot requirements be expanded from 7,500 sq. ft. as required by the City's adoption of the Lee County Zoning Code to 11,250 square feet. This engendered some conversation since Vernon MacKenzie pointed out that there were many existing lots smaller than the requirement. It was agreed there was a problem. No action was taken.

White then said that the commission recommended the adoption of the sign ordinance (due to be read that afternoon) but that some of the commissioners wished to study it further. He also said that the commission had recommendations on six requests for "relief from the respite" which he would comment on when he was called to do so.

The Council members then considered the request of Joe and Eileen Beebe who wish to build a single family residence. The Planning Commission recommended denial. The Council decided to defer the relief request until they could get adequate information on drainage, access to the property and an exact, precise land use plan so that they would know exactly what part of the house and drain drain field would be exactly where on the property.

Council unanimously granted John Continios permission to build a 143 sq. foot freezer addition on to Coconut Grove, with the only comment being "What will it look

like when I look out the door?" by Francis Bailey. "Exactly like the rest of the building," was the answer.

In the absence of Councilman Charles LeBuff, the council split right down the middle Zee Butler and MacKenzie voting no and Bailey and Mayor Porter Goss voting yes, to grant a relief for the building of an owner-occupied duplex in Lagoon Estates, which contains other duplexes. The matter was tabled until July 1, when LeBuff will be able to cast the deciding vote.

Single family residences by Dr. and Mrs. Walter W. Walker and Richard J. Bennett, both recommended to be granted by the Planning Commission, were unanimously passed by Council members.

Then an ordinance was introduced as amendment to Ordinance 75-30, which detailed the reliefs from "respite" in building permits to add the ability to have control on subdivision approvals by City Council.

Bob Taylor quiered from the audience if the word "subdivision" had been defined. MacKenzie said yes, as it was defined in the adopted Lee County Zoning Code. Taylor said he had read the subdivision recommendations made by the Planning Commission "in the paper". (The draft of recommendations were printed in full in last week's ISLANDER.)

Mayor Goss said he'd rather not talk about the drafts of recommendations, that "the paper" had made clear they were just recommendations, but that he thought that even though it was made clear they were drafts of recommendations, he believed that printing "drafts confused people" and a lot of printing and paper could be saved if "drafts were not printed" until they were ordinances instead of drafts of recommendations.

Taylor was then assured by Goss and the members of the Council that the word "subdivision" was still to be considered as it is now in the adopted County zoning regulations, and that the passage of the Ordinance Amendment would not affect the sale of parcels of land unless he (or whomever) did indeed subdivide rather than sell, say, 50 acres.

The ordinance amendment was then read for the first time, second and final reading to be July 15.

Planning commission hears many "respite" requests

The first order of business after the reading of the minutes was reopening the Ravenscraft duplex request for relief from the respite which was not recommended for approval last week.

Dwane White informed the commission that the information given to the commission by the city engineer, Mr. Sampson, was erroneous in that he stated the size of a duplex lot had to contain 11,250 square feet. This turned out not to be the case. According to the Lee County Building codes the size of a duplex lot is the same as a single family lot; 7,500 square feet. The Lee County code was adopted by the city of Sanibel as an interim guide until a code could be made specifically for Sanibel.

White said that in as much as one of the stipulations for denying Ravenscraft's request was based on one of his lots being substandard, White asked the commission if they would like to reconsider their previous votes. "I do not want the commission to act under misinformation," he said.

Joe McMurtry said that the information did not change the case one iota, that the density would still be doubled.

White said, "We have laws on the books and we have to operate within those laws."

McMurtry, "This presents a grave danger, setting up a precedent for others to follow.

When the matter came to a vote, none of the commissioners wanted to reconsider their previous action in light of the new information. The Ravenscraft case will be heard before city council July 1.

The first case for relief from the respite concerned a request from Patricia and Wm. Howard to build a duplex on their property in back of Donax Village.

George Morrison, representing the owners fielded all the questions satisfactorily even though White objected to the 70 foot by 150 foot lot size and the possibility of flooding in the area. Howard, who was in the audience said that the property was not flooded during last June's heavy rains.

White said that all the requirements had been met. Hills made a motion that the proposed construction did not defeat the land use plan and that relief from the respite, recommended to city council, be granted.

McMurtry spoke against the motion on the

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Cool Our School near goal

John Williams, co-chairman with Dick Muench of the Kiwanis "Cool Our School" program, told the ISLANDER Monday that \$5,000 of the estimated \$6,300 needed to Cool Our School has already been received by the club in cash or pledges.

Saturday, the Islands P.T.A. raised \$190 selling Kool-Aid and bumper stickers at the Huxters, Perwinkle Place and in Bailey's Shopping center and Scotty's Pub matched the \$190 with a check of their own, which brought the funds collected so close to \$5,000 that it might as well be.

In case you're wondering what the money is buying, the Lee County School system requires Bard brand air conditioners, so Kiwanis is planning to buy six four-ton air conditioners for the schools rooms and library and two two-ton units for the clinic and the principals's office.

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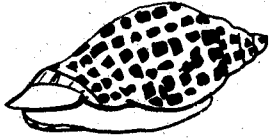
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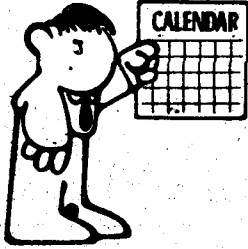
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Sunny skies are bringing many visitors to the island to shell and fish. the ISLANDER would like to go on record to remind all of you both guests and permanent residents—**TAKE ONLY THE DEAD SHELLS**—leave the live ones so that they may reproduce. If you only need one to complete a collection, try to find a dead one, or buy that one to complete your collection. **DON'T BE A PIG AND TAKE ALL YOU CAN CARRY—AND LEAVE THE LIVE ONES TO MARRY!**

TAKE ALL THE DEAD SHELLS YOU CAN CARRY BUT LEAVE SOME LIVE ONES SO THEY CAN MARRY.



Mr. and Mrs. Joel Sweetman and family enjoyed the fishing at Bailey's pier this

Saturday and Sunday. They are visiting from the big city of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Collinsworth of Arcadia, Illinois, spent Sunday boating off the islands. They said that Sanibel is even more beautiful than they had heard. (Of course, we agree).

Sean Jones of Stone Mountain, Georgia, came across a very unusual shell find Saturday in the the Sundial area—a regular looking shark's eye, except for the fact it had a long twisted tail! Elsie Malone allowed as how it really was a shark's eye (tail and all) and said it was only the third one she'd ever seen!

Sanibel School was a jumping place this past week—Field Day activities were held on June 10, with many parents and kids enjoying the sports. The entire group worked at the Cool Our School Project by selling refreshments. Awards Day was also last week with many young Sanibelities winning all kinds of trophies. We Sanibel parents are very fortunate in having such an active faculty, who give our children many extra opportunities!

Guests at Blind Pass Cottages this week include: The Rev. and Mrs. M.G. Burnsed and family from Orlando, Fla. The Burnses are avid fishermen and have been catching a lot of snook. About four or five other church families are included in the group which comes to Sanibel with Burnses. They are: George and Pat Knowland and family; Mr. Geo. Brown; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Collins and family; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burnsed and family; Mr. and Mrs. Tommy

Scoggins and family; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Canada and family; Mr. and Mrs. James Sisk and family all of Orlando, Fla.

Other guests at Blind Pass Cottages include: Mr. and Mrs. Robt. E. Bliss Morganton N. Cara.; Mr. and Mrs. Nate Bliss and family of Forrest Park, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. Ken Buckman and family of Chicago, and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Linebarier of Port Orange, Fla.

All of the Blind Pass guests have reported that the fishing has been fantastic and Sanibel weather has lived up to their fondest expectations.

We are sorry to hear that Pat Holland has a broken leg and we hope shee isn't minding the heat too much. Get well soon!

The Colony has reported that many of their previous guests are returning for visits to the island this summer. So, if you have a friend who stays at the Colony, be sure to check the Colony guest list.

The Colony's out of state guests this week include: Dr. and Mrs. Maurice L. White and family of Livonia, Mich; Dr. and Mrs. W.H. Gillarad and family of Berea, Oh; Mrs. C.M. Matthews and family of W. Lafayette, Ind.; Dr. and Mrs. A.S. Doyle of Cincinnati, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Seabury of Burnsville, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. Nial J. Hadden of Nashville, Tenn. with their family; Mr. G.B. Geering and family of Northbrook, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Marshall and family of Barrington, Ill.; Dr. and Mrs. Zane Muhl and family of LaGrange, Ill.; Dr. and Mrs. Carl Baker and family of Lake Charles, La.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles H.

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Captiva erosion report—comments

At a week ago last Tuesday's Captiva Erosion Prevention District meeting, Paul Stahlin read the minutes of the May meeting. He read the results of the CEPD questionnaire. He read the photographs of the debris at the end of Post Office Road had been sent to the Department of Natural Resources apparently to ask who had the responsibility of cleaning up the beaches, and as of the May meeting there had been no response from the DNR.

When asked by a member of the small audience whether there had been a response, he said that the DNR had requested that the CEPD do the clean-up work.

He informed the group that the weather station installed on the South Seas Plantation property several years ago had not been monitored for the past 30 days and that it would cost \$25 a month to keep the technical data up to date. There was no discussion about this matter.

There was no new business and the meeting was adjourned. During the after hours discussion, Stahlin was asked why he had not read the results of a poll sent out by Lee County several months ago. He said that he had not received a copy of the results.

Upon checking with the Lee County Administrator's office, it was learned that the results were sent to the Captiva Community Association and to Mr. & Mrs. R. Olling.

One of the questions on the Lee County questionnaire concerned the continuance of the Erosion Prevention District as it now exists. The CEPD was established pursuant to a special act of the Florida State Legislature in 1958. Up until now, the Governor appoints members of the board. This year's board are Ray Booth, Helen Allin and William Shannon.

The third question containing four parts were: (1) to continue with CEPD, 131 in favor, 109 against; (2) To continue with the present method of having the Governor of the State of Florida appoint members to the district board: 64 in favor, 171 against; (3) to continue with the CEPD with the directors appointed by the Lee County Board of Commissioners: 12 in favor, 211 against; (4) to continue with CEPD with the provision that the members of the board be

elected by the voters of Captiva: 260 in favor, 83 against.

In an interview with Sylvia Olling concerning the vote, she said, "It is clear that the will of the voting population of Captiva want to be able to express their desires at the ballot box. Captiva is now at a point where Sanibel was five years ago. Slowly, we are developing a group of very strong, determined people who will try to preserve Captiva as much as it is. The mood of the country, I feel since Watergate, is to be heard. We must have public input on how the bridge funds are spent. We must be able to elect our own district people."

In an interview with Joe Green, he said that there was a need to change the appointees to elected officials. He said that a bill must be introduced into the Florida legislature in order to amend the 1958 special act.

He mentioned several problems which he felt needed public input. One was a dredge and fill permit being requested by South Seas Plantation of the Corp of Engineers. Green said that he had requested a public hearing on the request but as of Tuesday a hearing had not been granted by the Corp. He said, in his opinion, that he did not think the Captivans objected to the dredging so much as not having a say as to where the fill was going to go.

Another problem was the refinancing of the causeway. In a letter to Mayor Porter Goss he wrote:

"The incorporation of Sanibel as a city had placed Captiva in a somewhat awkward position."

"Traditionally the two islands have enjoyed a position of intimacy considered inseparable, both environmentally and socially. Now, politically we on Captiva are like the offspring of a divorced couple—legally under the jurisdiction of the County, but irrevocably attached to Sanibel City.

The question of the refinancing the bridge and the suggested employment of the proceeds is a case in point. Those projects suggested for Captiva relate to the normal services expected from the County for which we are already paying taxes, road improvements, for example.

In your letter to me dated June 2, 1975, you

have documented my objections much better than I could have done.

1. Maintenance and operating costs.
2. Raising roadway level
3. Rebuilding and repairs in the event of a hurricane.
4. Capital projects to accommodate tourists
5. Improvement to roads to handle increased traffic.

Items 1, 2, 3 are normal expenditures for which Captiva is already paying taxes to the County.

Items 4 and 5 may be of interest to the commercial businesses of Sanibel, but hold absolutely no advantage to Captiva residents.

To suggest that funds are needed to provide for hurricanes or other catastrophic events is almost facetious.

To summarize my position: I see no reason to include items, in the list of 'benefits to be derived from bridge refinancing', for which we are already paying the County. The suggestion that these services might be provided by bridge refinancing funds only delays action on the part of the County. There are some very critical needs on Captiva right at this time that could and should be provided by Lee County as normal services for the taxes now being levied.

The most critical is to correct the road slope just north of the bridge at Blind Pass.

This area was flooded with water three feet deep in some places during and after the storm in June of 1974. If this is not corrected, the lives of those remaining on Captiva will be in grave danger of not being able to get off the Island. Further work should be done on the Gulf side of the beach front road on Captiva. Additional rocks should be placed on the Gulf side to widen the revetment to further reinforce the road. It would then be possible to smooth the edges of the road in order to remove an obvious driving hazard, also to provide drainage for rainwater.

If there was a need on Captiva for capital expenditures, there might be reason for supporting a refinancing program; without them we can only look to the County for whatever normal improvements are needed.

I wish to thank you for your prompt reply to my letter. Incidentally, copies were sent to the Lee County Commissioners, and a copy of this letter will be sent to Commissioner Whan." Respectfully yours, Joseph Green.

In an engineering study that was done, it showed that Islanders pay one third of the bridge tolls. In a million dollar business, Green suggests that a "pay as you go" agreement be worked out with the county instead of paying off bonded indebtedness at 7½ per cent for 40 years.

"I am opposed to the bond issue because we are not getting our money's worth."

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D.N.R. reports sparks stormy session at crowded Hall

By Carol Quillinan

The Department of Natural Resources is going to have to set up local offices in all the counties affected by the coastal construction setback line to handle all the variances that will be coming up upon acceptance by the Governor of the Coastal Construction Setback Act.

That will put a lot of professionals back to work looking at variance requests, delay a lot of beach construction, keep a lot of lawyers gainfully employed, supply jobs to many out of work engineers to fill out the required forms, keep the surveyors in business and in general, get the Florida economy of dead center.

At least 500 of the 600 people attending the hearing last Wednesday night on the construction setback line indicated through questions to the hearing examiner, Jack Pierce, Bill Carlton, Chief of Beaches and Shores, and Prof. Jim Purpura, engineer for the project, that they will actively seek variances to the line, actively seek to have the line declared unconstitutional or in lieu of either, commit suicide.

It was a long meeting. It was a soul searching meeting. It was a good meeting. Pierce began by informing the audience that the meeting was not final and that notification of the Governor's hearing will be given. He said that anyone wanting to make a written statement may write to him at the DNR, Crown Building, 202 Blount St. Tallahassee, Fl. 32304. Those letters will become a part of the record.

He went on to say that certain structures had been "grandfathered". "You do not have to tear down your building if you are entirely seaward of the line."

The audience cheered. That was the first and last cheer for the night.

He explained in detail how to obtain a variance and tried to assure the audience that he had not come to Fort Myers to deprive a person of the use of his property. The line had been established for the protection of upland properties, beaches and shores and the people who live along them.

Pierce conducted himself in a calm, educated, open minded manner becoming irritated only once later in the meeting when Charles B. Edwards, attorney speaking for the Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce, accused Pierce of having a conflict of interest. Edwards made a motion that the hearing be dismissed and Pierce be removed from his position as examiner.

Pierce shot back, "Motion denied." He then regained his composure and explained that the alleged conflict of interest had been settled long before the meeting.

Edwards said that everything about the construction setback line was discriminatory and indicated that only the wealthy need apply.

Attorney Howard Rhoads, representing the Beach Chamber of Commerce, presented a suggestion to Pierce that the Chamber financially take it upon themselves to present a building code as a means of encouraging sound beach construction. If the idea was acceptable to both Lee County and the DNR, the codes could be revised and permits could be obtained locally. He added that a "snap-back" provision could be written in whereby any builder getting out of hand would immediately be referred to the DNR. "We need better codes but we also need a line we can live with."

Both Pierce and Wm Sensabaugh,

engineer, agree to keep the books open until the building codes could be presented at the Governor's hearing.

Rhoads suggestion was an eleventh hour try to retain home rule. It was valid, even if a little too late, and was an important thing to come out of the meeting.

It was obvious from the first round of questions and recriminations that resounded down one side of the room and up the other that the majority of people felt that they had lost control over their own lives.

Question: Who are you trying to save? What are you trying to save? Are you trying to save us from ourselves? Under what law can you confiscate our property?

Answer: 71-280. The law was passed in 1971 to educate people to the dangers of building on the beaches.

Question: Who are you? Do we start calling you big brother?

Question: What are you people trying to do, telling me I can't build? Tell me I shouldn't, that's fine, but don't tell me I can't.

Question: Building codes are better than being told you can't buy the bureaucracy.

Answer: There are no county codes for building on pilings. We do not intend to deny the use of any property.... You only need the proper design.

Another question was whether the DNR study was made in conjunction with the Federal Flood Insurance program. The answer was that it was not; Federal and state laws were independent of each other.

Answer: There will be a letter sent upon request. No one asked if the architects and engineers would be supplied guidelines to assist their clients.

An intermission was called. It wasn't the

seventh inning stretch by a long shot. The meeting was still far from ending.

James Purpura continued the program with a slide lecture explaining how the line was established, what aspects were taken into consideration and was not. He presented the technical side of the line in an effort to educate the audience as to the hazards.

After the slide lecture, those who had signed cards saying that they wished to speak were called upon.

Elizabeth Hinternuoff: "The whole thing resembles Russia."

Jim Robson speaking in favor of the line: "We must open our eyes and do what is right for all."

C. Edwards: "In figuring the setback line, did you take into consideration existing seawalls?"

Purpura: "Fortunately the county is not overrun with seawalls so they were not a factor."

Edwards: "If Lee County had established a coastal construction setback line, would this meeting be necessary?"

Question: I have a 300 foot deep lot on Upper Captiva. The line runs landward of the whole property. You tell me it's not good property. Then you tell me it's possible to get a variance. Why do you have the setback line in the first place if you're going to issue all those variances?

Answer: We want control over what is being built.

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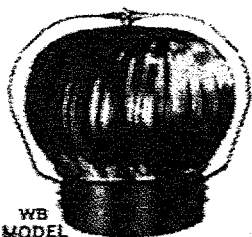
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The Coral Bill, which bans the sale of or collecting of live corals off the coast of Florida, did pass the house and senate. The new law will allow a "reasonable length of time" for commercial establishments to dispose of their coral and sea fans. What and who is reasonable, and do the big pieces get "Grandfathered?" (The ISLANDER is beginning to wonder about grandfathers—excepting those we have known personally, of course.)

The City of Sanibel counter-sued Sundial, which entered legal action so that Sundial could complete its multi-building condos, by saying that only a "site Plan" had been submitted, which didn't comply with the city's building code, as well as with Lee County's building code. Sundial, of course, doesn't agree. It's now up to the courts.

At least two electrical outages heated the Islands last week, the first on Tuesday, June 10, slightly after 5 p.m. which lasted about two and a half hours. It was attributed to a blown fuse. The second outage was on Friday the 13th, about 5 minutes before the ISLANDER scheduled party in our new office at 2398 Palm Ridge Road was to begin. When checking with Lee Co (Lee County Electrical Co-op.) we were told that a "minor substation which controlled all the power on Sanibel" had blown, or that maybe it was the transformer, which was "even more complicated to fix" and that it would indeed be fixed in anywhere from "five minutes to 15 hours." The blowout was attributed to "too many people going home and turning on their air conditioners." Power was restored about an hour later.

Sanibel Police Chief John Butler said that the emergency vegetation ordinance passed at the June 3 City Council meeting took at least one load off his mind. "At least now, when I see somebody chopping down a tree," Chief Butler told the ISLANDER, "I can tell them it's illegal and I can stop them."

The Island Beach Club will ask for a "relief from the building respite" at the June 23 Planning Commission public hearing so that the Beach Club may complete its mostly-built six building condo on Casa Ybel Road. The ISLANDER, by the way, while not commenting on whether or no such "relief from respite" should be granted, admits to being increasingly confused by the terminology, since Wenster's defines in at least one instance, "respite" as being "an interval of rest or relief." These leads us to believe that builders are being asked to apply for a "relief from the relief" ???

'Twasn't Hilton all along. Remember all that fuss about hardship and pain and tears and all about the Sanibel Hilton? Well, it has now been revealed that Hilton Inns, Inc., never ever issued a franchise for a Sanibel Hilton, though they did "discuss" the idea in June, 1974 with Edward Dworetzky, who has since disappeared. Dworetzky was involved with Sanibel Enterprises, Inc., which also built Shubui, which was sold the courthouse steps at auction this spring. The "Hilton matter" will be discussed at the July 1 City Council meeting.

Planning (from p. 1)

grounds that the duplex would be used as rental property and that the pattern of mixed use in the area, single family and duplex, had not been set. He said that the commission should not jeopardize the thinking of the planners. The vote was 3 in favor, McMurtry, against. Lee Roy Friday was absent from the meeting.

Banks Prevatt, contractor, and Philip Braden, architect, presented a request from the Outpost of Sundial Corporation to expand and remodel the Golden Sands restaurant.

Braden presented his plans for a "high quality supper club". He said that the number of people presently served (200) would not change but that additional space for each table would be greater, a garden area patio would be built, all parking would be in the rear and the rest rooms expanded several times their present size.

White brought up the fact that half the property was zoned for business, the other half zoned GU (General Use.)

Braden said that he needed the GU space to comply with parking space regulations.

There was a lengthy discussion as to one part of the addition housing a walk-in cooler encroaching into the 10 footside setback as well as some of the parking spaces and lack of information regarding the size of the present septic tank and drainfield. Prevatt said that he would get that information. When asked what the possibilities were of hooking into the Jamestown Beachview system, he said that the closest line was a half mile away and was not feasible.

White suggested a continuation of the hearing for the architect to bring in revised plans regarding the encroachment into the setback area, a drainage plan, information on the septic tank and drainfield and showing a 50 foot set back from the Sanibel River. Marshall made a motion to continue the case. It was seconded and approved.

In other business, the commission voted to recommend to city council acceptance and adoption of the 150 foot coastal construction setback line by the Department of Natural Resources, until the comprehensive land use plan is in effect.

Anina Hills asked that the commission members write to the Corps of Engineers in Jacksonville protesting the dredging and filling by the Detona Corporation in Marco Island.

Bicentennial winners

At Tuesday's City Council meeting, Howard DeVore of the Lee County School Board, introduced the young people who had won the school board sponsored Bicentennial slogan contest, which had to be six words or less.

Over all winner was Herbie McNair, Jr., Cape Coral, whose winning slogan was "March to the Tune of America."

Each winner was given a certificate of appreciation by the City Council

DeVore said that 1400 young people had entered the contest. Mayor Goss asked McNair how it felt to be smarter than 1,399 other children—McNair grinned and blushed modestly.

Historical Report

The Historical Committee reported going forward with the Sanibel Cemetery project. A letter had been received and was read at Last Friday's meeting, from Mrs. Waldron of Fort Myers listing persons to her knowledge who had been buried in the north and south ridges of the area.

Unfortunately, exact grave sites are unknown, according to Charlotte White, because of the wooden markers being burned in previous days. Some of the other graves have been marked with beautiful stones, she said and the cemetery will eventually be a lovely area.

Ann Marsh, representative to the Lee County BiCentennial Committee reported that there was not a lot of money for projects so she did not feel that the Sanibel Cemetery would have much of a chance for financial help.

She also reported that there will be National History reports made by the Lee County school children to various city councils and other organizations.

Astrological Hints

by madam dorinda 481-3051

Especially cast for people in the island area of Lee County by a local astrologer

Aries: You will be wise to avoid confrontation with authority, or make important and impulsive decisions now. Don't unnecessarily complicate what can be simple and straightforward.

Taurus: Obstacles can be overcome now if you use your powers of persuasion, don't make a problem seem larger than it is. Be attentive about the needs of a loved one.

Gemini: Guard your speech, reactions, and temper, as faulty judgment under emotional stress can work against your best interests. Don't sound off on topics you really know little about.

Cancer: There could be a revival of a former grievance you and another, so be especially circumspect about what you do and say. You are likely to have an extra amount of details to handle.

Leo: Best to postpone negotiations concerning property, leases or home item purchases. You will have an extra amount of long distance communications. Guard your speech or secrets from prying ears.

Virgo: Don't take risks with money, job, or in matters of health and safety. Things will slow down for you somewhat, and you may have to return an item purchased earlier.

Libra: There may be some tension in a partnership, beliefs and convictions are fragile; don't question them. Secrecy is appropriate to certain phases of finance or intimate relations.

Scorpio: You could receive beneficial attention from higher-ups, especially if you are non-critical of others. However negotiations may be broken off, finances of

To The ISLANDER

I have never written to the ISLANDER or been to the Islands since I had a coronary and stroke in March of 1969.

I know this is the so-called "quiet" time of the year, but we have many very good friends in businesses and friends who have homes there. Everyone was so wonderful to me—in fact so many people I cannot list names. I would like our good friends to know that I am almost totally recovered and only wear a light leg brace. I passed my handicapped Ohio State driver's exam 1 1/2 years after my illness, so I am quite active within certain limits and very, very fortunate to have had such wonderful care at Lee Memorial (The "new" hospital had only been open a few months). And friends—I will never be able to thank our wonderful Sanibel friends.

We plan to come this next winter season and hope to find a spot in our old neighborhood which is Tarpon Road to Island Inn. We had reservations this past winter season, but I was bogged down with serious dental work. We had even bought new luggage and had a reservation in the area I mentioned.

Letters to the editor

In addition, many Islanders, both Captiva and Sanibel, remember my parents, Dr. & Mrs. C. W. Wyckoff. They first came to the Islands in 1935—stayed at "Tween Waters". I came with them in 1942. Sanibel had no paved roads. The only paving was from the old wooden bridge between the Island to just past "Tween Waters". For 12 years they rented a cottage from the late Barlay Read whose wife still owns the cottages. My dear Mother died in January 1974, but my 92 year-old father is still going strong! He keeps his own apartment at a lovely retirement center called "Hamlet Hills," in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, 44040, in case anyone would like to write to him. He is the Bell (is that the male version of belle?) of Hamlet Hills and leads a social life that would flatten most of us. He is invited to every cocktail party, family dinners, weddings and receptions in the eastern suburbs. He practiced medicine until he was 80. He was a pediatrician—has been honored by almost every medical society in Cleveland. —s— Jane Wyckoff Bishop, Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

To the ISLANDER:

Traveling through southwest Florida several weeks ago I was quite aghast at the condition of Cape Coral and am deeply concerned for the future of Captiva. If the Lee County Commissioners permitted Cape Coral to destroy those thousands of acres with no more sanity than a contractor would, that some contractor will be able to convince the Lee County Commission that Captiva needs to be "developed." Counter to a previously expressed opposition to "cities", Sanibel appears to be using a small medium of judgement in the building moratorium and hopefully will be able to see its way clear to effectively put into an enforceable action a planning commission that will control, within a legislatively approved plan, the systematic control of building and "land improvement." —s— H. F. Buehler, Flint, Michigan

DEATHS

Mrs. Herbert Leisy

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Herbert (Helen Stamp) Leisy, 69, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Sanibel Island. Memorial services were held June 2 in the Chapel of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Cleveland.

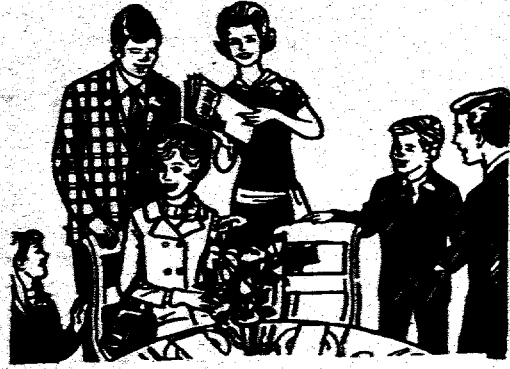
Mrs. Leisy, who was known as a patron of the arts for many years in Cleveland and did much to encourage young artists, and her husband bought a home on Sanibel and had been wintering here for at least 12 years. She is survived by her husband, Herbert, a son, Herbert, Jr., and three daughters, Mrs. Albert E. Erhard of Colorado, Mrs. Charles F. McKhann of Minneapolis and Mrs. Elsa L. Isaac of California, and seven grandchildren.

Mrs. Leisy was an avid shell collector and beach walker during her winters on Sanibel and will be missed by all who knew her.

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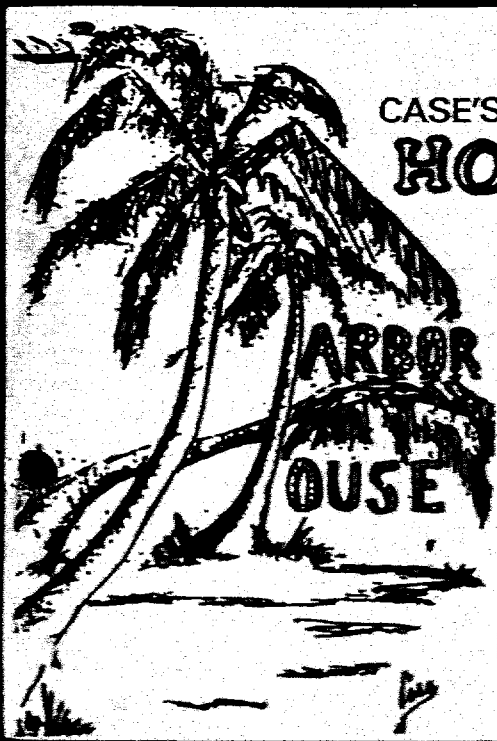
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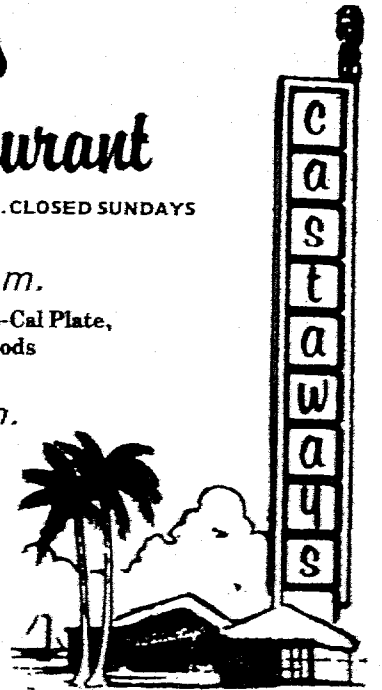
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Real eel tips . . .

By Skip Purdy

Snook still around

The fishing has been a little bit irregular this past week with the tides not in the fisherman's favor.

The snook are still around and being caught, too! Blind Pass Bridge has been a very good spot, along with the Sanibel Causeway.

A variety of other fish are also being caught; a few redfish, trout, flounder, snapper, grouper and whiting.

How about some more tips on monofilament? We all buy fishing line according to its breaking strength which is the break load divided by the diameter. From the fishing point of view, the finer the diameter in relation to its strength, the better the line. More line can be put on a spool, it will pack more evenly, cast better, have less wind resistance and less friction in the water.

The balance of properties is very important. If the diameter is reduced below a certain point, it will result in loss of impact

strength, a stiffer line, and reduced line stretch.

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I hope you have good luck fishing this week. Don't forget to pick up some "educated" shrimp from the Real Eel.

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As you may recall, in the April 24 ISLANDER, there was a story about the Sanibel Public Library concerning alleged "charges" to Island residents who are not members of the Sanibel Library Association.

At a meeting of the Sanibel Library Association's executive

board following the publication of the story, it was decided that the Library would comply with the Lee County Library Board's requirements, which allow a charge of a \$5 deposit fee for a library card for non-residents tourists. There is no charge for any library card for any resident of Sanibel.

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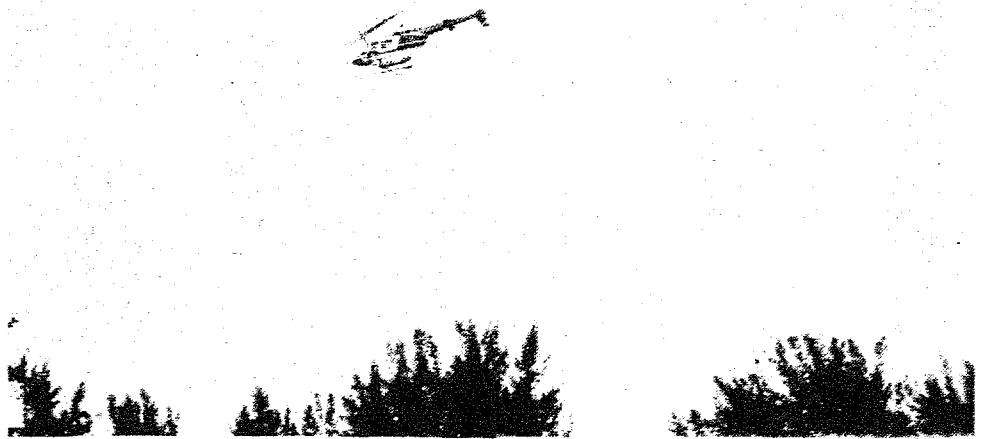
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The Lee County Mosquito Control helicopter pilots have agreed to cooperate with Chief John Butler by reporting to him illegal dumping, abandoned cars and such-like which they happen to spot during their regular runs over the Islands.

Illegal dumps discussed

On a scenic tour down the sand road on the south side of the post office that eventually wanders north along the east side of the main mosquito ditch to the Sanibel-Captiva Road, we found a new dumping ground not more than a few days old.

Around the corner next to the road beside the ditch is the old dump which has an entrance sign saying "No dumping. \$100 fine." The old dump, which consists mainly of tree clippings, had a new addition since we had driven the scenic route several months ago. A two foot diameter or more tree, which we were informed had been cut down by the Lee County Electric Company, had been added to the dump.

The new dump had some interesting things for scavengers; the remains of a Honday 50 motorcycle C-100-RO 30 470 and a lawn mower. Scattered over a big heap of tree trash was a toilet (no seat), a mattress, an old gas can, buckets and behind the pile were the remains of a whole livingroom of furniture. Underneath some wire and brush was a sign saying "Rented from Lester King

Fire and Safety Equipment. Sarasota, Florida."

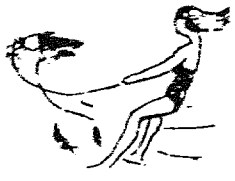
After leaving the dump site we mosied over into the sanctuary area going around a ditch and a sign that said something like "keep out" which didn't deter us a bit, nor we found, anyone else who had something to throw away.

There were bottles, cans and thousands of bits of broken glass in scattered colorful profusion. An obviously older dump of kitchen equipment and old cars rusting away for the birds and aligators to play on was further down the path. A lone egret was not disturbed by our presence.

It is to be supposed that some of the sanctuary areas are closed to the public because some of us don't know where to throw our garbage.

Several years ago the Conservation Foundation sponsored a junked car removal program which was quite successful. The SCCF is now renewing its efforts in the dumping department with the help of the Sanibel Police department.

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DNR report

(from p. 5)

Question: No one would object to a little buffer...but your buffer is too much. I'm not willing to concede that you have the authority to set the line.

Question: If we can't get a variance, do we still have to pay taxes on the property?

Answer: Yes. But we have always tried to give a variance. If a variance is not granted, it's a basis for a law suit. However, there has been a commission appointed to study compensation for lands..

Question: Can we vote against it?

Answer: Yes. At the next general election.

Question: Are the brokers going to be supplied with information to give to their clients?

Purpura: "No. I've been talking since 1960 to deaf ears. But it's my personal belief that the local people should handle their own problems."

Paul Howe: "As a citizen and private homeowner on Sanibel, I heartily endorse this program."

Don Glover: "A line will not stop erosion. I see your engineer's markers are 50 feet seaward of the line. Apparently, he feels his markers are safe. Lines can't stop mother nature. Do not drive another nail into the private landowner's coffin."

Alex Koterba: "Hurricane Donna didn't alter Bonita Beach one iota. Reconsider the line in Bonita Beach. All we hear is Sanibel this and Fort Myers Beach that. I ask you, just once, consider Bonita Beach."

Mrs. Horner: "Why isn't there a line on the back bay? The back bay suffers as well."

Purpura: "We weren't charged with that responsibility."

Robert Tarbon: "How does a line stop erosion? It's like standing a vertical line next to the leaning Tower of Pisa and saying that ends the problem. Let's renourish the beaches. Put 350 feet of sand in front. All of us should use a little more common sense instead of drawing a line and hoping to Christ that solves it."

Bob Davis: "If we're crazy enough to spend our lives, our money to build on the beach and then we're going to lose it, that's our business, not the State of Florida. We should know how to take care of things in our own back yard."

Mark Andrews: "There's a remedy to this: Get people in Tallahassee to take care of these laws. We are taxpayers. We are concerned with what they want to do with our land. They control people by controlling the land. Stop the land use plan. Stop paying taxes. The fifth amendment of our constitution says the government cannot take property without just compensation. Let's cut off their money!"

Frank Saxton of the First National Bank: "We need some sort of preservation but the mortgage lenders are going to have grave problems with the subject areas. There will be a deterioration of the cash flow and the ability to pay mortgages. I strongly object to the setback lines as presented."

Rowland Roberts: "As an American and Floridian, I resent the whole theory of the interpretation of the 1971 law. The '71 legislature opened this can of worms, now let the '75 legislature put the worms back in the can."

W.M. Biggers, Jr.: "We're going to spend a lot of money trying to defeat the imaginary line."

At 11:33 p.m. a small, greyhaired man in his mid fifties was called to speak.

With a heavy accent he said, "My name is Victor John Poneis." In broken, halting English he apologized. "I am sorry. My English is not good. I have been here 10 years. I have a place on beach. I build seawall. The county says stop filling in seawall. I stop."

"Out there a couple hundred feet is big sand bar. Yesterday, I walk to sand bar, don't get my feet wet. We have enough troubles with economy without adding to it. We don't need sabotage...mistrust between peoples. I come from eastern

European country. We were taught how to make revolution in other countries...starting with planning land or coming from some place you never suspect...is first step in communist control. I apologize. I'm sorry. I don't mean you people. You are only doing your job.

"I wonder how government people cannot see what is happening. I am sorry. Let's think in terms of people, not plans. Let's demand today freedom for all people. Are you trying to destroy the constitution? I advise everybody write to Governor.

"I don't know what to do—American was my dream. How can I tell you? Where can I go now? Where is freedom? 100 foot setback from mean highwater—it's enough. Land is no good now?"

"How can I tell you? Are you trying to murder me? I don't know where to go. I'm

sorry. I apologize. for bad English."

He turned away from the microphone and walked slowly down the aisle. The audience silently watched him go. All felt the emotional strain it had been for him to come before a board of examiners to ask "Where is freedom?" We wondered how many other boards of examiners he had stood before in his native land of Lithuania. Was his message to us that beaches come and go but that the erosion of individual freedom once lost can never be regained?

We have the experience of Watergate, the CIA involvement in our internal affairs, bribaries and frauds. Perhaps we must give voice to our doubts about what our legislators are doing.

The hearing was still going on at a quarter before midnight when we returned to our native land.

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Wednesday—awards day

Wednesday a week ago was Awards Day at the Sanibel-Captiva Elementary School. Not only did the unveiling of William Damroth's magnificent mural take place in the school library (for which Damroth was given a plaque of appreciation from Superintendent of Schools Ray Williams) but awards were given to the outstanding students.

Eric Swats and Laura Mankin received the Kiwanis Citizenship Awards, which are given by the Kiwanis Club to the best all-around 5th grade girl and fifth grade boy. That award also included a Webster's dictionary.

Other awards presented were:

Scholastic achievement: Tammy Clifford, Judy Purdy, Lisa Harrington, Eric Wightman, Eric Swats, Laura Mankin, Vallee Haverley, Jill Kessler, Dawn Moss, David Krepin and Daniel Burns.

Good Conduct : Cameron Anholt, Janet Stice and Jerri Voss.

Perfect Attendance, Timi Voignier and Keith Francis.

Most Improved: Randy Post, Bryan Welker and Matthew Nichols.

Gamma Rho's Junior Art Show awards: Wendy Bissell, Lisa Harrington, Tommy Morse, Manuela Eschbaum, Allison Howard, Mary Jane Radford, Wendy Tuttle and Karyn Dutton.

Physical Fitness: Laura Mankin, Eric Gavin, Jill Welker, Chuck Markovich, Karyn Dutton, Mary Jane Radford and Lance Sedlack.

Safety Patrol: Chuck Markovich, Keith Francis, Lance Sedlack, Laura Mankin, Karyn Dutton and Wendy Tuttle.

All in all, it was quite a day!

Fish story . . .

"Heavy" Catch

We seem to have a penchant for collecting fish stories—so here's another one to add to your collection.

Seems that the first Sunday in June (which also was the first of the month) J.D. Meadows, Jr., of Meadows Textiles in Island Fair went a-fishing with Izzy Mandelbam.

Anyhow, both gentleman were casting, spectacularly unsuccessfully of Timmy's Nook's pier all afternoon, during which time they bagged one plain ol' gray unedible catfish. Long about 6:30, they decided enough was enough and decided to reel everything in and go home and relax.

Well, as in most fish stories, now it comes—while Meadows was reeling in, he "caught" a big one — and it took him at least 15 minutes and at least one blister to haul in his find.

It wasn't fish—"At first, I thought it was a blue bathing cap filled with rocks," Meadows

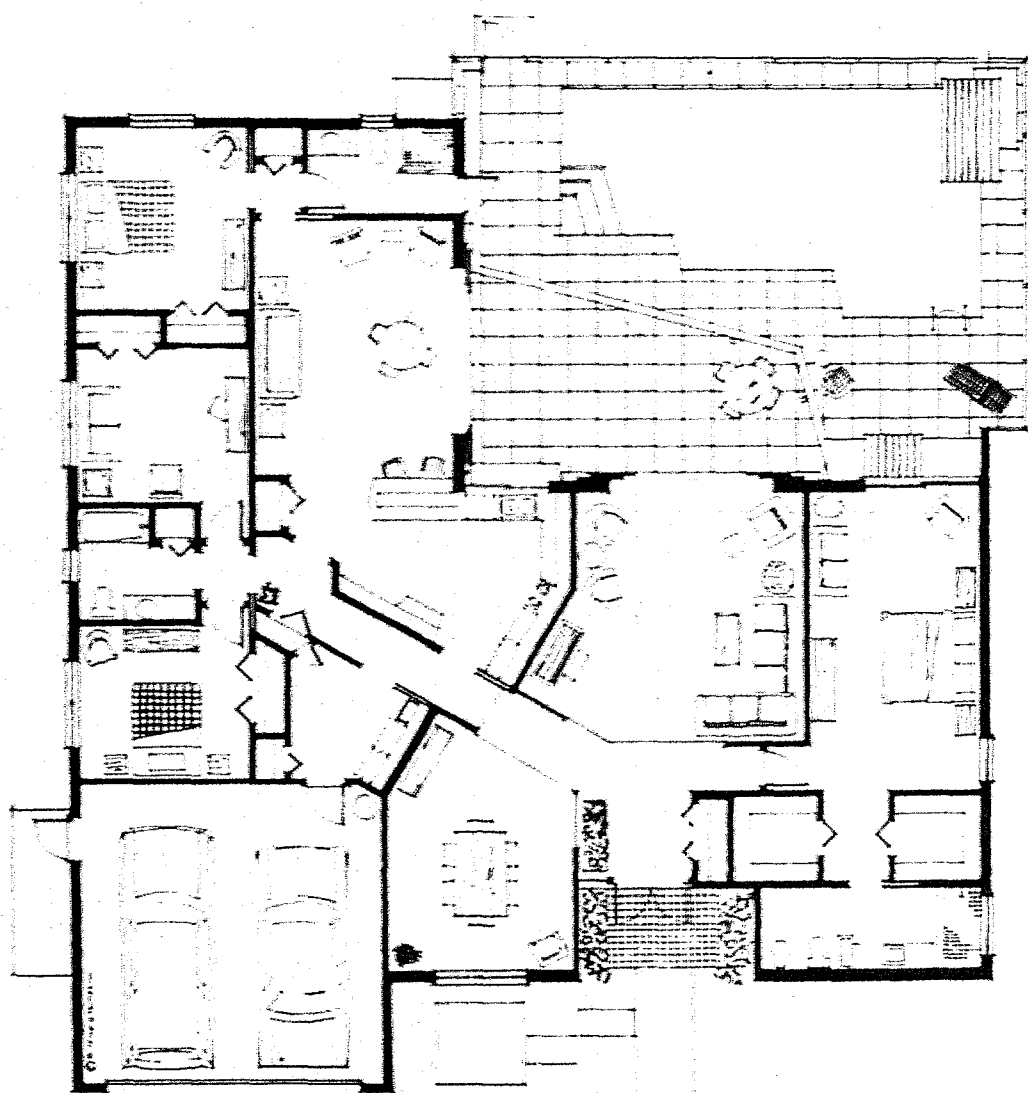
said, 'but upon closer inspection it turned out to be a blue bank deposit bag, No. 121, from the Palmer Bank. I was right about one thing, though—it was filled with rocks.'

The next day, Meadows called the bank, where he spoke to Mr. Little, a vice president of that establishment, who immediately identified the bag as one which had been stolen from a local island pub several weeks before.

Mr. Little then notified the Sheriff's Department and the owner of the establishment, who went up to retrieve the torn up checks, which totaled out to several hundred dollars. Including the cash, which was not retrieved, almost \$1,000 had been in the bag before it was thrown into the sea.

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Arthur W. Parsons, Atlanta, Ga.: "I'm a visitor here, but I'd say in South Florida it would be a necessity—and in weather like this, a complete necessity!"



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Wildlife to start dike late this month

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has let a contract for a 300 yard long dike and water control structure in the J.M. (Ding) Darling Sanctuary.

The new dike, which will connect the present wildlife drive on an existing dike with another already constructed dike not presently being used as part of the wildlife drive, will start about 100 yards south of the Alice O'Brian observation tower.

Construction will start the end of this month and will continue through the summer until possibly as late as October. During

these months, the Sanctuary has less human and wildlife visitors than it does during the late fall, winter and early spring months.

The purpose of the new dike segment is to provide future expansion of the wildlife drive, as well as increased water control when other planned water control structures are built.

While the entire wildlife drive is now one way, when construction starts, it will be two way from the entrance to the construction site.

For more information about the project, call Glen Bond at 472-1100.

How dry we are!

"Well, it's been one more rainless week," Mario Hutton told the ISLANDER Monday evening. "I have a suspicion that the Lighthouse end may have gotten a sprinkle or two last (Sunday) evening, but not a drop has fallen where I live."

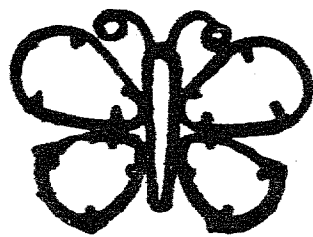
This leaves the total rainfall recorded on lower Sanibel at a mere .9 inches, which fell the first and second days of the month. Looking through our office window, we can see that it is clouding up, but the clouds seem to be moving out over the Gulf toward Fort Myers Beach and Bonita Beach. Anyone know a good rain dance?



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