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Sanibel Homes open house

Mrs. Wm. Frey

Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. William Frey gave an open house in their new model home in the Dunes. Despite a bucket-up-side-down rain, many people came to admire the house, eat the goodies (and were

they ever) and admire the house.

Built by Sanibel Homes, the interior decorating was done by Chuck Neal of Robb & Stucky, and the architect was Ray Fenton of White Associates. The Fred Foxes of the Schoolhouse Gallery

supplied the paintings, and the flowers and plants were brought by Weeds & Things.

Sanibel Homes has four designs, the Sandpiper (which is the one the open house was held in) which has two bedrooms and a super circular staircase which leads from the living area up to a loft and sun-deck, the Cirrus and Sea Oats also two bedroom models, and the Driftwood, which has three bedrooms.

The homes have been deliberately designed so they can be built at ground level or elevated so that the first floor of living quarters is one flight up.

City budget amended

By Virginia N. Brown

City manager Dave Bretzke was kind enough to go over the revised summary of the 1974-75 fiscal year projected budget with the ISLANDER Monday evening.

The original projected budget was based on an estimated revenue of \$254,000 with expenditures of \$219,775, leaving a estimated contingency (non-spent) amount of \$34,225.

The new projected budget shows an over-spent amount of \$17,782—but not to worry, because that's over the original projected budget. The new projected budget anticipates a revenue of \$261,120, of which \$23,563 will be left as a contingency (non-spent) amount.

Confused? No, of course not. See, the City

made more money than it expected to in the first place—for instance, the original budget projected an annual income of \$4,000 from building permits, and the city actually took in \$4,317.85 in building permits from January through May alone, which makes the projected building permit income \$8,096.85 instead of only \$4,000.

Also, the city received a gift of \$1,000 earmarked for legal fees from a citizen, and expects to make \$250 on the sale of maps and ordinances (copies thereof) and also expects to earn \$1,773.15 from interest on investments, since it (the city) invested some of the monies raised in 30, 60 and 90 and 120 day certificates of deposit.

All of this adds up to \$11,120 (instead of \$4,000) so the total estimated revenue is higher than expected. So, of course, are costs (in most cases).

For instance, the original proposed budget allotted \$1,000 for office expenses; the city had spent, as of June 30, \$5,657.48 for office supplies, with an estimated expenditure of another \$500 bringing the total to \$6,157.48, which was rounded off to \$6,150. Phones and postage had been estimated at \$2,300, \$1,869.76 had been actually spent as of June 30, with a total new years projection of \$3,670.00.

But there were some figures which went under the original estimate—for instance, the original proposed budget allotted \$37,500 for salaries and wages for the city manager and city clerk, \$18,673.35 has been spent by June 30, and the new estimated total was reduced to \$32,400.

\$500 was added to the engineering department, \$15,280 was taken away from the roads & parkways department, \$15,000 was added to the planning and zoning (which evidently picked up some more money along the way, since it will spend \$36,795 by the end of the fiscal year from an original projected sum of \$15,500).

So ya wanted to run a saloon?!

Monthly fee required from parolees

By Carol Quillinan

Effective July 1, 1974, Florida Statutes Chapter 945.30, a portion of which reads: "Anyone on probation or parole shall be required to contribute \$10 per month toward the cost of his supervision and rehabilitation beginning 60 days from the date he is free to seek employment."

The State of Florida administers the fee program, sending out bills and collecting the money. Although the program went into effect a year ago, the first bills were not sent out until April of this year and were made retroactive to January 1, 1975. Persons on parole or probation before 1974 were not included in the program.

Last year there were about 60,000 persons being charged \$10 per month. In a year's time, the total amount of money would be \$7.2 million. However, since the program had only been active for six months, the actual amount would be cut in half.

The money, which must be paid by money order or cashier's check is sent to the Probation and Parole Commission in Tallahassee. After it is recorded, it is sent to the general revenue fund. At the outset of this law, there were no provisions made to separate out those monies from other general revenue funds, so that a certain portion would go directly back into the supervision and rehabilitation of the persons paying the bill.

In many of the misdemeanor cases, the probationer must make restitution for lost property, e.g. bad checks, burglaries and so on. The judge may also impose a fine. The 1974 law then tacks on another \$10 a month for supervision for those who are already hard pressed to meet their daily living expenses.

District Supervisor Larry Kling said of the fee, "It's double taxation. Those people, our clients, are out working, paying their bills and their taxes. Why should they be taxed again? And the \$30 they had to pay retroactive to January made it tough on them."

"I like the idea of paying for supervision as long as the program is on a local level, the money providing for staff and extra services. But, now, I'm not sure we're going to reap that which is being paid."

He indicated that the district offices had, in fact, "reaped" little more than an ad-

ditional two pieces of paper to fill out for each case.

There is a waiver procedure whereby a client may apply for an exemption from paying the \$10. If the case is not clear-cut, in addition to the required forms in triplicate, additional letters of documentation may be required from physicians or psychologists. The client must pay for the examinations required or they may avail themselves of the services of the Lee County Health Department.

Once the waiver has been approved in Tallahassee, the Central office is in charge of collections and billings. The district offices receive a computer printout of invoices every month recorded by social security numbers which must be logged at the district office. The district does not file by social security number. The district offices are also charged with contacting their clients who are more than two months delinquent to urge them to be prompt in payments.

The court has jurisdiction over the persons who do not or cannot pay. It may revoke the probation or parole and incarcerate the person.

"It's a serious situation for the client," Kling said. He added that some of the waivers are not being honored and clients are being dunned by the State for money due and past due, probably due to computer error. A few of the Lee County Court Judges have indicated that they will not enforce the law in this case.

Just this year, the State of Florida crying "poor," cut 398 positions out of a total of 1,744 of the professional staff. Some of those were unneeded job categories, but of the 398, 270 professionals were fired and have now joined the ranks of the unemployed.

Lee County's district office lost three officers in the shuffle. "We have a case load of 80 per man," Kling said. Adequate case load supervision should be about 35. We're soon going to have 90 to 100 cases per supervisor which means that a number of cases are not going to have supervision."

The average case load in the state is 89. Also, effective this month, is House Bill 1806 which does away with all probationary actions in county courts. In the past, there were three possible courses of action for misdemeanor cases; jail, fine or probation. In DWI or petty larceny cases, the main

reason for a probationary period was to make sure that the fine imposed would be paid. Now there is only the judicial action of jail or fine. If the fine is not paid, the judge must issue a bench warrant which puts an additional work load on the judges, and eliminates any hope for supervision for those who have not yet come into the felony category and where help is most needed.

"Without supervision, today's misdemeanor may become tomorrow's felon," Kling said emphatically. "Before H.B. 1806 became effective, we had 816 cases, 400 of those were misdemeanors who are no longer under our supervision but under the supervision of the court."

There are provisions in this bill whereby the county commission can levy the \$10 fee and return it to the local district offices which would give the districts more control over how the money is spent. However, there is nothing in H.B. 1806 to indicate what will happen to the \$10 continually being collected if the counties do not have their own supervision programs, in the misdemeanor category.

There were no 5 per cent merit increases during the 1974 fiscal year and the state has continued that policy for this year. "Fortunately, I'm very lucky," Kling said. "I have a staff who are willing to work long hours overtime. You must realize that we don't just handle case work but we have 15 different types of investigative work that we do as well."

The probationers and parolees in St. Petersburg have set up a non-profit organization called "First Step" which is run by and for the probationers. They are providing a lend program whereby a person who does not have money for shoes, clothes, or food may borrow and pay back at a later time. Medical, dental and optical services are provided. This program is voluntary and seems to be working well, although this program does not relieve the parolees and probationers from their state responsibilities.

The State, however, has its responsibilities also to set aside monies paid by the clients to be used specifically for the probation and parole program and not let that money get lost in the general revenue fund.

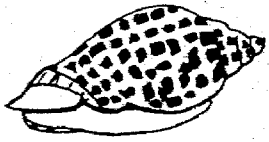
Kling indicated that there are indications around the state that the constitutionality of the bill may be challenged.



New flag

Fire Chief Phil Verdung was justly proud of the new flag flying at the Sanibel Fire Department Monday.

"We just got it back from Skip Batails this morning," he said, "and it was actually flown over the Capitol in Washington, D.C."



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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL - area meetings. Fort Myers, Tuesdays at 12:15 in the Shrine Bldg. off Cleveland Ave.; Fort Myers South, Mondays at 12:15 in the Sheraton Inn on Rt. 41; Fort Myers Beach, Thursdays at 12:15 in the Holiday Inn on Estero Blvd.; Cape Coral, Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. in the Cape Coral Country Club. For Information call Dick Vann, 463-9436.

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

FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS hold their regular meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the new Firehouse on Palm Ridge Road. The public is invited to attend.

AL ANON - Every Friday, 8:00 p.m. at St. Michael's and All Angels Church. For information call 472-2491.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - open meeting. St. Michael's and All Angels Church, Periwinkle Way, Friday nights, 8:00 p.m. For information call 332-1300.

LADIES GUILD of the Sanibel Community Church meets at 1:30 every third Thursday of the month. For Details, phone 472-2425.

SANIBEL-CAPTIVA SHELL CLUB meets 3rd Wednesday, 8 p.m. at the Community House.

SANIBEL-CAPTIVA HOTEL-MOTEL ASSOCIATION meets the third Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. at the Sanibel Chamber of Commerce.

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AMERICAN LEGION POST No. 123 - American Legion Home, second Tuesday of the month, 8 p.m.

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, Palm Ridge Road Firehouse.

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

BOY SCOUT TROOP No. 88 meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the school.

LIONS CLUB of Sanibel-Captiva meets at 6:30 p.m. the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at Island Beach Club.

SANIBEL-CAPTIVA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION Board of Directors meets the second Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m.

SANIBEL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. - Sanibel Community House, 1st Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

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Around town by georgie mankin

All of us are proud of the beauty and serenity of the beaches on Sanibel. Usually, I try to stay away from controversial issues in this Around Town column—However, today I feel the time has come to let folks know that the beaches in Florida are endangered.

This past week end I had to be in the greater Tampa area and I heard some very unfortunate news. Several beaches in that area are closed.

You wonder why? Animal feces! I couldn't believe that people would be so careless with their pets. The coliform rate from the feces on the beaches will indeed reach a level which is unsafe for humans to use beaches to sun or bathe.

"Beach is closed signs" were in abundance. Pets are fine but please, please—keep them off the beaches, folks. We have been blessed with one of the most beautiful beaches in the world—let's get some teeth in the no-dogs on the beach law—so we may continue to use our beaches.

Mr. and Mrs. H.F. Coleman have been visiting Sanibel from Mt. Healthy, Ohio.

Fishing from Bailey's Pier this past week were: Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Goldstein of Cincinnati, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Crisp of Toledo, Ohio; and Mr. and Mrs. Kent Curtis Monroe, Ohio. These people have been coming to the Islands for the past several years to fish and sun.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Leverette have just returned from a trip to Murfreesboro, Tenn. Welcome back!

It seems as though I have more negative things to say this week than usual—but once again, we ask Islanders and visitors to lock your cars and homes when you are not there. Most of us have never locked our homes in the past but with the influx of so many outsiders it has become necessary to "Lock Up" because of a few sticky fingered people, we must be cautious.

Fishing has been just fantastic all around Sanibel this past week. According to reliable sources the fish are as thick as goldfish in a bowl. The fishing in the Blind Pass area has been particularly good both from the beach and the bridge. Tarpon and snook are being hooked every day.

The Colony's out of state guests this week include: Mr. and Mrs. D. Labriola of Mt. Vernon, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Doolittle and family of Stanley, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Guignard and family of St. Louis, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. John Brantley of Columbus, Ga.; Dr. and Mrs. R.A. Oth and family of Florissant, Mo.; Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Hue of Charlotte, N.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Shields and family of Park Hills, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Kaiser and family of Cincinnati, Oh.; Mr. and Mrs. David O. Sloan and family of Dayton, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beggs and family of Louisville, Ky.

The Colony's Florida guests this week from the Miami area, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Tyler and family; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Boberman and family; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wilkey and family; Mr. and Mrs. L.S. Carrier and family; Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson and family; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Karda and family; Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Sowers and family; Mr. and Mrs. L. Feldman and family from Miami Beach; Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Maggs of No. Miami Beach; Ms. Neuman & mother of Tampa; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Whaley of St. Cloud with their family; Mr. and Mrs. L. Barker and family of North Port; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hill of Altamonte Springs; Ms. Betty Bavier and family of Hollywood; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Delano and family of Dania; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Oldakowski and family of Ft. Lauderdale; Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Gonzalez and family of Tampa; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gibson and family of Orlando; Misses Iva Cotton and Marie Leahy of Ft. Lauderdale; Dr. and Mrs. Donald S. Brown and family of Kissimmee

Guests at Blind Pass Cottages this week include Col. and Mrs. Morris J. Naudts and family of Inverness. The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Burnsed and family of Orlando. Mr. & Mrs. Lewis H. Schweickert of Lake Mary. Mr. and Mrs. James Nickerson and family of Hialeah. Herschell Hogan and guests of Dekand. Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Collins and family of Umatilla. the Williams C. Hawkins family of Eustis. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Raba of Key Largo. the N.O. Reynolds family of Altamonte Springs. the Leaman Hohns family of Green Cove Springs. Mr. and Mrs. William Megyese of Fort Lauderdale. and Dale Cummings of Troy, Ohio. who is the guest of Fred McConnell, co-owner of the cottages.

Arthur Orloff will be conducting a ten week course in "The Philosophy of Modern Science" under the sponsorship of Edison Community College's continuing education division.

The classes will be held in January on Sanibel, and an enrollment of at least 10 people is required. If you're interested or want more information, please call Arthur at 472-2517 or drop him a line at 5809 Sanibel Captiva Road, Sanibel, FL 33957.

Arthur taught bio-physics at Columbia and Rutgers and is a former student of Albert Einstein.



Debbie English, whom we found beaming all over Tuttle's Sea Horse Shell Shop, is justly proud of her beautiful junonia, which she found last week while shelling in Blind Pass.

She and her husband, Edward, and their son Mike, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Coulter of Sanibel Arms West for two weeks before returning to Chatanooga this past Saturday.

Nix resigns from fire commission

Tom Nix, one of Sanibel's fire commissioners, has resigned after eleven years of service. His resignation becomes effective August 30. Governor Askew will appoint a new commissioner to fill the position.

"The reason I joined the fire department in the first place," Nix said, "was to get a good station built, equipped and manned with paid firemen. That's just about accomplished and my purpose also."

The fire department bought one lot for \$6,500 several years ago to add to a lot Jerry and Florence Martin donated to the department. The fire station was built and is now in the process of having a wing added which will be permanent living quarters for the firemen and paramedics who are on duty.

There are two firemen now and an additional two will be on board shortly. The four firemen will be aided by the many volunteers who have done an outstanding job of firefighting in the past. There will be 24 hour service. There are two paramedics who are part of the Lee County Ambulance service who are paid by Lee County taxes. They are stationed on Sanibel.

In addition to the one rescue ambulance, Lee County has added a completely equipped new vehicle. One new attack truck is on order and a nurse truck which will carry 2,000 gallons of water.

By early August the full compliment of men, machines and building will be in place.

The Florida State legislature passed a bill in the last session to change the Sanibel Fire District boundary lines to include all of Sanibel. In the past, all of the land west of Bowman's Beach Road to the end of Captiva was served by the Captiva Fire District.

Weather

It was a comparatively drish week, according to our trusty weather watcher, Mario Hutton, but the 2.2 inches of rain which fell brought the month's total to a fairly healthy 8.2 inches of rain.

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Pauline and Bob Tuttle

Tuttles celebrate anniversaries

Bob and Pauline Tuttle, owners of the Sea Horse Shell Shop, celebrated their 12th wedding anniversary and their 1st anniversary of their permanent moving to Sanibel on the 12 of July. This coming Sunday, July 27, will be the first anniversary of their opening the shop.

Pauline makes all of the jewelry in the shop, which is rather fantastic.

"How did we come to Sanibel?" said Pauline. "Well, we went on vacation eight years ago, and a friend said 'Be sure and see Sanibel,' when she heard we were going on vacation. We did, and that was it. Never wanted to come to Florida in the first place,

but one moment on Sanibel and we knew this was the place for us.

"And how did we get in the gift shop and jewelry business? Well, we were sitting in our home in Detroit (where I was office manager of an insurance firm and Bob was a statistical analyst for Ford) reading the classifieds in the Fort Myers News Press on a gloomy Sunday afternoon in February and we saw an ad for a gift shop for sale."

"I called right away," Bob said, "and when the real estate agent said the shop was on Sanibel—the ad didn't say where it was—I told him, 'Don't sell it; we'll be there tomorrow.'"

"And we were. We flew down the next day, bought the shop, went back to Detroit, gave notice, sold our house, waited for Wendy to get out of school, packed up and left for Sanibel, arriving on the 12th. We pulled into Scotty's at 8 a.m. and Scotty (Gale)—the original Scotty, opened up the restaurant, cooked us breakfast and put us up for the night."

"Then," said Pauline, "we were lucky. We walked into Lees and said we had a problem—"

"And Harley said, 'No you don't, we only have solutions,' Bob said. "So we rented the Lees' A-frame house for seven months and then bought our own home here."

"Why did we think we could run a gift shop when we didn't have any experience? We just wanted to—and we loved Sanibel so much that we were just determined it WAS going to work and it WAS going to be successful," they both said.

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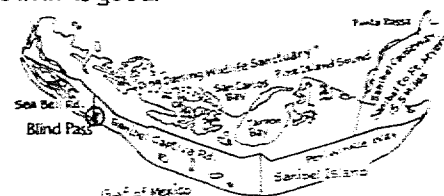
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Island Beach Club gets go ahead

by Carol Quillinan

Last Tuesday week at quarter til three, after a quick lunch, the city council reconvened to consider three requests for relief from the "respite" which had been delayed by the Island Beach Club hearing. Vernon MacKenzie pressed on throughout

the Island Beach Club hearings in the morning to require certified letters from the architect, the lending institutions and the owners. The case was continued until afternoon so that those letters could be introduced.

Getting on with the delayed cases, the request by Herbert Rutan to construct a

home in the Dunes was approved. The request of Mrs. Joe O. Russell to construct a home in the Sanibel Bayous was approved and the request by Barbara Delk to construct a home on Rabbit Road was approved after Bill Frey builder, agreed to elevate the septic system to 6 feet above msl.

Richard Sebald's request to build an addition on an existing home on Periwinkle across the street from the bank, to be used as a bakery was approved on condition that Richard supplies one Danish each to the council as an impact fee.

A budget to supplement the budget ordinance had a first reading and will be scheduled later on for a second.

The Island Beach Club owners, lawyers, architect, and court reporter started filing into the room. The case was reopened with the presentation of four letters, one from Coastal Mortgage Company guaranteeing that sufficient funds were committed, one from Frizzell Architects Inc. stating that they will assume inspection and certification of the project, one from the architect and Lloyd Sheehan guaranteeing corrections of any impairments of the existing skeletons caused by the delay in construction and the last from Sheehan assuring that the foundations of buildings D and E will be uncovered for inspection.

There was some discussion as to the mechanics' liens which have been placed on the project after which MacKenzie said that he was satisfied that all of the requirements had been met.

Mayor Porter Goss then said that he wanted a motion regarding impact fees regarding this project; that the owners, whoever they may be now or in the future, may be subjected to whatever impact fee program the city may undertake.

MacKenzie said that it should be equivalent to other such projects on a per unit basis and provide a cutoff time. Sheehan questioned how much that would be. Goss replied that a "ball park" figure

would be around \$25,000 for 75 units. He went on to say that an impact fee is something everybody is going to have to live with in the future.

MacKenzie said that impact fees will be paid by Island Beach Club, if such a fee is imposed within nine months upon other new comparable construction in the city.

Daryl Brown, attorney representing Palmer First National Bank of Sarasota and First National City Bank of New York, said that the impact fees must be non-oppressive and bear a reasonable relationship to the actual costs incurred by the city as a result of the project. Sheehan said he had no objection to reasonable impact fees but that he would prefer that those fees be portioned out on a "per unit sale" basis.

With that settled, Goss wanted to know who was in fact going to do the inspection of the construction. Amid a back and forth exchange about the county, inspectors the city engineer, one of the council acknowledged Bill Roberts, who was sitting quietly in the back of the room, and asked if WMRT had anything to say, and if perhaps Roberts could go look at the project.

Roberts responded, "The comprehensive land use plan will give you recommendations as to density, zoning and regulations. However, it is not going to be specific to the extent that we are going to go out and inspect foundations. You can't entirely hide behind the comprehensive land use plan."

It was determined that the county building inspector would continue to do the inspections with the architect having primary responsibility and the city engineer looking on.

MacKenzie then motioned to authorize permits for all six buildings. Francis Bailey seconded the motion. Goss said that he was "vehemently opposed to the building on the beach," but that the problem of the Beach Club had overriding circumstances in that it was a problem inherited from the county.

MacKenzie said that he sure didn't manufacture the problem. A vote was taken: three to one in favor with Charles LeBuff voting no. Zee Butler was absent from the afternoon session.

Possible and future health hazards

by Carol Quillinan

WARNING: THE SIGN ORDINANCE AND VEGETATION ORDINANCE MAY BE DANGEROUS TO YOUR HEALTH.

The city council, in its infinite wisdom, has practically guaranteed that Sanibel someday in the future will have a forest, not of tall willowy trees but 25 foot signs and up to 45 foot electric poles. The two sections which give this assurance are Section 6 of the vegetation ordinance which says: The following trees may be removed at any time without a permit; Casurina sp. also known as Australian pine, Melaleuca quinquinerva also known as cajuput, Shinus terebinthifolius also known as Brazilian Pepper-Florida Holly, and Section 3, paragraph e, of the sign ordinance which states: The total height of ground signs from ground level to the top of the sign or any part of its supporting structure shall not exceed twenty-five (25) feet.

As the unprotected Casurina is slowly cut down, due to development and the attitude of the conservationists, the skyline of the island will become that of any other town with 35 foot high buildings. As soon as the protective covering of the Casurina is no longer there and the buildings are exposed and signs can reach to 25 feet, the whole character of what Sanibel was and still is, will be lost. Fifty square foot signs will pop

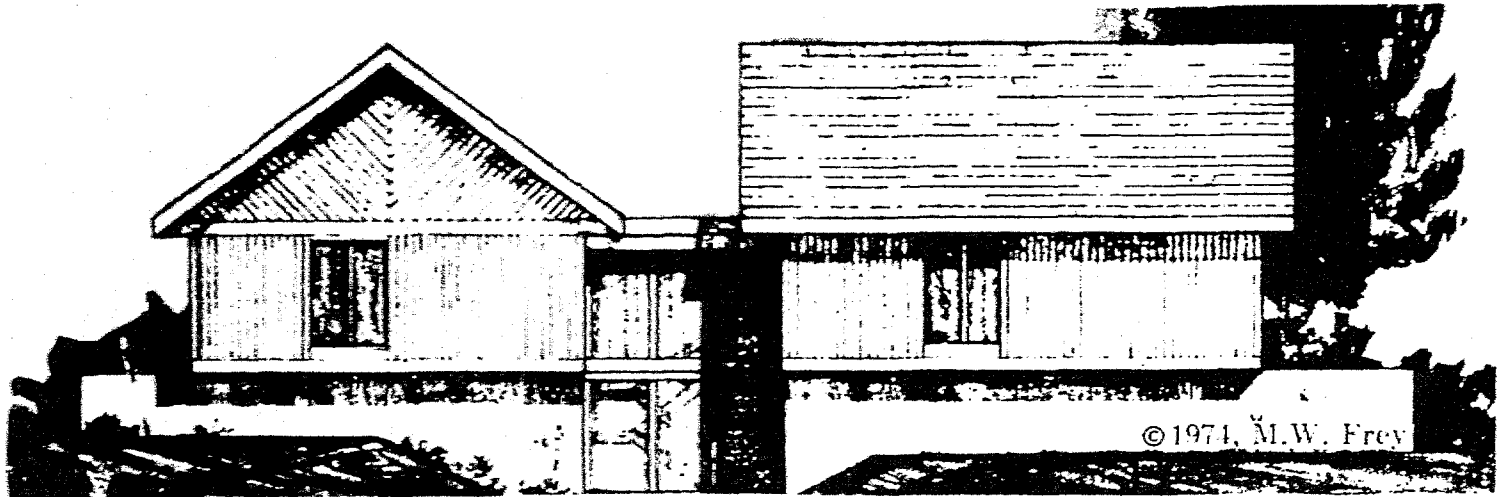
up on roof tops like Santa's reindeer at Christmas time.

Buried in the ground to support the 25 foot high ground sign will be a block of reinforced concrete 6 feet deep, five feet wide and five feet long into which an 8" diameter pipe will be inserted running up to the required height. Fortunately, some of the sign companies have signs which are removable in times of high winds. The non-removable types should not be allowed to be built in a hurricane-prone area, not even on rooftops.

Have any of you seen a 25 foot high sign go down in a storm or tried to cut it up with a saw or tried to dispose of the litter after it has fallen over a street? Or tried to dodge the broken live wires from those signs or live wires writhing around the ground from a broken electric line?

There is always, at this time of year, a lot of talk about the protection of the islanders during storms. One of the big items is always having to listen to stories of the casurina trees that fell over Periwinkle during Donna and it took three days to saw a path for one car.

It seems to this reporter that it would be by far preferable to help saw up some trees, drink some beer along the way and have some firewood than be killed or maimed by flying signs off roofs or a sign falling off a pole or by live wires.



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The other publication is the local Sanibel-Captiva telephone directory, proceeds of which go to the bike paths. If you were left out last year, or wish to change your listing, or take an ad, please write to Starr Thomas, 964 Palm St., Sanibel, or to Sherry Vartdal, P.O. Box 207 Sanibel. Quickly, now!

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City asks further postponement

City Manager David Bretze told the ISLANDER that he and a number of other people had inspected the Little Lake Murex property Monday afternoon.

"When it was last inspected," said Dave, "the water level in the lakes was estimated to be five feet below mean sea level. That was last Friday. We estimated the water level had risen by about two feet by today, and requested that any further digging be postponed until the water level is one foot below mean sea level."

Letters to the editor

To The ISLANDER:
 This letter was given to the ISLANDER by Paul Howe for publication:
 Dear Paul:

Your idea of a monarchy is most appealing and I would like to suggest a few items to get it started. 1. Blow up the bridge, we annexed it, and declare a United States of Sanibel and Captiva.

2. If the king gets out of hand, instead of assassination, threaten to send him back to the mainland.

3. Banishment for anyone caught not loafing.

Have a good summer.
 Hold off on the bridge until I get back!-s-Wilb Snyder, Surf City, N.J.

To the Islander:

Sanibel has seen many eccentrics come and go, mostly harmless, some very loveable. Every community has them and they add humor to our lives. But malicious interference is not funny—nor are the extremists of the radical right who disrupt our public meetings and openly seek the destruction of our elected government. Equally as dangerous as their leftist counterparts, such people show contempt for Democracy even as they use its

protections. Freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and the right to bring legal actions—these are their tools to secure not domestic tranquility but discord through which they seek their own selfish ends. Shrill, intemperate, illogical, slanderous, a radical agitator will attract a certain number of followers for water seeks its own level. Are we to believe that because they cry "Communist" and "Tyrant" they are patriotic? Nothing could be further from the truth.

Our forefathers, thinking "we" instead of "me", so worded our Declaration of Independence and carefully balanced the rights of an individual with those of his neighbors. We have lived almost 200 years with the fruits of their wisdom. As for planning, George Washington, himself, selected the great French engineer, L'Efant, who designed our nation's capital.

In some ways, Sanibel is like the 13 Colonies. We have achieved independence and self determination and seek a more perfect government. As in 1776, there are formidable adversaries and a lot of disagreement, but we, too, can succeed if we remember that our government is us. We have always taken great pride in our island's natural beauty. We must now take pride in our efforts to protect it.

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Gilbert (of Gilbert and Sullivan fame) should have written "A policeman's lot is not a lazy one—" for there certainly isn't any chance that Sanibel's finest have a chance to be lazy—or even relax, for that matter.

The police log shows 33 calls answered and taken care of in the past week. And this is supposed to be the slow season. We're pleased to report that there is nothing horrific to report—there were a few

accidents, a couple of found persons, a couple of warnings and so forth—enough to keep everyone running, but no attention grabbers, fortunately.

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In a Monday interview with Dawson McDaniel, tax collector for Lee County, the ISLANDER learned that all Sanibel properties have either had their taxes paid by the owners, or any tax certificates available have been purchased. This means that all Sanibel properties will be on the tax roll when it is turned over to the City of Sanibel.

Property tax delinquency in other parts of the county, however, amounted to a considerable sum this year because of the overall economic malaise.

There are a considerable number of tax certificates still for sale in other parts of the county. The books will be open for sales as long as the delinquent property certificates are available. Those properties, however, are taken off the tax rolls for a period of two

years. During that time the owner may "buy back" his property at 18 per cent per annum from the county.


If the certificate is sold during that two year time, the property goes back on the county tax rolls and the owner may buy back his property, paying the certificate holder 12 per cent per annum.

If the owner does not pick up either option, the property held by the county will be sold at public auction at the end of the two year period.

McDaniel said the reason so many certificates were still for sale was the low interest rate of 12 per cent.

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by ginni

We present thee with two dessert recipes this week, both contributed by faithful readers and or co-workers—for Mango Bread and Fresh Berry Pie.

The mango bread recipe is Gale Renforoe's, and was given to us by Priscilla Murphy, who said she was going to bring us a slice, except that her guests ate it all up before she could save any.

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Cream 1 stick of butter (one fourth cup) with one half cup (scant) white sugar till light and creamy. Add two eggs, one at a time, beating well after each egg. (For new cooks, a hint—break eggs, one at a time into a cup before adding to mixture—that way you can easily fish out any eggshell which might inadvertently get in, and also assure yourself that the eggs are fresh.)

Sift two cups of regular (not self rising) flour with 1 tsp. baking powder, 1 tsp. baking soda and one half tsp. salt. DON'T add to butter mixture yet. Measure one fourth cup of milk and one cup of mashed mangos. You should now have a bowl with the butter, sugar and eggs in it, surrounded by a container of the flour mixture, the milk separately and the mangos separately.

Adding them alternately to the butter mixture, starting with a little of the flour, then a little milk, then mango, etc., and end up with flour last. Pour into greased and floured loaf cake pan.

Personally, we have NEVER been able to get any cake or sweet bread to come out of a baking pan using just the grease and flour method. I grease and flour, and then line the bottom only with wax paper cut to fit and

flour it in turn.)

Cook one hour at 325—check it after 20 minutes or so, and if it seems to be baking too fast (like getting brown around the edges while still runny in the middle) reduce heat to 300. Test with a broom straw after an hour. For those of you who have just vacuum cleaners and mops, you may use a thin wooden toothpick, or cut a thick toothpick in half or in absolute desperation, slice a thin strip of a wooden kitchen match (Better strike the match first and discard burned part.) It's done if the broom straw (or whatever) comes out of the middle cleanly without bringing any crumbs with it. If it's not done, cook another 15 to 20 minutes.

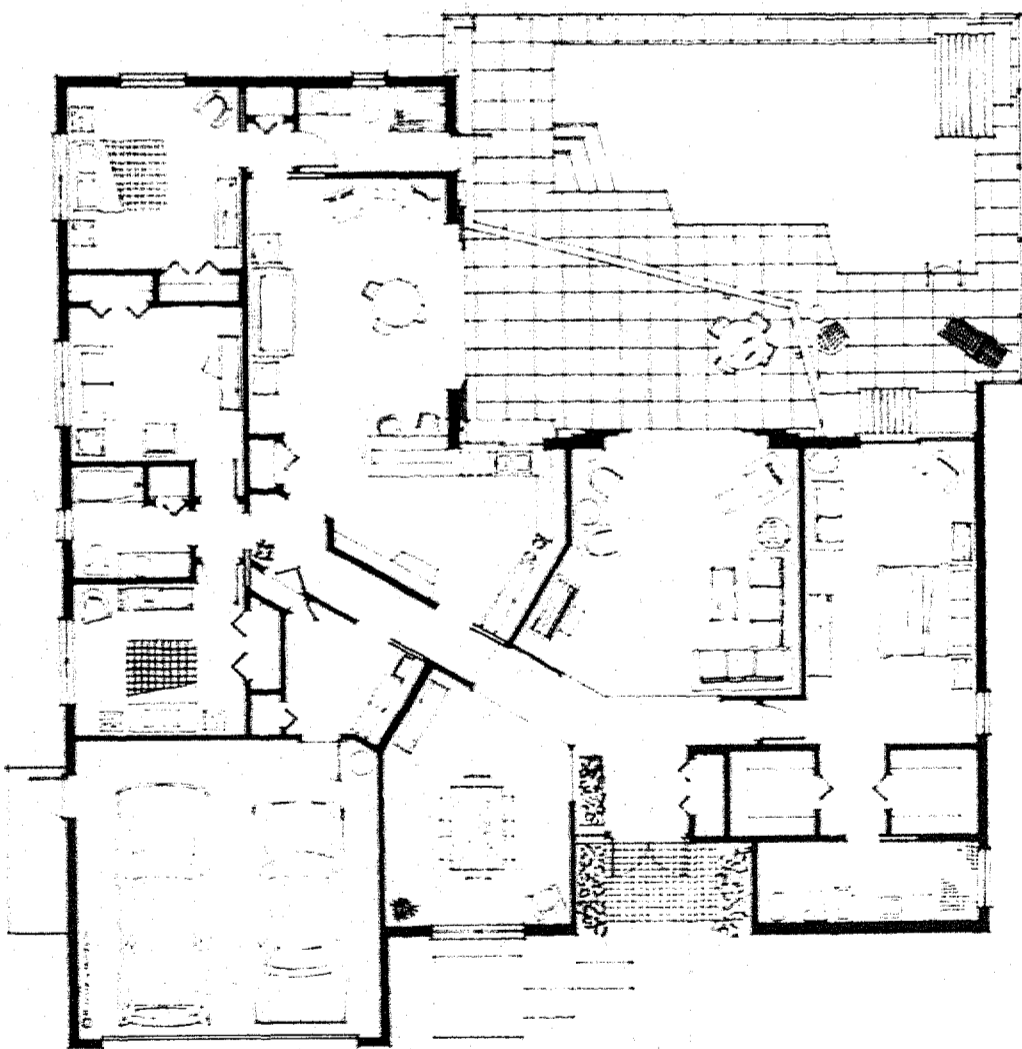
Our second presentation is from Georgie Mankin and is fresh berry pie. They have to be fresh berries, be they blackberries, raspberries, strawberries or boysenberries for that matter. Anyhow, rinse and clean four cups of whatever fresh berries you happen to have. Combine $\frac{7}{8}$ to 1 cup of white

sugar, 5 Tbsp. flour and $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. cinnamon and mix lightly through berries. Pour into pastry lined pie shell, dot with one and one third Tbsp butter, and, if the fruit is dry, sprinkle with 2 Tbsp water. Cover with top crust and bake in 425 degree oven till nicely browned, about 35 to 45 minutes.

Baking is not my personal forte, and while I do fairly well with bottom pie crusts, I can never get the top one on without tearing. So, I roll it out, cut it in one half inch wide strips and lattice them on top of the pie. If you use this method, you probably will need to dot a little more butter around. Oh, and if you use the regular method, be sure to cut some holes to let the steam out or the whole thing is liable to explode in your oven, which is disconcerting and messy.



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By Skip Purdy

Advice for beginners

Getting started in fishing for the first time, or renewing a childhood pastime can often result in failure and great disappointment.

Most of the time, the beginner is expecting the wrong thing. He's either ready for the big one, just like he saw on TV, or he's looking back to the carefree pond fishing he once enjoyed as a child.

He doesn't realize that to catch those trophy fish takes years of devoted learning. He also can't expect to re-live time gone by, since he's no longer that "wide eyed wondering youngster" who's impressed by a tiny fish.

Almost every man, woman and child can

experience something wonderful in fishing. There is excitement or tranquility, socializing or solitude and vigorous exercise or day dreaming.

You can reap the rewards if you take time out to find what YOU want out of fishing. For instance, consider the amount of effort, expense and attention you want to pay for it.

Experience is the best way to discover the type of fishing you'll enjoy. It's best to start out in a simple situation with manageable equipment.

I recommend that the novice start out with spinning gear. Bait casting requires a sensitive thumb for controlling the speed of the reel's rotating spool. Fly fishing is

specialized and limits the novice too much.

The spinning reel is easy to use and can be enjoyed in a wide variety of situations. Don't expect your first outfit to keep you happy for the rest of your life. It's an experiment to find what you're really looking for.

Find an experienced fisherman-friend to give you guidance in buying your fishing equipment. He can recommend several reliable stores (I suggest the Real Eel, of course), what to look for and how much to pay. Once you have made a few selections ask your friend to help with the final decision.

You can buy fishing tackle from three kinds of stores—mail order houses, discount stores and tackle shops. Until you know exactly what you're looking for, I don't recommend buying through mail order catalogs. They offer either expensive high grade merchandise which is too much for training tackle or "super bargains" which are too cheap.


Discount stores offer lower prizes but usually can't give you near the helpful information a tackle shop can. (Ahem.) It's worth a few extra dollars for some words of sound advice.

Watch next week for more tips on how to make your first fishing trip enjoyable and not your last.

Small schools of redfish are coming around in the passes and inlets. Fish on bottom with live educated shrimp in the early morning or at night, depending on the tides.

Mark Rigdon, a guest at the Colony from Leesburg, Florida, caught a 45 pound tarpon on July 15 at 8 p.m., using 20 lb. test line on light weight spinning tackle with a live pinfish for bait. He reported that the fish made nine runs and broke the water six times before he landed it in his boat in San Carlos Bay. Rigdon brought his prize in barehanded with no aid of a net or gaff. Good job, Mark!

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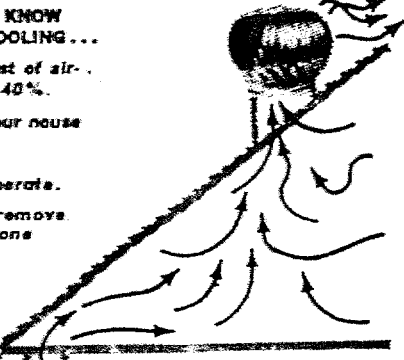


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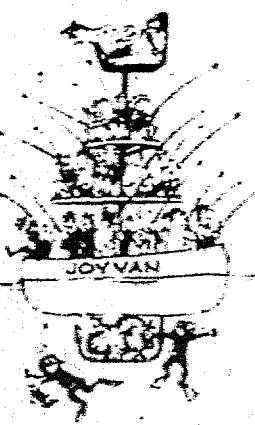
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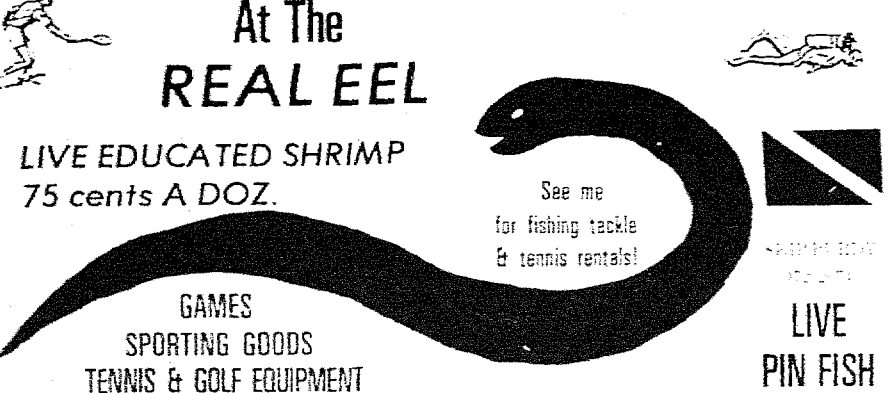
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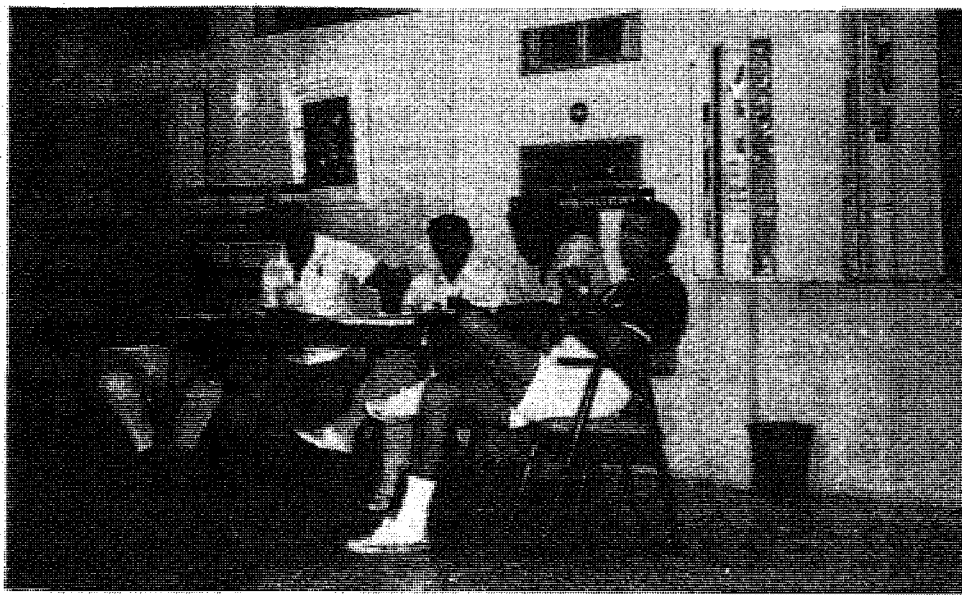
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Hotel-Motel Association discusses fees with Mayor Goss

The Hotel-Motel Association, a division of the Sanibel Captiva Chamber of Commerce, met in the Chamber building last week to discuss the proposed occupational license fees with Mayor Porter Goss.

A majority of the business people present said they were concerned that they alone were being singled out for an additional tax burden.

Mayor Goss explained that taxing the hotels and motels was the only way to get the tourists directly to pay a portion of the city's financial burden. After quite a bit of discussion, pro and con, it was made clear that the \$20 figure previously mentioned was per unit, not per room, which makes a lot of difference.

At that point, an owner said that while he'd probably be thrown out of

the room after the Mayor left, he agreed the fee was fair, and that he had projected that if his eight units rented the same way in the future as they had in the past, that it would cost an additional 50 cents per night per unit, which he thought he could easily pass along to the tourist.

Goss, who owns an eight unit motel, said his figures matched those of Purdy's. At this point, a number of people at the meeting said they thought the fee was fair, but only if it were based on a per unit rate rather than a per room rate.

Goss then went into a discussion of just how the city could raise money, and discussed a number of really interesting ideas, most of which, he said he had found out, were illegal

and in violation of state law.

"I don't even know if this (the occupational licenses) is going to be worth it. The finance committee is directly concerned with finances and how to raise money; they make suggestions to the council, and then the council decides what is fairest for all, because the council is directly responsible to the people—if it turns out that the occupational licenses don't raise enough money, the whole thing may just be cast out—I can't see hiring someone extra at \$10,000 a year to collect \$10,000 worth of fees."

Before the mayor, who was accompanied by Duane White, head of the planning commission, Mike Peceri spoke about the sign ordinance, which had been passed by the city council that morning.

"I must say," he said in a calm but tired voice, "that I have been telling you again and again about the sign ordinance. I have begged you to come to the committee meetings, the council meetings when it was being discussed. This very morning, I asked the council to put off passing it, since it had gone through so many revisions, but it was passed anyway."

"I didn't get one phone call—I didn't see anyone else at the committee or council meetings—but I got at least 20 phone calls protesting the ordinance after it was passed today. What can I say? It (the sign ordinance) can be amended, though."

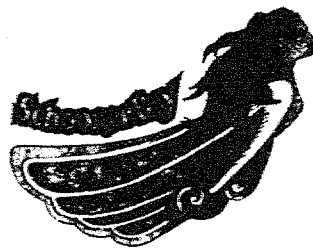
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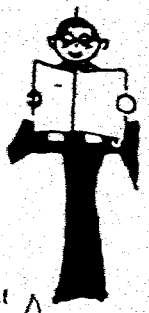
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Ms. Betty Ethal and Dr. Elinore Crawford hold Sanibel shelling '75 plaque.

Last week, 74 girl scouts from 34 states, plus Puerto Rico and Japan, arrived on Sanibel for the fourth "Sanibel Shelling" event, but the first nationwide. "Our first Sanibel Shelling was a local Girl Scout conference event held in 1970 at Casa Ybel," said Dr. Elinore Crawford, director. "There were 45 girls at that one. Then, in 1971, we had one for all the Girl Scout conferences in Florida, also at Casa Ybel; in 1973, we came to Island Inn for the first time and Sanibel Shelling was open to Girl Scouts from all the Southwestern states, and then this year, it was open nationwide."

"We were very pleased with the response," said Ms. Betty Ethal, executive director of this Girl Scout district. "There were many events which had been planned for the Girl Scouts which were cancelled because of the economy, but we had 175 applications for this one."

The 13 and 14 year old girls are having a wonderful

time. They are split up in patrols of eight, and more or less decide what they want to do. They have visited the Sanctuary, gone shelling, swimming, birding and just about everything one can find to do on Sanibel. They will be doing a bird census for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife bureau (they counted 32 kinds of birds on one early morning trip through the Ding Darling sanctuary) and will do a public use survey and so on.

Shell conservation has been impressed on them, and each girl has been limited to two live shells for their collections.

They're learning many other things too—a small for instance being in how to regulate their air conditioners, since most of the girls come from states which don't have air conditioning, and complained about freezing all night long.

We asked a few of the girls what they liked best about Sanibel.

"The birds!"
 "The shells and the swimming."
 "The shells!"
 "The weather!"
 During their stay here, the girls will be enjoying a typical Florida dinner, including shrimp salad and REAL Key lime pie. The girls scout conference supplied three cooks for the group, and the girls themselves set and clear the tables.

"They're a very select group and they're learning a lot," said Dr. Crawford proudly. "We came to Sanibel because of the shells, but they are learning so much more."

She has every right to be proud—we never would have believed that any group of 74 13 and 14 year olds could be so quiet, well behaved and well-mannered.

Congratulations, girls—we hope you take happy memories and no sunburns with you when you leave on Saturday.

Girl Scouts on Sanibel



These are the charred remains of a mattress which caught on fire Monday afternoon at Island Inn. Fortunately, no one was in the room at the time, and the cause of fire was attributed to a probable short in an electric clock which was right next to the bed.

mouse between the walls

By the Commander
 5th Royal Mouseketeers
 as told to K.P. Low

One of the best vacation spots in the Kingdom of Cowdum is the City of St. Bellyful, Loney. The unique thing of this community is the Royal Human Refuge, where man is protected and roams free.

The upper class mammals were becoming bored and restless over the way the area Royal Board of Governors were handling local affairs. The solution was a petition sent to the Royal Governor Bull at Herfordsville for self rule. Self rule was approved, which made almost everyone happy immediately. The higher class mammals now could play politics all they wanted.

The first meetings took place in the local barn yard so the cows, horses, donkeys, pigs, sheep, chickens, cats and mice could participate. After a time, the ruling party, made up mostly of old bulls, moved the meetings to the Red Clover Leaf Barn on McGurnsey trail.

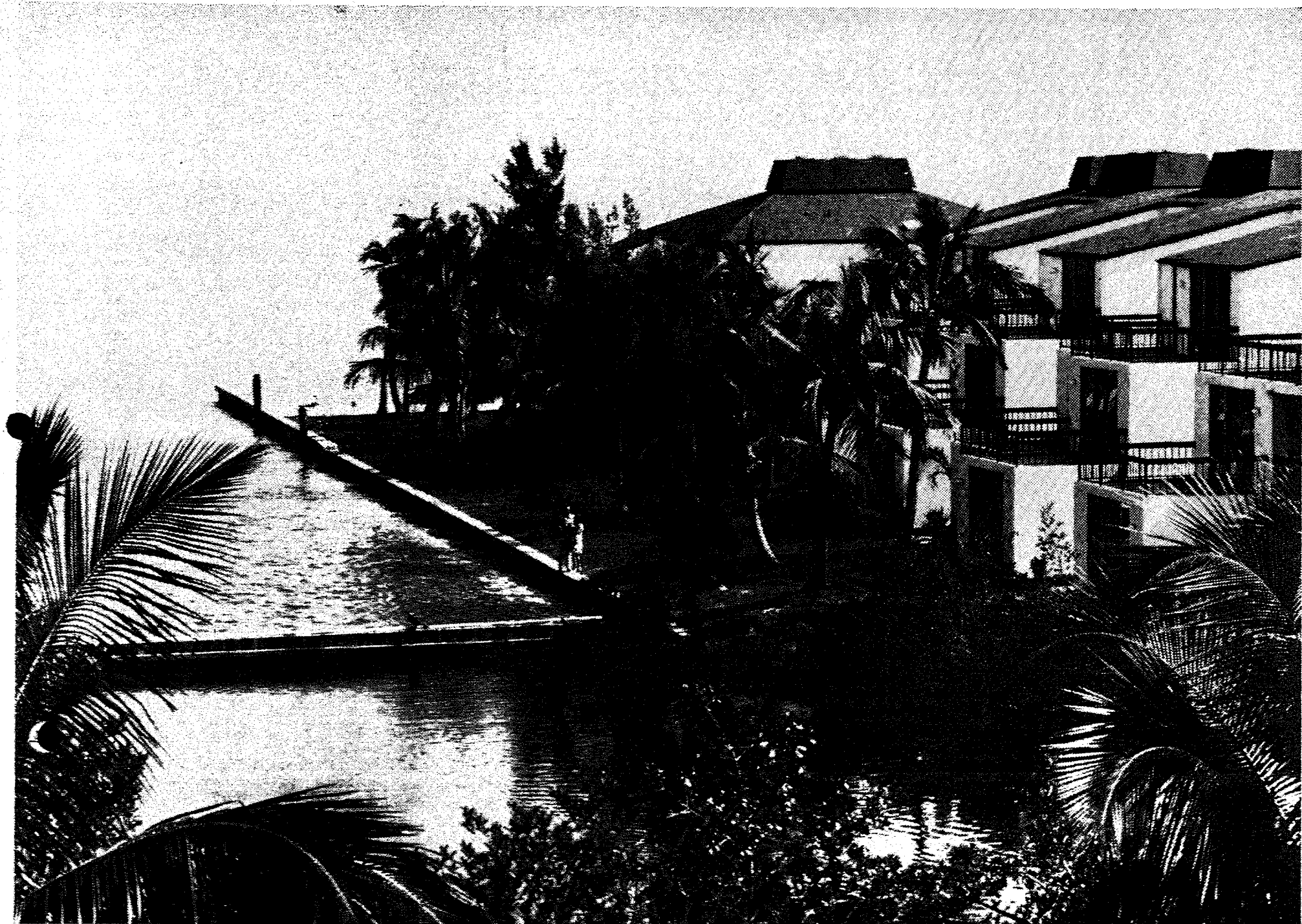
One of the first things the ruling bulls did was to stop all construction, unless enough baled high quality clover hay was passed under their noses.

The reason for the stoppage was to design a community for high class animals; such as where to put the cattle trails, horse barns, pig sheds, watering holes and other structures that belonged to the lower class. Special consideration was taken into account for the continued building (but at a slower rate) of the rat nests along Ocean View Blvd.

The shelter shortage was getting critical for the local working class. With the high cost of grain and hay, and inflation hitting extra hard at the low income citizens murmurs of leaving were developing over the whole city; this was much to the old bulls' pleasure.

This one day I didn't have any thing to do so I scurried down to the Red Clover Leaf Barn to survey the situation. It's the best place I've seen for a mouseketeer to live. It had all the modern conveniences and food supplies of a modern barn. In one section of the barn, I discovered a hole in the wall with great living area for several mice. By coincidence this happened to be in the offices of the local bulls.

(To be continued)



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Clark presents conservation findings

Three councilmen, Vernon MacKenzie, Francis Bailey and Charles LeBuff, at-



Mrs. Cissy Tompkins of Fort Myers with her 18 pound snook caught off Turner's Beach. Mrs. Tompkins is Accounting Department Manager of the Bank of the Islands.



This happy young lady holding the monster finny friend is Ms. Mary Holt of Nashville, Tenn. The finny friend is a 18 lb. snook she caught off Captiva Island last week.

Ms. Holt and her father, Geddes Douglas, were guests at Blind Pass Cottages.



It sure was a man size snook for Frank Matheny, 11, who went a-fishing off Blind Pass Bridge last week and pulled in this beauty, estimated at 20 pounds or so.

He and the rest of his family—Mr. and Mrs. Steve Matheny and his two brothers, Derek and Greg—caught nine snook and thirty trout between them while staying at the Castaways on the Western end of Sanibel.

tended the specially called Planning Commission meeting last Wednesday morning to hear John Clark, senior associate of the Conservation Foundation of Washington, D.C.

The three councilmen came in late enough to miss most of the pre-meeting confusion about darkening the room enough to see slides. A dark pinkish curtain was hung across the windows and door, after which the door was locked and late comers were directed to enter the room from another office.

Attendance numbered close to 40, consisting mostly of conservationists, some of the tax force members, three WMRT people and the planning commission members who were not off island.

Duane White made the introductions with emphasis that Clark's work was "so important and so vital" to Sanibel. Clark is the author of "Rookery Bay: Ecological Constraints on Coastal Development" and other papers of national conservation concern.

Charles Wilson, speaking in behalf of the SCCF, said that they had invited Clark to look at the Island after it had become increasingly apparent to them that the Island ecologically was in trouble. The funds to investigate the natural systems of the island were forthcoming from around the country with an eye toward the studies having national significance. For this reason Clark accepted the assignment. Wilson said that the studies were expensive, that specialists had been called in and that the study would provide the technical raw base data that WMRT would need.

Clark immediately apologized for the make-shift darkening of the room and said that after his lecture and slide presentation "we will take down the bedsheets" so as to be more comfortable.

The Conservation Foundation was established in 1940 due to a growing awareness across the country of environmental problems, he began. Its primary function is to study, to analyze, to recommend. In order to augment to management staff for the Sanibel study, ornithologists, hydrologists, botanists and other specialist experts had been hired.

He said that the audience might wonder why he had abandoned the "hot wires of Washington D.C. to come to an outpost of Southwest Florida," he said that the human spirit needs the refreshment of a clean healthy environment and he was here to accomplish that mission; to find how to achieve that environment. There can be a healthy environment along with development, he continued, but private interests would have to realign their thinking to achieve the benefits. "It is obvious that we will have to do things differently."

He said that the group was fortunate to be able to augment their studies with existing data. There were inventories of bird species, for example, already done by private individuals. The group identified five areas for study; vegetation, hydrology, wildlife, beaches and estuaries. Their reconnaissance into the total ecosystem included finding the available information, inventorying and verifying by infra-red aerials and field surveys and finally analysing the data. The analysis gives values and parameters within which acceptable limits of each habitat can be identified.

It was his opinion that each of the habitats, e.g. mangrove, beach and dune, were so clearly defined that each could be studied separately along with the functions of each and how those functions are related and dependent on each other. "Then, we make a diagnosis" to find out the health of the patient, define the limits of the illness and recommend a cure.

"It came as no surprise that we found water to be the major control factor. The whole thing relates to water, water con-

servation and water management," he emphasized.

The shallow fresh water aquifer has the potential for non-potable use in households, he said. There are fresh water requirements in the sanctuary areas, the protection of fresh water from salt water is necessary and the quality of the fresh water is important.

It is essential, he continued, that there is kept an abundance of aquatic life in the estuarine system, that the beach habitat be preserved and also the vegetation.

He did not expand on the non-ecological but related values as pest control, fire and storm protection, other than they were values that were related to the human habitat.

It may have been the word "human" that set up a chain reaction. Clark lit into all of us unexpectedly. In no uncertain terms he said that he was shocked at the careless manner in which the island had been managed.

He said he had been told that there were dedicated people here who were concerned with preserving their environment but "I don't see much evidence of that." The lakes are death traps. There are open and flagrant violations of federal and state laws. There is sewage contamination. The refuge is drying up. There are very few shells on the beaches. "The place is deteriorating and there is no evidence of turning that around. I'm discouraged. . . but not completely."

He said that those were not just his personal opinions but based on scientific studies albeit in draft form and not yet complete. However, all studies will be available to WMRT and Sanibel.

Before the slides he reviewed the habitats under investigation. 1: Beach area out to 300 feet which is under the jurisdiction of the city including the upland dune and berm. 2: Estuary, the Sound and around Tarpon Bay. 3: Fresh water wetlands and swales which are flooded annually. 4: Salt water wetlands which are tidally influenced by September and October tides when the Gulf level is 6 inches higher than normal; and the spring tides. 5: The ridge area which is loosely defined as lands above the wetlands and permanently dry. 6: Special areas: one of which is the Wulfert area containing remnants of West Indian habitat which, he said, needed special attention.

8,000 acres of 2-3 of Sanibel had been defined as wetlands and over half are in a situation of flooding from rains and tides. "That number is going to be challenged by property owners," he said.

During the slides, he said that it would be advantageous to find areas where water can be safely stored to carry through the long dry season. Dredged lakes, roofs, asphalted areas had already removed many acres of land out of the water storage category and for that reason were harmful to the island. Dredging, he said, presented a "strong and imminent danger" of salt water intrusion into the fresh water aquifer. An additional potential danger from lakes is that there is no way to flush out the water and if there is salt, during the dry season the water evaporates leaving very high salt concentrations.

The clay layer (seal) is located at various depths on the island and "everytime you punch a hole in that layer, you let in salt water." Not only does a salt problem exist, but water pollution from septic tanks and pesticides.

In discussing the mosquito control canals, he said that it was time to take another look. The canals were originally provided to accommodate fish which would, by their voraciousness, eat most of the mosquito larvae.

Stormwater areas which are lowlands between the ridges have an exceedingly high capacity to store water and some thought should be given to "restoration of storage areas."

He showed two slides of the Sanibel River on either side of the major sewage treatment plant. "Everything is chaos!" The treatment plant, he said, has made the Sanibel River an extension of its ponds. It is pouring quantities of effluent into the river. The water analysis of the river showed a high ammonia count as well as other pollutants and an absence of dissolved oxygen. "Under 4 ppm of dissolved oxygen is a violation of federal standards!"

"There is no doubt about the absolute value of mangrove areas," he said showing a slide of a destroyed mangrove stand. "The red mangrove leaves contain the magic nutrient that starts the food chain." The mangrove areas must be kept open to tidal waters.

In the infra-red slides, healthy mangrove stands showed up a bright red color. The unhealthy stands became increasingly greyed. Care must be taken of the mangrove areas not only in providing water of good quality but sufficient quantity.

"Development has dried out some of the mangroves," he stated and anything that dries out the mangrove lands such as ditching, diking, road building, is bad for the mangrove. "Keep it in place because it's precious and keep it healthy because it's sensitive."

In explaining the beaches he said that the area from high tide to low tide is a tough area, "practically indestructible," but back of that the lands become very sensitive, complex and reactive.

"You may think that the beach ends here or there," he said pointing to several places on a beach slide, "but the beach actually extends from back of the major dune out into the water to a depth of 30 to 40 feet, creating what is known as a beach profile; a slope, which, if tampered with either under the water or on land will tend to reestablish itself at the earliest possible convenience.

"Profiles do not change. The profile is there because all the grains of sand are in equilibrium."

He gave an example of the erosion problem on Captiva of being a byproduct of a 6" to 12" rise in the sealevel during this century. The beach there is trying to reestablish its profile. If seawall or other barriers (buildings) to this effort are built the forces of nature become very powerful. He put on a slide of a development showing one building lengthwise to the beach.

"This is beach chaos. If you continue to build long lines of buildings you can kiss your beach GOODBYE!" In a quieter tone of voice he added that we could "go ahead and build them and then plan to go to the beach somewhere else."

He suggested building wooden walkways over the sensitive dune areas to the tough seashore as one remedy to keep the beach intact.

The Ding Darling Sanctuary is "water starved," he said. There are indications of salt deposits although he wasn't quite sure to what extent. He said that the situation in the sanctuary was curable by flushing with fresh water.

The Blind Pass and Clam Bayou area of West Sanibel is especially pollution prone. The bayous do not have the amount of incoming water to keep the flushing action active being almost closed at the pass from the Gulf. Because that area is a nursery area it might be possible to designate it as an estuarine sanctuary, he suggested.

At the end of his slide presentation he said that we are going to think that there is nothing left to develop on the island because everything is sensitive. But, he added, there are high broad areas up and out of the wetlands which could be developed as long as the wetlands are not penetrated.

The final slides were of intense development in other areas not specifically identified. The very last was of East Sanibel.



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Capt. Cole, his wife, Theresa, and their three children, moved permanently to Sanibel about three years ago, after having visited and vacationed on Sanibel for the preceding 10 years. Capt. Cole, originally from Brockton, Mass., first came to Florida 40 years ago and has fished extensively from the Keys to the Jersey Coast and the Bahamas. He pioneered blue marlin fishing off Cape Hatteras, N.C. and the outer

islands (Chub and Walkers Cay) in the Bahamas. He also delivered boats anywhere the owners wanted in the off-season, and finally decided that all that traveling was making it rough on his family—"so we decided to settle down on our 'Island in the Sun'—Sanibel."

Ralph Call, Realtor, (and co-owner) negotiated the purchase of the property. Call and his wife, Virginia, moved here from Indiana about eight years ago. Call has been in real estate here for the past six years, and he and his family moved to Sanibel a little over a year ago.

Fred Fuhrer, who owns a winter home here, is the third partner. He is a dedicated sportsman and is looking forward to the day when he can spend all his time here.

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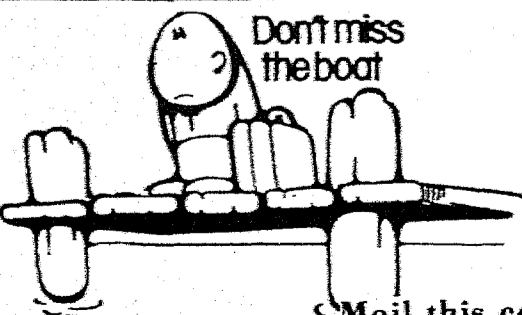
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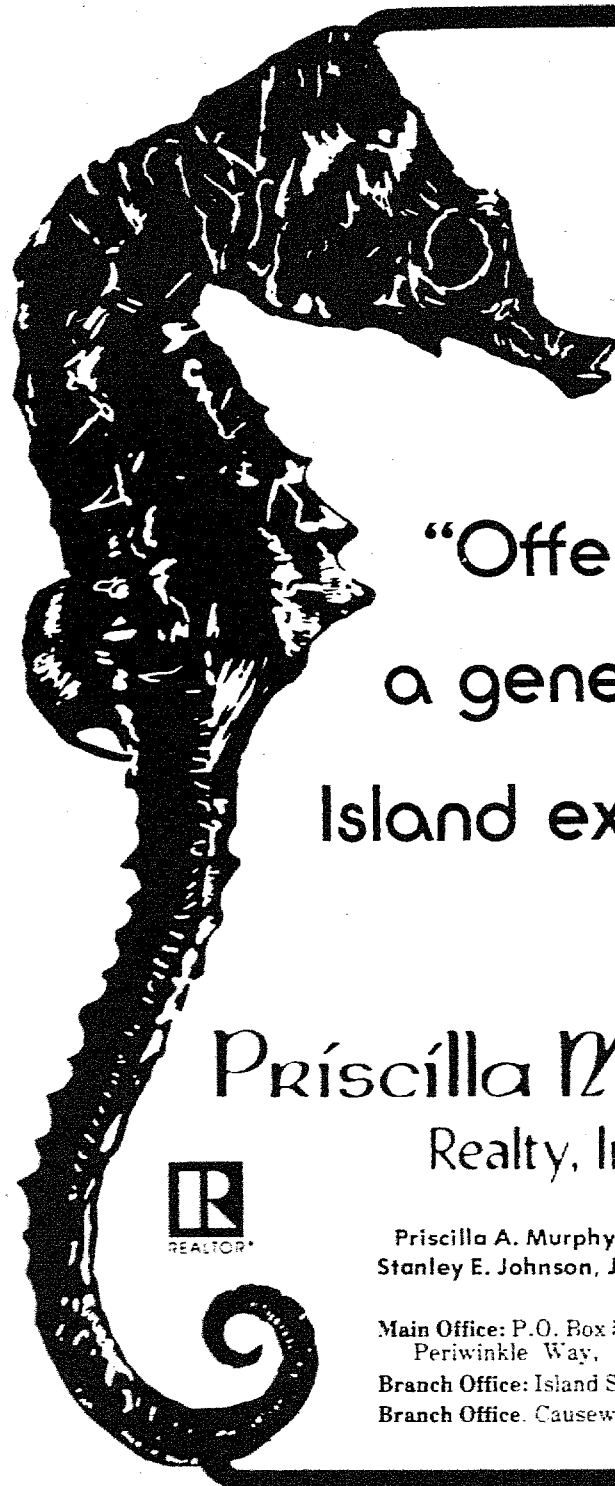


This strange scene was a result of ye editor not heeding the prominent warning on page three of last week's ISLANDER—combined with a quirk in that she somehow thought that Friday was Monday all day long. The end result was that the ISLANDER had lots of time to take pictures of the night crew working on the open draw span. According to reliable sources, however, work on the draw span was completed this past weekend, so while construction and reconstruction of the causeway continues, the draw span is now open to car traffic all night long—so if you don't get home till 6 a.m., you'll have to come up with another excuse.



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