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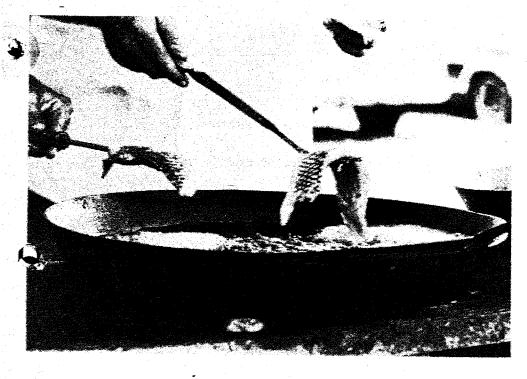
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Fees and businesses discussed

In spite of it being a holiday weekend, the finance committee held forth in good spirits and dogged determination last Saturday afternoon to complete the occupational license fee ordinance, for consideration by city council this week.

Several more paragraphs were added to "whereas" section: "WHEREAS: Chapter 265.042 F.S gives municipalities the authority to levy an occupational tax for the privilege of engaging in or managing businesses, professions and occupations within its jurisdiction; and whereas: The City of Sanibel is a resort area, it is deemed necessary to raise revenues to cover the cost of services required to be provided for the influx of visitors;"

Beginning on page one, the committee tried to incorporate some of the thinking of the city council. Under Section 7 a new paragraph was added. "Employees are in no case required to obtain a license or pay a license fee."

Under the section "Evidence of being in business: the advertisement of any business; profession, or occupation, by sign. Jewspaper, magazine, radio. TV or direct mail, shall be conclusive evidence of the engaging in and carrying on in the city of the business, profession or occupation so advertised." The words, "radio, TV or direct mail" were added. Zee Butler later in the meeting again said that "word of mouth" was advertising.

A new Section 15 was under discussion for addition to the ordinance which will say something to the effect that the city council has a right to revoke or cancel any license which is deemed to be jeopardizing the health, welfare and safety of the citizens of Sanibel.

Jim Robson, defending the new paragraph said that if a business was engaging in something undesirable, the city ought to have a way of getting rid of it.

A lady in the audience asked. "Who's going to draw the line if your blue eyes are detrimental to my health?"

The new paragraph will be sent to the attorney for wording and a legal opinion before its addition into the ordinance.

Several of the fees were revised amid an

off and on discussion with the audience during the four and a half hour meeting. During a lengthy discussion of fees for contractors, Bill Frey pointed out that it was not fair to the public to use extreme fees. "The public is going to pay ten times over." he said. "What other communities have \$1,000 fees?" He went on to remind the committee that excessive fees could be described as "punitive" and that the entire ordinance could be thrown out in a court of law.

The committee finally lowered the contractor's fees to \$600 for a general contractor, \$450 for a building contractor and \$300 for a residential contractor.

Under the list of contractor categories. "Handyman-yardman, no tort insurance required" was added to minor repairs and painting. The fee was lowered from \$150 to \$56

Newspaper publication was added at \$200. Non-profit water supply was raised from \$50 to \$100.

The lengthy list under Merchants was deleted placing all merchants under the square foot category. The list of different kinds of insurance companies was deleted. The list of all businesses not yet established on the island, which must come before city council for approval and fee scheduling at the time of beginning a new business, was deleted as well as paragraph 17—"Duty of Corporate officers and agents."

Under "subdividers and developers" the committee added that individuals selling portions of their property would be exempt up to four lots. More than four would constitute a business and would be required to pay \$200.

Under "Multi-family developer" 3 to 30 family units would carry a fee of \$200, 31 to 100 units, \$500 and \$1,000 for more than 100 units. A new category was added: year-round rental apartments, and houses \$26 per living unit. Room rentals in hotels, motels and condominiums was raised from \$10 to \$20 per room exclusive of bathrooms and kitchens.

The Right of Inspection was given to the building inspector and the enforcement of the ordinance was given to the city manager in a switch of sections 17 and 18.

Fish Fry Success!

"We had a wonderful turnout," Charlie Miller said of the American Legion's annual 4th of July fish fry. "We served more than 350 people. We had a steady crowd all afternoon. It was one of the best we've had. We started out with 800 pounds of fish and had only a few pounds left over."

Cooking for the affair were Ray Booth, Gerald Johnson. Remo Gabaccia and Hap Payne. Harry Carr was dubbed General Function. Marshall Tabacchi and young Paul Stahlin controlled traffic. Doug Hale was the "Keep track of anything" worker. Bob Dormer and Al and Dotti Pote were in charge of inside functions. Last, but by no means least, was Bill Covington outdoor barkeep.

Fortunately, the 4th picnic, held on the 5th was not rained out. The weather held warm and sunny, making for good spirits and fine fellowship for all.

Charlie Miller is the new Commander of the Post. He said that the Post puts its money into several on-going projects; donating to the Scouts and the Glen Allen Rhodes scholarship fund. The Rhodes fund provides money for island children who cannot afford to attend college.







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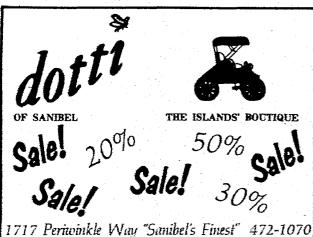
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KIWANIS CLUB meets each Wednesday morning at 8:00 a.m. at Scotty's Pub on Periwinkle Way.

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SANIBEL PLANNING COMMISSION, officially established by the Sanibel City Council on February 25, 1975, will hold regular meetings every Monday at 9:30 a.m., at Sanibel City Hall. The Public is invited to attend.

FIRE DEPARTMENT meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7:30, Paim Ridge Road Firehouse.

BINGO MUREX - American Legion Home, Wednesdays 8 p.m. no minors.

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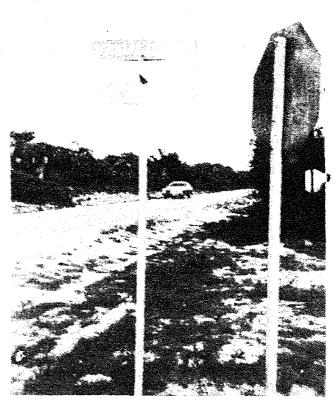
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Around town

Steamy, hot, tropical weather greeted all of the 4th of July visitors to the islands. Beaches were wall to wall people this weekend in the more popular areashowever, a few of our most favorite secluded spots were still relatively uninhabited.

During our beach walks, we met Pat and Jim Johannes of Toledo, Ohio. The Johannes have been visiting Sanibel for several years now and they have asked me to be sure and say that they are pleased to see some restrictions being placed on the high rise condos.

One of the most humorous happenings of the entire weekend occurred on Saturday morning-a tiny tow headed fellow was zipping out of the surf after his Daddy yelling, "There's fishies all over this bath water!" Son, those are fishies but it sure isn't bath water! (Daddy, broke up laughing-and the poor kid couldn't understand why.)

Timmy Jordan spent last week at church camp. He had a real "fun" time doing all the things guys like to do out camping.

Ms. Smith and Ms. Proski of Sabal Palms are back on the island for their annual inmer visit. Glad to see you back, ladies.

This column would like to send many happy returns to Gini Brown, who celebrated her birthday this week end. (We didn't have the nerve to ask Gini which birthday this was-but, after all, you're only as old as you feel and Gini's always full of zip!) Seriously, hope you were really "kidnapped", Gini!

Disneyworld was invaded by a busload of Sanibelites this past week-we understand they had a "terrific" time. Also visiting Disneyworld were Laura Mankin, Gini Sikes, and Bill Mankin.

Motels and restaurants were quite busy this 4 day holiday-most motels were oorting no vacancy as early as Friday

Jean and Ray McEwen of Oakland,

California were sailing off the islands this week end. Jean says Sanibel's beaches are much more beautiful than the ones in "the other sunshine state."

Chloe and Ralph Swithford of Fort Lauderdale, spent part of their weekend on Sanibel and Captiva looking at tombstones. Their hobby is reading old headstones. Chloe says that they have learned much history and have even had a few laughs at some of the strange epitaphs.

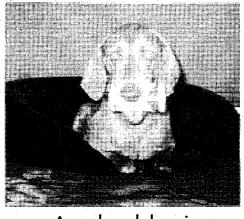
We were pleased to see that Bowman's Beach Road is once more Bowman's Beach Road. Well, Islanders never did change it to Sea Bell in conversation anyhow, did we?

News from Blind Pass Cottages this week end has been of the happy kind-many guests are enjoying some great fishing. Kenny Duckman of Chicago has caught a couple of reds weighing 10 lbs. This is unusual for this time of the year. All the guests have been catching lots of snook. They say the fishing is particularly good.

Fred McConnell spent the fourth of July week end in Orlando, where one of his friends was married.

Ms. John V. Burns of Troy, Ohio is the guest of Kay Casparis of Blind Pass Cottages.

Other guests at Blind Pass include: Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Francis of Troy, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Griswold and family of Riverview, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Speakman of Orlando; Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Dahlborg of Ft. Lauderdale; Mr. Samuel Humes and sons of Ft. Lauderdale; Mr. and Mrs. Earnes Bowker Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hamilton both of Orlando. (The Bowkers and Hamiltons are avid fishermen and have really been pulling in the fish.) Jim Phillips and guests of Dade City are enjoying the sun as well as Mr. and Mrs. Neil Findley and family of Orlando; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kenney of Pompano Beach; Mr. Don Cooley and sons of Orlando; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cafiero of Hollywood; Mr. and Mrs. Max Goldin of Jacksonville; and Mr. and Mrs. Ricky A. Coupland and family of Lake Worth, Fla.



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A real cool doggie

This delightful dog is named Baron and is the owner of Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Evans of Orlando, Florida, who recently vacationed at Castaways. Lest thee fret, we hasten to add that the picture was taken in the Evans' pool, NOT the Castaways-but it's still a pretty good way for a doggie to cool off. The beer can, we're informed by reliable sources (would we have any others?) is merely for show-Baron will drink nothing but bottled water, on or off Island.

The Colony's out-of-state guests this week include: Mr. and Mrs. Byron Stewart, Jr. and family from Independence, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crounse and party of Titusville, N.J.; Mrs. L.B. Howell and family of DuQuoin, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Linn L. Hiatt and family of Whitehall, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. George Sneddon and family of Agincourt, Ontario; Mr. and Mrs. John T. Dowd and family of Nashville, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. Steven Wasch of Jackson, Ohio.

by georgie mankin

The Colony's Florida guests this week include: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bielek of Miami; Mr. and Mrs. Aldana also of Miami with their family; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Nordlow of Hollywood; Mr. and Mrs. M. Waldorf also of Hollywood along with their family; Mr. and Ms. Emil Restaino with Mr. and Mrs. Stokes of Lakeland; Mr. and Mrs. Wallace F. Edwards of St. Cloud; Mr. and Mrs. R.K. Richardson and family of Bradenton; Mr. and Mrs. Renny Sprague and family of Palm Bay; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Knight and family of Orlando; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blackham and family of Clearwater; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rigdon and family of Leesburg; Mr. and Mrs. Nicola DeSalvatore and family of Winter Haven,; Mr. and Mrs. M. Lyle Kimble of Davie; Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bickford of Hialeah.

Wanna skate?

The Sanibel Community Association Youth Committee has reserved the Fort Myers Roller Rink, tomorrow (Friday, the 11th) from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. All ages are welcome and Larry Noon, owner of the rink, is giving the committee a special price of \$1.10 per person, including skates.

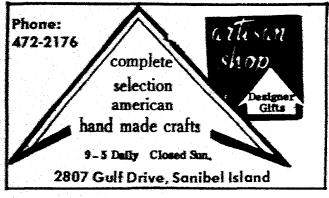
If you would like to go, the plans are to gather at the Chamber of Commerce building at 10:15 tomorrow morning and return there at 2:15. Extra drivers will be muchly appreciated — and for more information, call Sherry Vartdal at 472-1267.

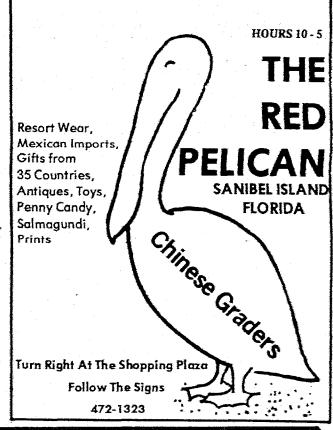


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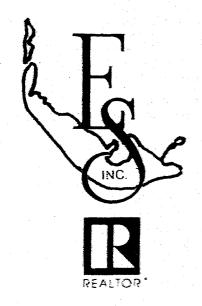








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Rhodes reports



Ray Rhodes, a born Islander, just finished his first week of duty as a Sanibel policeman, so we moisyed across the street to have a chat with the handsome young gentleman (See photo for proof.)

"It's not really been much of a surprise," Rhodes said, "except it certainly has been a lot busier that I thought it would be on a Island like this." (Rhodes answered 23 calls his first five days.)

"I've always been interested in police work, and after getting my BA at the University of South Florida, well, it just seemed the logical place to come.

"I'm really impressed by e honesty of the people here - - - for instance, a couple of kids will notice a door swinging open, and instead of going in themselves, will come and report it to us, and there are many, many case of people turning in jewelry, wallets and things like that which in other places they might

"And they don;t hassle you so much, either. I mean, they're honest when you stop them for a traffic violation, and will really be straight about how long the muffler's been out, or the light, or something.

"I guess you can sum it all in one short phrase - the people on Sanibel respond

When you talk to Rhodes, as when you talk to his boss, Chief John Butler, you get a sneaking impression of WHY people respond so well to them — they like people. They're the kind of policemen we wish that all young people (and some of the older ones, for that matter) could meet and get to know. It would do wonders for the morale of the people, who know that there are a few guys around in uniform who care, who want to help, who want to protect you and me.

Cool Our School tops goal

Dick Muench told the Islander that "We're done.. The school's cooled."

The spaghetti dinner sponsored by the Kiwanis Club last week put the cool the school fund over the top. We have a total of \$6,700

and what we don't need for equipment will be given to the school for the new museum, "said Muench. "We made \$825.00 at the dinner; we served 300 to 350 people and it was a hugh success and a lot of fun."

Hurricane maps being distributed

The Sanibel Police Department is starting to distribute today the hurricane maps brochures, courtesy of the City of Sanibel, to residents. The maps will not only include precautionary measures of what to do before and after a storm, but also will allow you to locate just where (or in what district) your home is, so that you'll know whom to call in case you need help or think you can help.

We're really sincere about not wanting a hurricane (for one thing, Mother has threatened to disinherit us if we get one) but in case we do (and the odds are pro hurricane and anti-please) please follow directions. Remember, the life you save is not only your own - it also may be the life of the poor guy who's trying to save YOU.

Weather report

July got off to a fairly good dampish start, with .2 inches of rain falling on the 1st, one whole inch on the 4th (around noon) and .1 on the 5th, according to our faithful rain watcher Mario

July's total is therefore 1.3- neither bad nor good. We just hope we get some more - at least enough to flood out the mosquito larva before they get wings and

Commissioners "yes" thrice

The planning commission heard three relief cases Monday. Two were continuations from last week. Barbara Delk won approval for her home on Rabbit Road for recommendation to city council after a motion by Joe McMurtry to deny relief. His reasons were that Rabbit Road was going to be a future "major" road and the possible creation of a land pattern was not yet established. His motion was voted down 4 to

Mrs. Joe O. Russell was represented by Bob Strasbaugh, general contractor from Fort Myers, who was not present at last week's meeting to answer questions that the commission had. He was asked why the driveway to the house had been put on an adjacent lot also owned by Mrs. Russell. He did not have an answer as to what her future plans were concerning that property.

Duane White said that the driveway was a personal matter and LeeRoy Friday said that it was presumptuous for the commission to say anything about the driveway. McMurtry again made objections to the building saying that the Sanibel-Captiva Road may be jeopardized by any building in the Sanibel Bayous subdivision near the highway. He said that the planning firm, WMRT, would certainly have something to say about the future requirements of the

Friday said that he could not accept assumed future road expansion as affecting the health, welfare and safety of the residents of Sanibel now or in the future.

White said that he concurred with Mc-Murtry. "I can foresee a problem. When WMRT looked at that area, they were gravely concerned."

Paul Howe reminded the commission of WMRT's recommendation not to approve when in doubt.

McMurtry motioned to deny relief. The

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Sanibel police log — busy week

imagined, the Sanibel Police Force had a VERY busy weekend - answering over forty calls, ranging from speeding motorcyles to breaking and enterings to a fight over a fishing place on Blind Pass bridge.

The ISLANDER pleased to report, that aside from a few very tired police gentlemen, everything worked out to the best. Suspicious cars were claimed. little girls and little dogs returned to their respective families, the fireworks didn't burn anyone, and everything was pretty ok.

However, if you haven't been on the islands for a number of years, please remember, we're still a great (the bestest) place of all, but there are people who do not have the respect for property that we all seemed to have in the olden days.

"Olden days" is, of course, defined as one day before YOU arrived on the Island - - - as the first marine said to the 2nd marine, while in the rigging of Jon Paul Jones' ship (who DIDN'T say "Don't give up the ship" - - - that was Lawrence: Jones said "We have just begun to fight." Anyhow, to get back to

those marines, the first one said to the other "Boy, you should have seen how tough it was in the OLD corps," and then when Jones's message floated up said, in wonderment, "Gee, some guvs never get the word." Anyhow, to get back to

you and the olden days. PLEASE don't leave anything of value in your car, even if it is locked, and do not leave your home unsecured and-or unwatched. Granted, our police report Islanders are a lot more honest than most folks, but some of them still rip some of us off.

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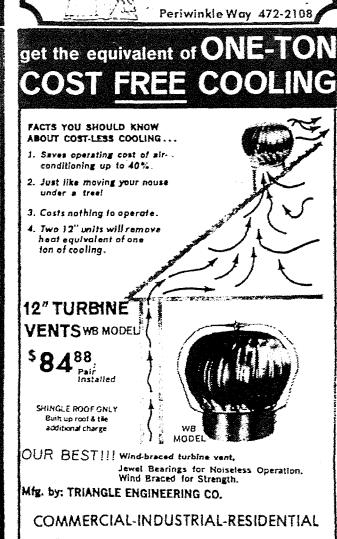
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Flood insurance program outlined

The Federal Flood Insurance program was outlined to the city council and audience last Tuesday afternoon by Glenn Woodard and Jim Sayes, Department of Community Affairs representatives.

Woodard explained that Sanibel is in the "emergency" or first phase of the program. During this phase, a homeowner may buy flood insurance at a subsidized rate, (regardless of risk) at 25 cents per \$100.

The National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Association (NOOA) is revising their previous 1973 rate maps due to a need to restudy the inland surge levels of the 100 year storm. As soon as the new rate maps are completed, the second phase or regular program will go into effect. In the regular program, which Woodard explained, is still nearly 9 months away, the insurance rates will be based upon true risk, (actuarial.) Full coverage for a home will be \$70,000 and \$200,000 for a condominium building. It was made clear that individual units in the condominium are not covered, just the building itself.

The 13½ foot first floor elevation above mean sea level which was previously set may be revised somewhat, according to Woodard. It may go down to 12½ or so, but the exact elevation for Sanibel must wait on the new study.

At the time the regular program goes into effect, all lending institutions must require flood insurance as a condition of the mortgage. Buildings to be built will therefore be required to meet floor elevations and design requirements. The American Institute of Architects is producing a manual of building

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Existing buildings will be grandfathered and their owners able to buy flood insurance at rates which will not vary too much from new construction, Woodard said.

The audience expressed concern regarding deed restrictions in some subdivisions which specify that all houses must conform to one another. Woodard said that the flood insurance regulations would supercede subdivision deed restrictions.

"Your subdivisions will not longer be 'traditional' slab on grade block buildings. Through design, subdivisions will become more unconventional, some houses being higher than others. Look to new design and get away from thinking about your conventional house being jacked up on stilts."

Mayor Goss asked what Sanibel should do now while waiting for the program to go into effect. Woodard said that the city is under obligation to record all first floor elevations of new construction as paret of its permit application to belong to the program.

Woodard said that first floor elevations had to be tied into a known concrete elevation marker. Bill Frey said that a survey of that kind could cost up to \$350.00 or more depending upon how far away the building is from the nearest U.S. Geodetic Survey elevation marker.

Real eel tips . . .

By Skip Purdy

More about mono

A common property to monofilament line is memory. The line is always trying to return to its original shape when force is applied. This factor could damage your reel by spreading the reel spool. The line is reeled in under pressure while fighting a nice size fish and the stretch has been taken out. When back on your reel, the memory property takes over.

One way to avoid any damage is to strip off about 100 yards of line and reel it back in. The line can absorb the stretch and return to its original position.

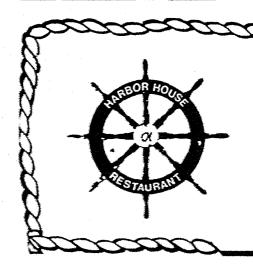
It's very annoying to have your line twist while fishing. This will happen if you fish with a lure or bait without a swivel that could spin when reeled in. The solution is, of course, to have a swivel on the line.

Another way to create line twist is by cranking the reel without regaining any line. When the roller on the bail makes one revolution and your line doesn't move, you have added a twist to it. This usually hap-

pens while fighting a good fish. To lick this problem you have to learn to pump the fish toward you and regain line on every crank of the reel handle.

Once the twist has been made it isn't easy removing it from your mono. You should cut off all the terminal tackle and let the line trail behind a moving boat for some time. Then reel it back on, if the twist is still there throw the line away. Twist can greatly weaken your line and lessen the chances of landing a prize fish.

Fishing is generally the same with most anglers having success. There are a great variety of fish to be caught in our waters, most being quite good to eat. For an example, there are snook, trout, redfish, mangrove snapper, cobia, and whiting to name a few. There is an ample supply for everyone. Remember, fishing is a sport—obey the laws on daily bag limits and minimum fish lengths. Good luck!



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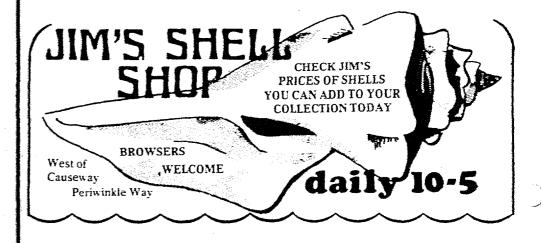
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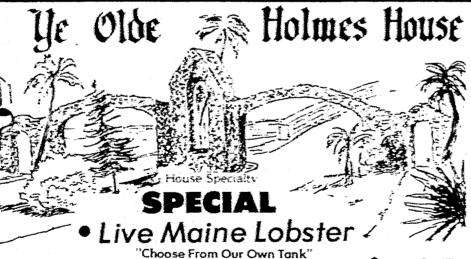
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Afternoon council session just rolled along

The afternoon session of city council last Tuesday began by appointing three people to the Southwest Florida Planning Council to represent Sanibel in a water study. The persons appointed were Dick Workman, Dave Bretzky and Dr. I Simmons.

Ray Martorelli asked the council to approve his application for a beer and wine license the the Nutmeg House Restaurant. During the discussion it was determined that the restaurant was not in a business zoned property but on RU 3 property. Therefore, Martorelli will have to apply to the city for a variance under existing zoning.

After the Bowman's Beach Road case was settled, the council spent an hour or so before the flood insurance meeting discussing the occupational license ordinance.

Zee Butler, ex officio member of the

finance committee who put the ordinance together, was put in a position of defending the ordinance.

The mayor said that the city does not want to tax any citizen any more than is necessary. Vernon MacKenzie objected to taxing workers and said that there was some justification for instituting a tax system to recover the extra costs generated by tourism, but that the ordinance should not be written in such a way as to be inequitable. LeBuff said that the ordinance needed more study.

Butler explained that there was a gap in the city's finances due to outside extenuating circumstances and that the ordinance would generate needed revenues.

Bailey countered with, "We have no reason to tax business people just because the city is out of money."

After considerable discussion as to the

general philosophy or of the ordinance, there was comment from the audience. Stan Johnson said that he had a great respect for the sunshine law. He strongly urged the council to consider the regulation of business "for profit" by setting fees based on a profit and loss statement. His concern was that because some off-island suppliers and sub-contractors would pass along their fees to island business people, the ultimate cost to the consumer, tourist or resident would go up. "Sanibel is going to become a very exclusive island. People are not going to be able to afford to live here."

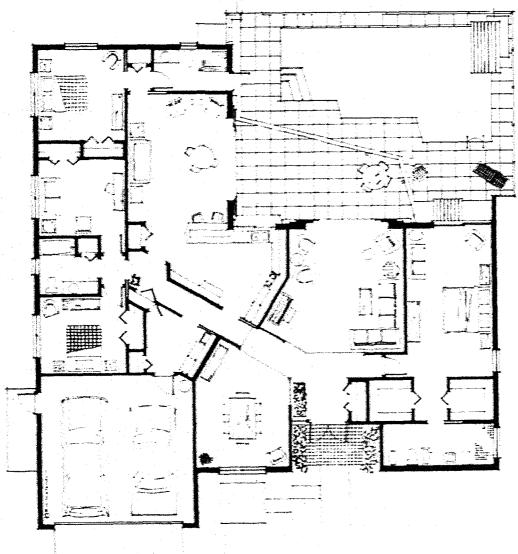
Jerry Muench said that the taxpayers who voted for the city should pay the fees as well as the business people.

Jim Robson attacked the council and the audience as being "picky-picky." He said that the finance committee had looked at many ordinances and had spent many hours putting the ordinance together in a fair and equitable way. "We've had three meetings. The council didn't show up to these meetings. In the future, I suggest we have a pre-meeting. I find your philosophical discussion hard to swallow. A lot of time has been wasted."

The council then revised and had a first reading of the Title only and sent the ordinance back to committee.

In other business, it was noticed: 1. an anti-littering ordinance prohibiting the deposition or accumulation of litter and providing for the removal of same along the public streets and rights of way. 2. an animal ordinance, providing for the licensing of dogs and other animals, innoculations, impounding, and prohibiting abandonment. Both ordinances will be read again July 29th.

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"Get rid of the city?"

"That's right. So, we want to know if you'd keep the petition in your office so anybody that wants to sign it can come in and sign? We're not young people anymore and we don't know how to talk to those new people running the city. We just don't have the strength to go running around much anymore, just enough to make a living-"

"Why don't you write a letter to the editor? We would like to hear from all of you expressing your concerns."

"We thought about that, but that's not good enough. Seems as though all those city people have their minds made up before anybody says anything. And they haven't even got to how much our taxes are going to be-Do you know how much our taxes are going to be?

"I sure don't."

Are we going to have to pay the county, too?

"I think so."

"Does that mean we pay the county and

Occupational licenses discussed

Porter Goss and Vernon MacKenzie sat in on last Wednesday's finance committee meeting to offer suggestions and objections to the occupational license ordinance.

MacKenzie said in no uncertain terms, "I am not in favor of taxing workers. I am not in favor of taxing the little businessman. I support one tax for one business location and that tax should be on the principle business." He gave an example of all the various and sundry tasks performed under landscaping which, up until now, are licensed separately.

Goss said he felt very strongly about covering tourist impact, especially with totally tourist businesses such as motels. "I think motels can raise rates. Everytime we

the city-for what? What are we getting that

"Seems to us we're getting taxed off the

island. And not only that but if we, me and

my husband, get really strapped for

money-you know he's not feeling too well

much anymore—if we had to sell off a couple

of hundred feet of our property, why, we'd

have a subdivision and God knows what

"I didn't mean to take up your time-I

know it's late but we just wanted to know if

"I don't know. "I'll have to talk to-"

"We'll bring it by Monday. You read it and

"Thank you for letting me take your time.

We really need some help. Bye now."

problems we'd have with that!"

you'd keep the petition-"

"O.K. Thanks for calling."

maybe you can help."

the county didn't give us?"

"I don't know."

"Well—"

"Bye."

we don't have to get from the residents." Norman Chambers, sitting in the audience

can get a buck from the tourist, it's one buck

said that all costs are already being passed along to the customer and that there was no way to raise room rates. "We can't charge \$40 a room on Sanibel. . .no way!"

Jim Robson objected to Goss's statement. "You can't charge some and not others. We're all in business for the tourists. You've got to keep your thinking straight.'

Jerry Muench mentioned that the cost of services and materials coming from off island have already made for an inflated economy

"Those costs are being passed on. We can't raise our rates one more cent or we'll lose our business."

Goss explained that in the long run it would cost everybody more to raise ad valorum taxes. He then suggested added a paragraph to the ordinance to raise revenues to cover the extra cost of services the city is required to provide as a result of certain activities.

All of a sudden everybody in the room wanted to say something. The secretary left the room and returned with a gavel. The meeting was called to order starting on page one of the ordinance.

Page one. . .change in the title of the ordinance. Page two. . .o.k. Page three. . .change occupation to activity. . . Page four, same. Page five. . .delete personal property add all city taxes and delete section 6. Page

"I want it made clear that the tax-is levied on the business, not on the worker.' MacKenzie said.

Page seven. . .delete second paragraph. section 12. . .

The audience was becoming restive. An hour had been spent turning pages. One more, then the fee schedule.....

"I'm not happy with the fee schedule about how these people, the handymen, are being treated," Goss said.

Dave Bretzky left the room. He came back carrying a dictionary. Paging through it, he finally said. "The definition of handyman is one who does odd jobs. Now for the definition of 'odd'."

The audience cracked up. The gavel rapped for attention.

MacKenzie asked what the criteria was for determining a businessman.

The answer came "Advertising."

"Advertising?"

"Yes, advertising. In the newspapers, signs whatever. . . . even word of mouth is

Jim Evans broke the spell. "It looks to me like a tax on anybody who is visible. You're going to tax the boy who pushes a lawnmower because you can see him but what about the writer who sits in his \$80,000 condominium and writes books? He's invisible. How about the man who makes a fortune very month clipping coupons? I think we need an activity fee. Anybody who is engaged in any moneymaking activity. .

Robson: "There are inequities in every government."

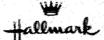
Evans: "Socialism promises equality in everything. . ."

Question from the back of the room, "How is the money going to be used?"

Bretzky: "Salaries. We have 14 paid employees. . ."

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Occupation licenses (from p. 9)

Jerry Muench: "Fourteen? Fourteen paid employees?"

Robson: "The money goes into a general

Evans: "This money cannot go into a general fund."

Sam Price: "I think somebody sat down, figured out what business was most profitable and put it to them. Did anybody ask me how many pizzas I have to earn make to earn \$1,000. I think we ought to have a 1 per cent impact fee on all retailers.'

The meeting got hot and heavy. It was 12:15 when they called a lunch break. Meeting to be resumed at 12:45.

12:45 p.m. Deputy Lou Secary was sitting at the press table writing out subpoenas for the councilmen, calling them to court over the annexation of the causeway. One of the secretaries was serving lunch and change to the committee members who had not had time to go out.

"One for Goss, two for Zee Butler. . .here's another one for MacKenzie. . .is he still here?" Secary asked.

"No, he's gone," came the answer.

The deputy picked up the remaining papers and left. The committee finished their lunch and the meeting was resumed.

Robson asked for questions and comments from the audience. Don Hiers began by saying that he thought \$1,000 was too much to ask for a general contractor. There was some discussion revolving around how to revise the fee but nobody seemed to know how to do it, legally.

Jerry Muench came huffing into the meeting room. He was waving some papers around. "You said that you got your figures from different fee schedules of other cities? I have just taken the opportunity to call four other cities regarding trailerparks and motel rooms. Coco Beach. . .doesn't have any trailerparks. Fort Myers. .charges a flat rate of \$75 for trailerparks and \$3.00 for motel rooms. Cape Coral has a sliding scale. Bradenton, \$20 a unit for motels and \$1.00 for each trailer space. Where did you come up with \$10 for trailer spaces and \$10 for motel rooms? We don't have 100 per cent occupancy rate all year round. I don't charge \$30 for a trailer space. Ten dollars to a trailer-park is unfair."

John Cook looking at both Muench boys: "A man well known to both of you by the name of Al Muench said in one of our public meetings that \$10 was not an unreasonable figure."

Dick Muench: "I have just spoken to my father and he hit the ceiling."

Robson: "I have to say that Al Muench attended two of our public meetings. . . no he didn't just attend. He dominated two public meetings and he said that charging the same rate was ultimately fair."

Jerry Muench: "Look, I also sign the checks. You're talking to me, now. Are we different than all those other cities? Our people are going to leave at \$7.00 a space. If you drive our people off the island, we'll go broke and then you can go 'ha, ha.' Trailer parks have been a dirty word around here for a long time."

Robson: "We're trying to be fair. . ."

Muench: "You aren't paying \$2,800,

Robson: "I'm trying to be objective.

Muench: "I'm being objective. I'm trying to figure out why you aren't even listening." Butler: "What price would you think would be a fair price?"

Muench: "\$5.00 a space. Half of what the motels pay."

Robson: "Maybe we're not charging the motels enough. We can raise the motels to \$20 a room and then Jerry will be satisfied paying \$10."

Price: "What guarantee do I have after I put out \$2,000 for a license that I'll have the business?"

Robson: "None."

Price: "We've already outpriced ourselves. There's lots of tourists saying that Sanibel is a big ripoff. You're taking 11/2 per cent to 2 per cent of my business. How can I pass that off on my customers?"

Robson: "Good times and bad times have nothing to do with this ordinance. Does anybody else have anything to say?"

Mrs. Nave: "Why can't you have night meetings so more of the business people can

Butler: "Why don't you call the members of the finance committee or me and share your opinions with us?"

Robson: "We're going to have to have another meeting. John Cook has another appointment now and the city council is pressuring us to finish this up by next week. We've had endless input. Let's just get together and do it. .item by item. We'll go until we drop.'

Saturday afternoon was settled upon as the only time to finish the work.

The meeting was adjourned.

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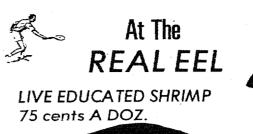
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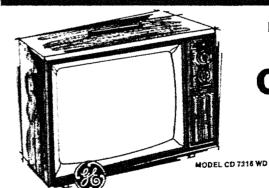
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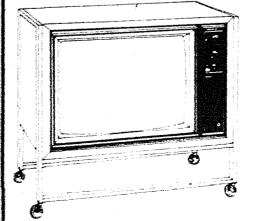
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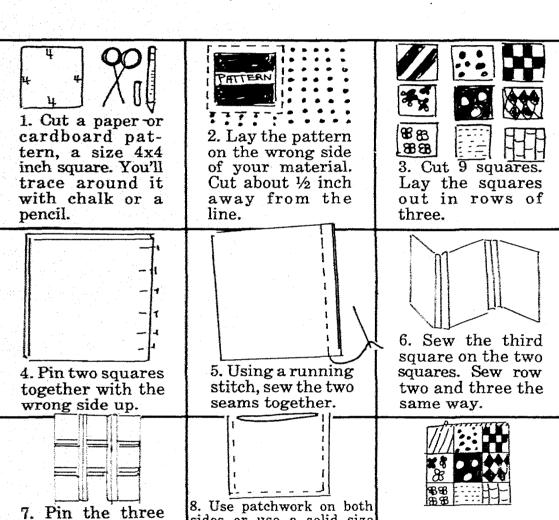
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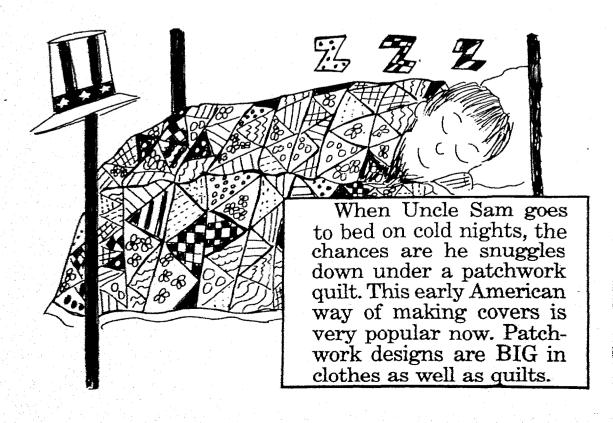
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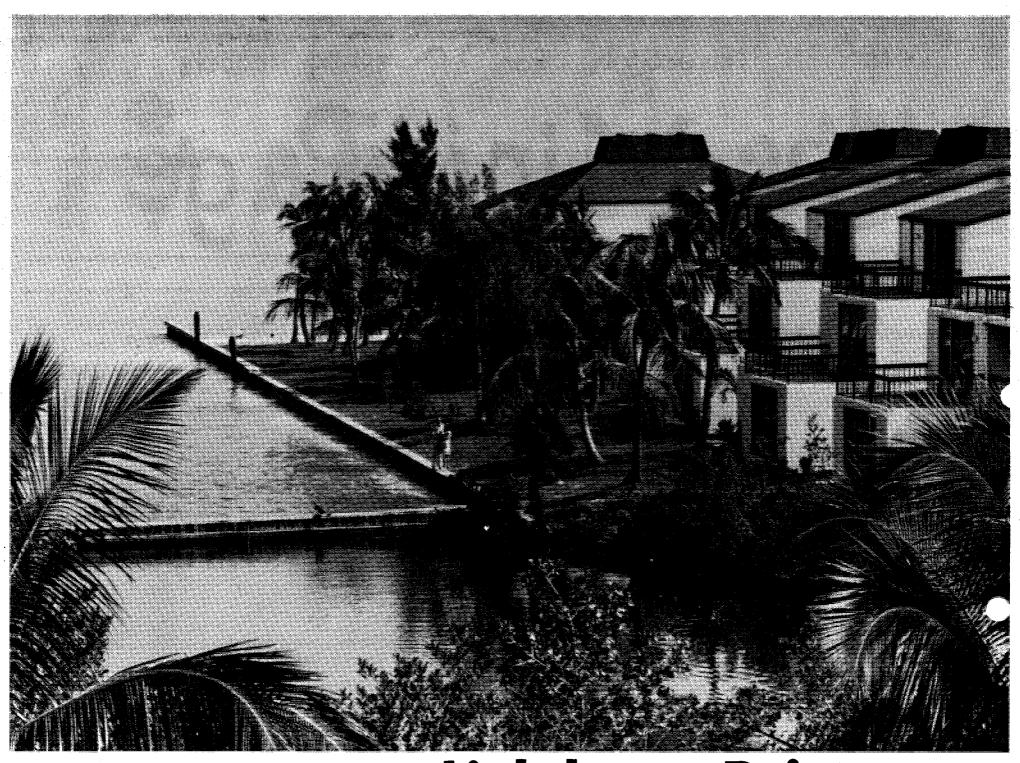
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To the ISLANDER:

Your Fourth of July issue was very interesting---but General Howe did not surrender his sword to General Washington. He had returned to Britain three years before British General Cornwallis surrendered (through his deputy General O'Hara) to General Washington's deputy (General Lincoln) at Yorktown.

My concern, however, is more with the current rash of costly lawsuits being pressed against the infant City of Sanibel. Many will recall the rumors that opponents of the Incorporation were considering the sabotage value of such court action to bring about the financial and spiritual bankruptcy of the City they knew would be certainly created. The thinking opposition recognized the technique as the legal taboo called "barratry." That word is defined in Webster's dictionary as: "Practice of exciting and encouraging or maintaining lawsuits or quarrels; persistent incitement of litigation." When it is done for money, rather than psychotic compensation, it is termed "champerty" and considered as a crime and grounds for disbarment.

The current sequence of lawsuits being filed against the City, by the nature of them, seem to be a torch of litigation being passed from hand to hand by a group intent on barratry. The scores of building permits and zoning changes issued hastily and with little consideration by resentful county officials the eve of Incorporation smacks of the

lid-pro-quo essential to champerty. It seems more than coincidental that the cohorts that have been publicly identified are mainly those who have given little aid of comfort to the public-spirited and unselfish majority of their neighbors who overwhelmingly mandated through the ballot box the creation of the City of Sanibel. This barratry appears to me to be suicidal as well as stupid. It is as unnatural an act as that of a bird fouling his own nest. The consequential legal costs for the City have to be paid not only by the cohort, but by his neighbors including you and me.

At this juncture there are a few questions that need answering by those dissident cohorts. They are: Are they saying that we Sanibelites are incapable of working together for the common goal of selfdetermination? Are they voluntarily

following the tax-delinquent Pied Piper of Naples into the swamps of contention? Do they wish a base, bloody, and brutal end to our noble Home Rule experiemnt on our unique Sanibel? and, Do they want to return to the tender mercies of the County Commissioners? If the answers are in the negative, then just what do they seek?-s-Paul A. Howe.

To the ISLANDER:

To the People of Sanibel:

This island is very well balanced. We have a 14 ton marshmallow on the San-Cap Highway, and another one at Periwinkle Place, though the one at Periwinkle Place is growing quite rapidly these days.

A building permit was denied on July 1 by City Council because of a 30 foot wide Island Inn Road wasn't 60 feet. Another reason was the road elevation was not at elevation 51/2 feet.

These points were brought up by a certain councilperson who lives in the rich man's ghetto or one of its suburbs (Shell Harbor area) that gets flooded out after a good

Now the council wants roughly 212 feet of fill brought in for a total length of 750 feet, so the homeowners won't get their feet wet walking between their car and their house.

The fill, besides killing the vegetation in the area, would act as a darn good dam. flooding the area lots, including, most likely, the developed lots in the area.

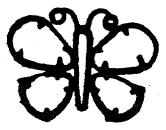
With all that taken care of and the way my luck is running, I'd probably catch hell from the Army Corps of Engineers for not filing an environmental impact statement on my dam building.

Another thing I would recommend to council is that they hire several bouncers to protect the honorable clowns on the council before a fist fight takes place.

In closing we should remember what first Americans had to say about our government. "Great White Father speaks with forked tongue." If we keep that in mind maybe we'll understand "our" government.

By the way, where is a good place to roast a marshmallow without having an illegal fire and getting harassed by the "Mac Kenzie Raiders?"-s-Kevin Mangan





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Islanders support original name, Bowman's Beach Road official

Stan Baumann, developer of a condominium project in West Sanibel, sat surrounded at last Tuesday's council meeting by long-time residents of Sanibel who spoke against changing the name of Bowman's Beach Road to Sea Bell.

Pearl Stokes announced herself as the great-grand-niece of Robert Bowman who first settled in the area in 1901. She said that trails leading to the homes of homesteaders were always called by the name of the person living on the land and those names were our heritage.

Miss "Willie" Glass spoke in favor of keeping what little tradition we have left. "We don't have much to preserve on our islands many of the old names have been forgotten in the rush of developing. It's time for us to start preserving old names which are a part of our tradition. We ought to have a Rutland Avenue and a Peurifoy Avenue. What would Sanibel do without these wonderful people?"

In a telephone interview Miss Willie said that she heartily endorsed everything that the Historical Society was trying to do. In years past, she continued, there wasn't much interest or support for the Society. "Now, everything is different. More of us appreciate our heritage from the past.

Charlotte White read a prepared statement from the Historical Society endorsing the name of Bowman's Beach Road.

Mayor Goss said that he had received several letters all in favor of retaining the name; one from Paul Stahlin. William Shannon, Fred Wolf, Cort Daniels and Eli Dormer.

Wolf wrote, "In years past, I had the pleasant experience of fishing in Tarpon Bay with Mrs. Woodring as my guide. We left in her boat from Woodring Point. I would truly hate to see the name of that location changed to Sun Rise Point or some other name that has relatively little meaning in terms of heritage."

In the same vane, Cort Daniels wrote, "I would as soon convince a New Englander to change the name of the Boston Post Road to "Ye Olde Dandelion Lane. At least there were dandelions you could see, but what's a

Paul Howe said that he had done considerable research on the subject and the only name recorded was found on a very old county plat. "The name was Federal Road,"

he said, "but that was before any homesteaders."

Baumann, in defense of his position, said that he was not against motherhood and apple pie, but he had been given the name of Sea Bell by the city and that he had spent considerable money on brochures, cards and advertising.

After all parties had been heard, the council came to a nice compromise. Goss said that since Baumann had deeded the road internally to his project the city would name that road Sea Bell and leave the access road from the Sanibel-Captiva Road to the Footbridge, Bowman's Beach Road.

with a pinch of salt. .

There are times when the very idea of writing a regular column gives one the willies (chillies??) and then when one compares it to filling up a whole newspaper, one feels better, in a perverse sort of way.

Anyhow, you can use chillies with this week's entree, but only if you're feeling very strong. This recipe assumes you have a cup of cooked rice or a cup of cooked mashed potatoes left over from something. (Actually, we haven't tried it with the potatoes, but we're sure it'll work.)

Take aluminum foil and line the bottom of a fairly shallow (one to one and a half inches) baking dish. Spread cooked rice in a sort of oval in the center and dot with butter here and there. Place cake rack (a habachi rack will do in a pinch if you remember to take off the wooden handle) and place on the rack two or four FROZEN hamburger

by ginni We are also assuming you pattied these yourself, and that you DIDN'T use ground

round-it's got to either be hamburger (that's the least expensive with lots of fat, or ground chuck with a little hamburger mixed in.) Put whole thing in broiler at least 10 or 12 inches from heat element (or 9 inches from gas, if you've got that kind of stove) and broil till done on one side.

They're done on one side when they're a nice looking brown and your fork goes through the entire patty without sticking. If it sticks, it's still frozen.

Turn 'em over, check rice for where it might need a bit more butter and top hamburgers with sliced chillies (see, you thought we were kidding) or sliced onion, or, if you really insist, a hunk of cheese. Broil till done. Anywhere from two to six minutes after turning over, depending on how rare you like your hamburger.

Removed hamburgers from rack, put on plate, dish up rice from bottom of pan and serve. (YOU get to eat the rack. Oh no, that's another recipe altogether and has to do with bourbon, so we'll forget it.)

If you wish a nice salad to serve with the above, here's a simple but goodie cole slaw bit. Take one cup of real mayonnaise (hellman's or Kraft's), 1 tsp. celery seed, one half a cup sweet pickle juice (or one quarter sweet & one quarter hot if you wish to surprise someone) and a half teaspoon of salt. Mix well, and pour over a quart of w chopped cabbage. You may throw in some diced pimento and grated carrots if you like the taste of either one or think the whole thing needs some color. Refrigerate till cold and serve, preferably in chilled bowls.

Info needed for DNR study

Your input is needed for the: Florida Department of Natural Resources public meeting (Sec. 258.07 FS) Cavo Costa-North Captiva Islands Tracts, 7:30 p.m. July 14, 1975 Lee County Courthouse, Fort Myers, Florida. This meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the meeting is to hear comment on "the advisability of the proposed purchase by the State of Florida of property on Cayo Costa, North Captiva and Point Blanco Islands under provisions of the Land Conservation Act of 1972 (Chapter 259. Florida Statutes).

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Points you may want to include in your

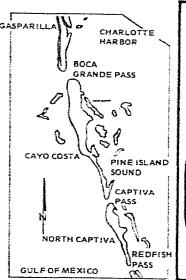
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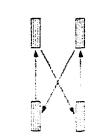


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Commission (from p. 5)

motion died for lack of a second. Friday motioned to approve relief. Anina Hills excused herself from the vote on conflict of interest. The vote was three in favor, two against. The approval to city council for relief from the "respite" was granted.

The third request came from Richard Sebald who asked to build an addition, 14 feet x 14 feet, onto an existing vacant building on Periwinkle to be used as a

Although the property is zoned for business, it was felt by several members of the commission that the building, which was the previous fitzhugh property, had been used so long as a single family home that the BU zoning had been superceded by use.

Banks Prevatt said that the building could be used as it is under existing zoning. White disagreed, saying that when a business

came for an occupational license, it might be questionable whether the previous use had changed the zoning.

McMurtry said that strip zoning should be discouraged. Friday mentioned the lack of adequate drainage along Periwinkle at the

Sebald agreed to upgrade the drainage and put the entrance to his shop and parking on the side to eliminate confusion of the traffic along Periwinkle. Marshall made a motion to approve the request. The motion carried 4, in favor; 2 against.

Before the relief cases were discussed, George Campbell and Arthur Hunter gave a report on their findings regarding Little Lake Murex Subdivision. White broached the subject saying the subdivision was also known as the Son of Lake Murex.

Campbell reported that he had visited the site twice, once on the th of July when he expected no one to be working, but found six machines hard at it. He took a specimen of water and found "50 per cent sea strength." He said that a salt lake was being created in the middle of the wetlands. He questioned the permitting of the subdivision in the first place and said that the activity was "obviously destructive."

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Arthur Hunter said that he had been in touch with the city council and had taken several of them to see the "strip mining" operation. He said that "bailing" water was the same as pumping and in a sense that was an "evasion of the law" which prevents pumping and dredging. He said that the hydrostatic head could have split the seal because of unbalanced pressure. The seal is a layer of clay material five or more feet in depth separating the fresh water aquifer from the salt water aquifer. He said that Charles LeBuff had made a water analysis from the lake water which confirmed Campbell's 50 per cent sea strength.

Hunter's own well is going salty. Two years ago he said that there was tannin in the water, but now he has salt which will ruin his hybred hibiscus plants. In a letter sent to Porter Goss referring to the "strip mining rip-off" he said that a detailed analysis will probably show that the "dig" has penetrated the seal allowing for salt water intrusion.

In a discussion with Durward Bogess, he said that the geological test borings made for the Little Lake Murex site project indicated that a lake could be dug to 11 feet below m.s.l. and that there had been an indication of the lake being slightly salty because "as you go inland from the Gulf, the ground water becomes saltier." He said that the water quality, because of that, would not likely compare even over the long run with the water quality of Lake Murex. "Each site has a different set of conditions. That's why we consider each project individually."

The commission later passed a motion to recommend to city council that "wetdigging" be forbidden.

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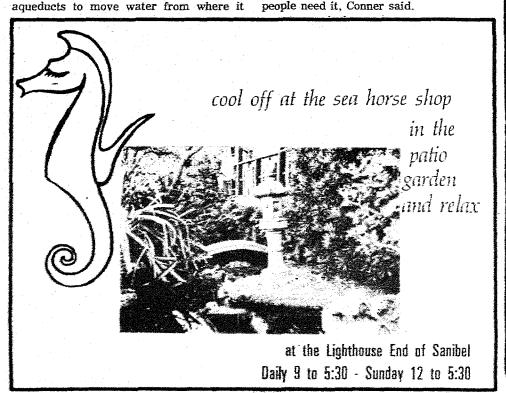
Conner said Florida's water problem is not that there is too little water but that it is not where the people are. He noted that sparsely-populated north Florida rivers pour 40.5 billion gallons of water per day into the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean, while more densely populated south Florida river flows are slightly more than one-tenth of that amount.

Conner said feasibility studies should be initiated into the possibility of transporting water by aqueduct or other means from where it occurs to where it is needed in central and south Florida. He pointed out that the early Romans used aqueducts to bring water from the mountains down into the Italian boot, and California built aqueducts to move water from where it occurs in the northern part of the state to where it is needed in the southern part of the state.

In addition to the major rivers, Florida has 17 springs of the first magnitude, meaning they gush out at least 100 cubic feet of water per second, about two acre-feet of water per day. Silver Springs discharges 500 million gallons of water per day. Rainbow Springs near Dunnellon discharges 450 million gallons, and other major springs are near enough to be tapped for municipal and agricultural use, Conner said.

Florida's consumptive use of water at about eight billion gallons per day is increasing as the state's population rises, but it is not likely to exceed the amount of water available, Conner said.

Florida should use the expertise of the staffs of the regional water management districts and their taxing authority to study the feasibility of aqueducts or other means of putting the available water where the



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