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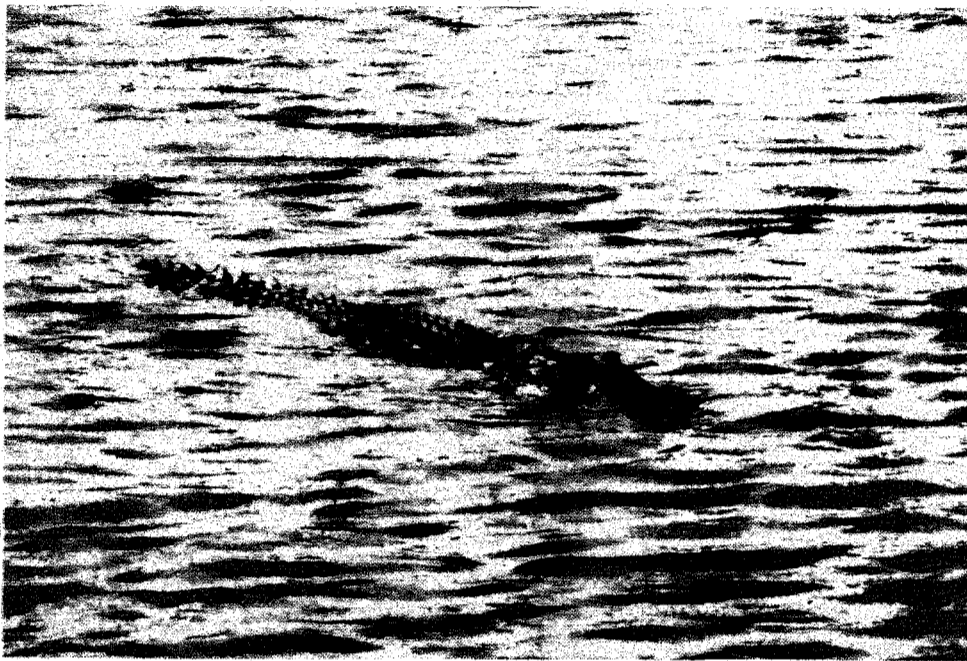
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Not only does the editor see the alligator (a bit too clearly at times) but so, we hope, do our delightful ISLANDER readers. Please don't feed this animal. It's not only against the law, it is very dangerous for a couple of reasons—1) the alligator has difficulty distinguishing your hand from a marshmallow (or your dog or child, for that matter, and 2) feeding these ancient reptiles causes them to lose a natural fear of humans, which works for our protection as well as theirs.

## Monday budget meeting very hot

by Carol Quillinan

Amid the heat, mosquitoes and more than fifty property owners, the finance committee held a public hearing not to hear the budget. Jim Robson announced Monday night that the meeting at the Community Center was being held to find out what the public would like to have in the budget.

Zee Butler, ex-officio member of the finance committee, said that she would like to have "general reactions" to a few basic questions. The first was how did the audience feel about a budget aimed at 4 mills without extra services. It was not clear what extra services were.

That question was answered by a member of the audience by another question. "What was the minimum level of taxation to qualify for federal and state revenue sharing?"

The answer was 3 mills but a new city had to have had one full budget year before being able to qualify for revenue sharing. Another question from the audience concerned double taxation. That was answered simply that the finance committee anticipated no outside revenues this year.

Question: "Have you made an effort?"  
Dave Bretzke: "We are going to the state and sit around a table and talk about it."

Response: "You have to try to convince them. You have 11-12 of a budget year."

Question: "I read a forecast of 3.5 mills. Isn't that still a good target?"

Jim Robson: "I said we'll aim at 3.5 mills without any paperwork from Bretzke. I came up at 4.1 plus which wasn't too bad."

The budget under discussion was 3.899 mills last Wednesday before the budget was sent back to Bretzke for revision, with Kontinos, at that time, trying for a budget of 3.1 or 3.2 mills.

Audience: "I think you should keep the budget at a maximum of 3.5 mills."

Zee Butler: "Question number two: Do you want a 24 hour a day police department?"

There was some confusion since there are county services that cannot be separated out, such as use of the county jail and the warrant department.

Butler responded that last year the city had paid \$114,000 in patrol services alone to the county.

A member of the audience said that he objected to the county patrolling because they didn't check in with anybody and nobody knew where they were.

Butler said that the questions were general philosophy questions.

Audience: "You're rattling the police department at us."

Butler: "We now have four policemen which is far more than we had before."

Audience: "If we have a larger force are we going to have more comprehensive coverage than we have had before?"

Answer: "As far as I'm concerned we have had no service from the sheriff's department at all."

There was a question regarding Longboat Key, an island similar in size with a slightly larger population than Sanibel's in that Longboat Key had 24 hour police protection and a 5 minute delay in response to a call.

The person talking said that he had lost confidence in the Sanibel police department since he tried to call several times and got a recorded message.

Another person responded in favor of the sheriff's department saying that the sheriff's department must have done something right since they served him with a subpoena the other day.

Someone else chimed in that he thought the only ones being served with subpoenas were the city.

Butler: "Next question: How do you feel about pay raises?"

There was quite a bit back and forth about pensions, with remarks like "We're only one year old and we need pensions?" "We need to be a good employer."

"You have to work two or three years in any other company before you're qualified

## Council a.m. session calm

By Virginia N. Brown

The City Council's Tuesday morning's session was calm, cool and ran ahead of schedule. Councilmen present were Zee Butler, Mayor Porter Goss, Charles LeBuff and Francis Bailey. Vernon MacKenzie was still off-island.

Duane White, head of the planning commission, presented a report to council which mentioned the "forceful terms" in which WMRT had presented some of their preliminary investigations. WMRT has discovered that the area on the island "where the control of growth is still feasible is limited."

He went on to say that WMRT "strongly endorsed" the 75-30 and 75-50 city ordinances which put moratoriums on building, zoning and subdivision changes. He recommended that the city council, the city attorney and the attorneys doing legal work on the land use plan work closely together.

Richard Workman and Malcolm Beattie then presented a comprehensive report on a

water management study done by Johnson engineering. (see page 14 of the ISLANDER for detailed story.)

The council passed unanimously a request (which was before council for the third time) to Outpost of Sundial Associates, Ltd. to remodel Golden Sands. The relief was granted when council members made clear that no land zoning changes or use of such land would be different from any present status, since the Council is holding close to the recommended policy of NO zoning changes till the master plan is in effect. During the discussion, Walter Emmons of the Island Water Association mentioned from the audience that the physical expansion of the restaurant (even though the seating capacity remains the same—200) would cause (or could cause) a problem since the Water Company had a rule that you must figure one half gallon per square foot of floor space, regardless of density.

Councilman Zee Butler expressed astonishment. "This is the third public hearing we've had on this subject—how come this is the first time we've heard from the water company, or that there might be any problem?"

Mayor Goss commented that evidently Walter had missed the first two meetings.

Then, an attorney representing the Island Water Association asked for continuance until Nov. 18 for their request for "unusual use" of land for their 2 million gallon storage tank. By that time, the master plan will (hopefully) be in effect, and the council will not have to grant any unusual or precedent setting variances.

The final public hearing (referred to as the "two bit bill") was passed unanimously, which allows the public to obtain copies of public records from city hall at a reasonable price—which happens to be 25 cents a sheet.

There was time to discuss correspondence before the lunch break, during which time the council approved of a five member food handling advisory committee consisting of Mr. Case, Dr. Wygryn, Betty Sears, Arthur Orloff and Mr. Kessler.

## Tuesday - the new day in newspapers!

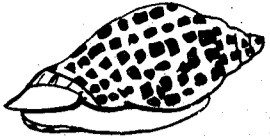
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**FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS** hold their regular meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the new Firehouse on Palm Ridge Road. The public is invited to attend.

**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.

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

**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.

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**SUNDAY:**

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**WEDNESDAYS:**

Holy Communion ..... 9:00 a.m.

**HOLY DAYS:**

Holy Communion ..... 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday Mass ..... 10:00 a.m.

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First Friday of each month ..... 7:30 p.m.

Daily Mass ..... 5:30 p.m.

Holy Days ..... 10:00 a.m.

Vigil ..... 7:30 p.m.

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## Re-run on Sanibel Outpost; 3rd episode due

The first order of business during the afternoon session of the city council was to appoint a sign review committee to go along with the sign ordinance which took effect July 25. A committee of five needed to be selected from six names presented. It was decided to take a written vote. The mayor charged Roger Berres with the count.

"Roger, we'll give you the names and you can arbitrate," he said. Roger wasn't listening and said "Uh?" Goss scolded, "Roger, all you have to do is count!"

The first vote yielded up three names. The next two names came up tied twice so the mayor abstained from voting amid 10 or 15 minutes of twittering and giggling from the audience.

Finally Paul Howe asked, "Why don't you pick names out of a hat?"

The new members of the sign review committee are: Mike Perceri, Frank Vallake, Maggie Klausman, Norman Chambers and Mary Johnson.

Nominees for the Hygiene Review Board were presented but since they had not been asked if they would be willing to serve, the selection of members was continued to a future date.

Outpost of Sundial, seeking relief from the "respite" area again to rebuild the Golden Sands, was represented by Banks Prevatt, tractor, and Philip Braden, architect. Gentlemen had gotten a conditional go-ahead from the planning commission. However, the city council had other ideas. They were not satisfied with any part of the project.

Major concern were the "front porch" and backyard parking. The porch addition would project out into what is now the front parking line. In several of the discussions regarding this addition, mention of a possible future widening of Periwinkle has been made.

Although the planning firm (WMRT) has not yet made any recommendations to widen Periwinkle, it remains of doubtful legality whether an owner can be deprived of the NOW legal use of his land.

Roger Berres addressed himself to that point, saying that there should be certain elements made now in case the city should widen the road sometime in the future. If so, the porch would be removed to become the back porch. Braden said that the porch was a removable structure and if the city so desired he would recommend to Outpost of Sundial that they agree to remove the porch at the time when the city decides what to do with Periwinkle.

Then the question arose as to who the owner was in this case. Outpost of Sundial has leased the land for 20 years. Therefore, did the lessee or the lessor have the right to say what happened eventually to the porch?

This problem was not completely resolved.

The other concern was the use of the GU

area toward the Sanibel River which they originally wished to use as a parking lot.

Prevatt said that he did not intend, after another meeting with the planning commission, to use the area for parking at all but that he could lease RU 3 land nearby for restaurant parking which he asked the council to consider. The council considered that the lease-land would be inconvenient and hastened on to consider the back yard for parking.

A member of the audience said that the GU area was a designated wetlands and water management runoff area and pollution from parking lots was particularly detrimental to the river. The mayor questioned whether that information came from the Johnson Plan. The answer was "yea."

Prevatt said that the parking area would be 100 feet away from the river and the land between the river and the parking area would remain as it is.

Duane White spoke up. "This is one plan. If we had the knowledge we have today, we would not have recommended that relief be granted. We would have asked the owners to wait."

Prevatt countered with the fact that the restaurant could be open tomorrow as it is but that they preferred to remodel first, so waiting or not waiting was not pertinent.

Zee Butler then motioned that the plan be accepted with requirements of a 100 foot setback from the river and no clearing or use within that 100 feet and that there be a letter from the owner stating the use of the building and allowance to the lessee to remove the front porch if required and subject to the ratification of the city attorney.

Francis Bailey seconded the motion.

Goss said that he wasn't sure whether a variance had to be granted to allow parking on a GU zoning lot. Berres said that parking was an integral part of the restaurant business and the whole property ought to be zoned the same although the owner could agree to leave the GU zone with a parking lot on it. Braden said that parking lots have been built in GU zones in the past.

The mayor quietly hit the ceiling. "My concern is not with the past but with the future!"

There was considerable more discussion after which Butler withdrew her motion. White said by Roberts Rules of Order, if Bailey would not withdraw his second, the motion could not be withdrawn. Bailey refused. The motion stood.

The vote was taken and ended in a tie vote. Vernon MacKenzie is on vacation.

Prevatt, not to be put off by a tie vote so easily, challenged the council on the plans which he had submitted.

"I brought plans showing parking on RU 3 land that I can lease. I explained those plans to you and now I want an interpretation of

those plans. You've defeated me on our previous plans."

The council had said all it was going to on the matter. Braden suggested that he bring the two alternatives before council once again. Council agreed. The case was continued to this week.

Ted Cole requested a 90 day extension be given to the people living aboard their boats in the Sanibel Marina to comply with the new ordinance regulating boats and boating. He said that the marina was going to construct showers and in general make it easier for the people to comply.

The mayor applauded the efforts to upgrade the facilities and cautioned the council to consider the ability of people to comply with the ordinance. A motion was made and passed to grant the 90 day extension.

The Sanibel "Hilton" Hotel project, now named "The Hotel," took up most of the rest of the day. Richard Brodeur, attorney of the project, for the project, with the project and definitely representing the project, spoke with grand eloquence about the history, the owners, past and present; the money involved and trying to be, who was authorized to say what, to do what, where and when. After thousands of words and several questions, the lawyers from here and abroad packed up their little kit bags and went home.

They went home with the understanding that council did not know who they were in relationship to the defunct project; that there would be no action taken, no promises made, but perhaps some study would be undertaken on the subject.

Brodeur had the first word—and the last word. "It is our intention to come back and make it go."

## It's raining rain, all right!

A trace of rain on the last two days of July brought the month's total to 10.9 inches, according to Mario Hutton.

Mario also said that in looking back over the last five years or so, the almost 11 inches was above average for a July, as recent Julys have had as little as five inches during the entire month.

As to August, it only rained at the eastern end one day, last Thursday, when .2 inches of rain fell.

However, a recently installed rain gauge in the wild reaches of western Sanibel near Bowman's Beach has collected one and a half inches of rain between its installation on Wednesday a week ago and Monday afternoon.

## Letter to the editor

To the ISLANDER:

FIRE, FIRE, DURN, DURN!

There's a flash near the kitchen and a blast of thunder which almost lands me on the floor. "That's close," said Philip.

The "closest" for me, for there, across Periwinkle Way, was smoke rising from a clump of trees.

Thomas Schnabel is quick to the rescue with his white truck parked and he bounding into the greenery like Davy Crockett.

A big fire truck arrives and the brave fire laddies clamber off and on and have a big time with the hoses, etc.

I run to get the cammera - - alas, the Polaroid good George Tenny gave the theater needs a battery.

Bystanders arrive - - Ron Wrenn and guys with beards I don't recognize.

I rush into the house to get the "instant" camera and took a picture of the fire putters, which should be ready in about a month.

Policeman Raymond Rhodes (wasn't he great in the role of the farmer boy in "January Thaw" until he stepped on a horseshoe and had to be replaced at a moment's notice by Gene Karr) has arrived on the scene.

Smoke starts up again and somebody tells me there's a little pon in that clump of trees. Wish I didn't get poison ivy.

Heavy rain douses last glimmer of smoke.

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WOW - - have we got a FIRE DEPARTMENT's-Ruth Hunter

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# Around town

by georgie mankin

Despite the rainy season, the tourists are still converging on the islands. (And of course, we give a welcome to them.) The fishing is still good and after the rains the shelling does get even better than usual.

Believe me, it's much better here than on the main land. Coming home from Tampa this weekend, I had quite a good laugh—some tourists from New York were shelling—yes, shelling,—on the graded and unpaved side of 41.

Several changes have been made here on Sanibel in the past week. We find that the Island Arts and Knot Shop have moved into their new shops on Periwinkle. The two shops have some extremely pretty paintings, and macreme along with all the supplies, gifts, etc. that they had in their other shop. Please drop in and see them, folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Epstein and their children are visiting the Islands from New York. They enjoy lying on the beach and simply watching the activity surrounding them. Quite a welcome change from New York.

Nickie Quillinan is attending Florida State University in Tallahassee. Good luck in your new school, Nickie!

It's good to see Mr. and Mrs. Ledbetter of Murfreesboro, Tenn. back on Sanibel again. Hope the fishing treats you well this trip!

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Knoldmann of Knoxville, Tenn., are enjoying the sun and fun of the islands this week—they tell me that the rain here is great because its of short duration. In Tenn. they have been having some real long term type rains.

I had an interesting conversation with Shirley Walters of CROW recently. I had spotted a brown pelican with SSS 203 on a red band on its leg near the Sunshine Skyway this past week end—the bird was so

friendly it would eat out of your hand.

Therefore, I thought it might have been one of Shirley's charges from the wildlife service. This particular one wasn't—it belonged to the Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary, according to Shirley.

The Seabird Sanctuary is similar to CROW, as it helps the sick wildlife and then turns them loose. This may be a slow season for some—but not for CROW. They got an osprey this past week and a number of pelicans.

Two pelicans per day is about average for now. Most of them are from the beaches or the Pine Island area, but several have been from Fort Myers near the Yacht Basin.

These birds have a form of botulism which results in internal bleeding. It is suspected that the botulism comes from the rains washing the pesticides into the water and thereby infecting the pelicans.

CROW is doing a really fantastic job of supporting and aiding all our wildlife! Please give them your support!

The Odyssey, run by the Carpenters, Betty, William, and Claudia, is coming soon to the Legels, in the space previously occupied by Island Arts and the Knot Shop. Be sure to read this column next week to find out what The Odyssey will be. By the way, the Legels' permanent residence is still 1473 Periwinkle Way—they have not left Sanibel and have no intentions of leaving their lovely island.

The Blind Pass Cottages guest list this week includes: Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Talbott and family, formerly of Dayton, Ohio. The Talbotts are now living in Atlanta, Ga. They'll be at Blind Pass for the next two weeks. Danial Bordman of Woodbury, Conn. is enjoying the sun, as are Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ayers of Urbana, Ill. Professor Joseph G. Carter of Earlville, N. Y. and a group of eleven students from Colgate University are studying Marine Science and having fun on the island.

Florida guests include: Mr. and Mrs.

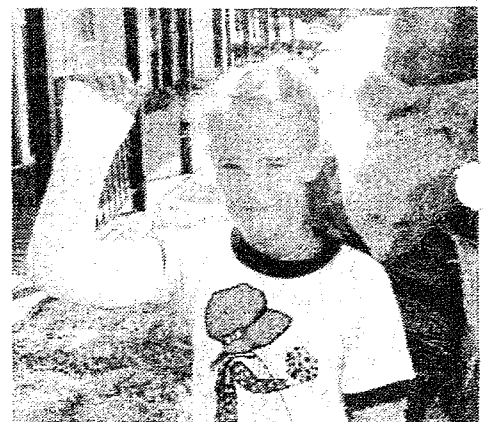
Francis F. Gore and family of Orlando; Mr. and Mrs. Cummins of Penbrooke Pines; and Mrs. Ronald Pitcher and son of Fort Pierce; Ms. Sandy Taughley of Fort Lauderdale is enjoying the beaches and waiting for her parents to join her later this week. Mr. Roy Knowles of Eustis is back again with his sons. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marsh and family of Winter Park; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Caston and family of Lauderhill; Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Hayman are honeymooning at Blind Pass from New Smyrna Beach.

Others enjoying their stay at Blind Pass are: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Erezee and son Corey of Sarasota; and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shell and family of Apopka, who'll be here for one month.

The Colony's out of state guests this week include: Mr. and Mrs. Dan Foutch and family of Knoxville, Tenn.; Mrs. Robert Hicks and family of Omaha, Nebr.; Mrs. R. W. Stewart and family of Springfield, Mo.; Mr. Albert Porto and family of Dhahran, Saudi Arabia; Mr. and Mrs. S. Greene and family of Riverdale, N. Y., Mr. E. R. Brooks and family of Savannah, Ga.; Mr. M. B. Fryer and family of Washington Court House, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Barrie Adrian and family of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Weller and family of Dayton, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. Watkins II of Mobile, Ala.; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Davis of Hillsboro, Ohio; Mr. Donald C. Wade and family of Florence, Ala.; Mr. Robert Nicklow and family of Oakridge, Tenn.; Mrs. James Helm and family of Indianapolis, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. S. Lavett and family of Orchard Park, N. Y.

The Colony's Florida guests this week include: Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sweeten of Miami; Mr. and Mrs. George Browning and family of Sarasota; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Woolsey and family of Lakeland; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Whaley and family of St. Cloud; Mr. and Mrs. Rohde and family also of St. Cloud; Mr. Keith Fowler and family of Tavares; Ms. Doris Lamb and family of Sarasota; Mr. Peter William Giorgione of

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Wendy Tuttle, the daughter of Bob and Pauline of the Sea Horse Shell Shop, was collecting signatures on her cast (rather bravely, we might add.) She broke it Wednesday a week ago while roller skating in Fort Myers with Toby Jeannites and Janis Price. Fortunately, says mother—it was a clean break at the wrist—but this is a awfully hot time to have to wear that big a cast—for five whole weeks, at that!

Small World Department: Jim and Sue Pickens of Photo Sanibel just received a post card from Jim's parents, Jim and Jo Pickens of Sea Grape Lane. Seems the senior Pickenses are on a motor tour of the northern U. S. and Canada and guess who they ran into (not literally, we hasten to add) in Jasper, Alberta, Canada? None other than Fluer and George Weymouth!

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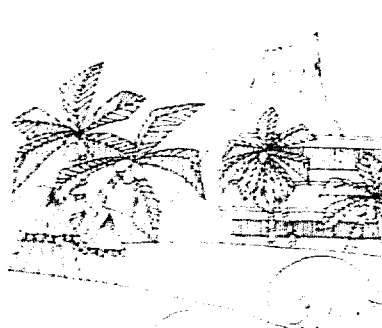
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## No respites for commissioners; discuss newspaper coverage instead

There were no relief cases at Monday morning's planning commission meeting. After the reading of the minutes H.B. 782 was discussed briefly. Duane White wanted to clarify the intent of the bill which has a 60 day review period for state and local governmental agencies to comment on land use plans. It was understood that the review agencies do not have the capacity to stop a plan but are solely involved for the purpose of advice and recommendation to the city proposing the plan in case of possible local or regional conflict.

After, White and Friday launched into complaints against the two local newspapers and one national magazine. White said, "Well, we don't have any respite cases, so we're getting a lot of things off our chest."

White said that it was absolutely imperative that things are told as they are, citing last week's Sanibel Stinger in the ISLANDER as "grossly unfair and unjust" to one of the city's employees who, he said, had 20 years of experience and had worked an average of 60 hours a week. He said that whoever wrote the article obviously doesn't know what he's talking about and that he owes the city and the employee an apology.

White said that the article was out of place and uncalled for. The city, he said is staffed by many hard working, dedicated people and should not be subject to that kind of reporting.

He then read an ad from a magazine, Southern Living, which he said had tremendous circulation. The ad touted all of the glories of Sanibel and ended with "a perfect place to relax after Disney World." That ad has also run for two years in the National Observer. The commission agreed that Sanibel didn't need that kind of advertising.

White said that a new dedication was needed. Some of the words like "unique" had become hackneyed and trite, he said, but the damage that had been caused by over development could not be assessed for years. He said that everyone should rededicate themselves that the "remainder of this island will be treated gently." The audience applauded.

He then quoted the following poem by John Drinkwater:

"When you defile the pleasant streams  
"And the wild birds' abiding place  
"You massacre a million dreams  
"And cast your spittle in God's face."

Friday said that he also had some comment to make about newspapers. He referred to the front page article in the July 11 Reporter headlined "Business leaders air their views of city."

Friday objected to the intent of meaning in the article saying that the persons referred to were newcomers to the island. He said that the developers moved in two or three years ago, some have manifested a real interest in the island but others, speculators are crying about lost dollars.

"I can't accept that concept, that the developers are being deprived," he said. The article also quoted an unnamed person who decried not being asked to help on task forces and being left out of the decision making of the city.

Friday said that those who came to Sanibel many years ago "came to Sanibel not with dollar signs but because it was and is beautiful. We were the volunteer firemen who waded around in the Casa Ybel dump in Water up to our knees fighting fires and wondering where the snakes were. The Casa Ybel dump is now the Island Beach Club. We started the Chamber of Commerce. We have wrestled with Sanibel's problems for 15 years. We were part of the original planning


and zoning board and I think we did a pretty good job back then." He continued, "Now when the flower begins to bloom the bees come after the nectar."

"That article," he continued, "is distorting. We have to get our priorities straight." He said that there should be an agreement on the same goals. A slow-down of bad press was needed in order to find a common area," he said. "We can't have a whole lot of tripe from either paper."

Don Marshall, who is back from vacation, seconded Friday's speech. He said that the old-timers should get some consideration and criticized another Reporter article about a developer heading up a task force. Marshall objected to having publicity for certain task forces and not others.

Ann Winterbotham said "when 'they' talk about their lost money-every time another development goes in we all lose. Quantity does not mean quality. There is a cost of all that is beautiful on this island. We're all losers. We have to learn to say no. What are we afraid of? A developer losing his money?"

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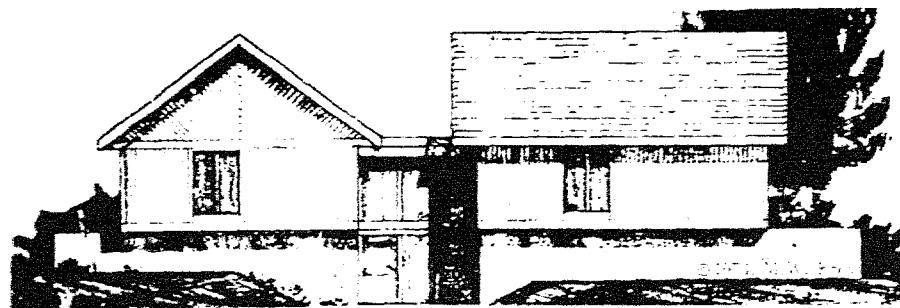
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## News Briefs—

A week ago today (Thursday, July 31) Judge John Shearer ruled against the City of Sanibel's annexation of the causeway because the annexation did not comply with the state statute on which the ordinance was based. Mayor Porter Goss then commented that he would get in touch with the state legislative representatives "immediately."

The Captiva Fire Department, while stating that they really liked the ISLANDER's coverage of last week's Punta Rassa Marina fire, asked us to mention that they also responded to the call by standing by at the Sanibel Fire Department while the Sanibel units were off-Island. And while we're on the subject of that fire, we'd like to add that Preston Woodring, Sr., also actively fought the fire on the Punta Rassa side while Captain Tom Frady and Oscar Gavin did stand by duty at the Sanibel station.

The bake sale, which offered cookies, plants and sandwiches, put on by the children and parents of the Children's Center, raised over \$160 during their day long sale at Bailey's Saturday, according to Diane Potts. That, along with a donation or two, gave the Center enough money to pay their insurance bill.

The Sanibel Police Department had another busy week, with a preponderance of traffic violation citations being issued, as well as another lost-and-found boy, mysteriously opened doors with no thefts and a couple of cases of trespassing.

Chief John Butler (whose mustache is coming along quite nicely, thank you) is the team leader of the Emergency Preparedness Evacuation and Relief Team—a lot of works which add up to the fact that he's in charge in case of a hurricane. Anyhow, a survey is presently being conducted to see how well Captiva and Sanibel residents are prepared for a storm—the results of which, we assume, will help the Chief in his efforts to keep us safe.

Advertising orders are still being accepted for the Sanibel-Captiva Telephone Directory. Proceeds go to the Sanibel Bike Path Committee. If you would like an ad in the directory, drop a card to Sanibel Bike Path Committee, 924 Palm Street, Sanibel, and someone will call on you. Ads run \$45, \$75 and \$125.

The Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society will be hiring a bus for those members who wish to attend the Marco Island dredge and fill public hearing on September 2. The bus will leave at noon from the Community Center. Call Hilda Rush after 6 p.m. for reservations at 472-4354.

## Coming Events

Sunday, August 10, John Clark of the Conservation Washington, DC, arrives on Sanibel.

Monday, August 11, Finance Committee meeting, 10 a.m.

Monday, August 11, First Reading of Budget before City Council, 4 p.m. at City Hall.

Thursday and Friday, Aug. 7 and 8, City Council budget workshops, 4 to 6 p.m., City Hall. Public allowed.

Thursday, August 14, City Hall, 10 a.m., Lecture by John Clark.

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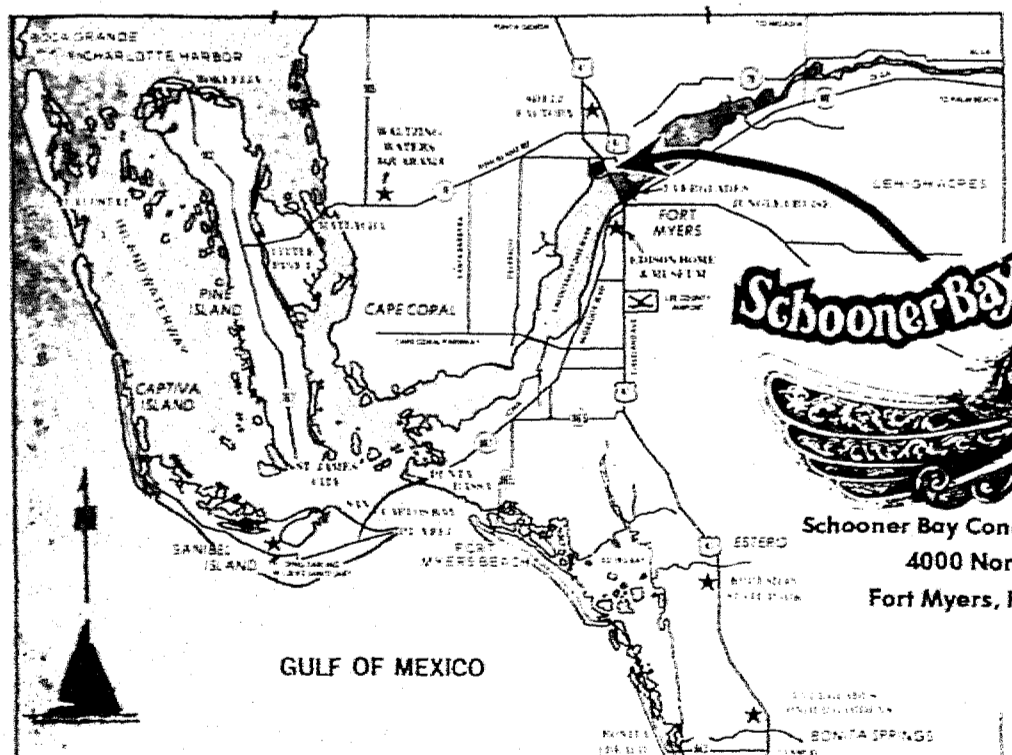
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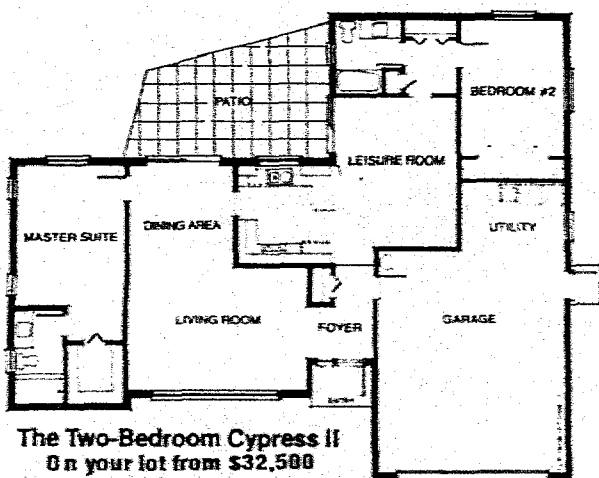
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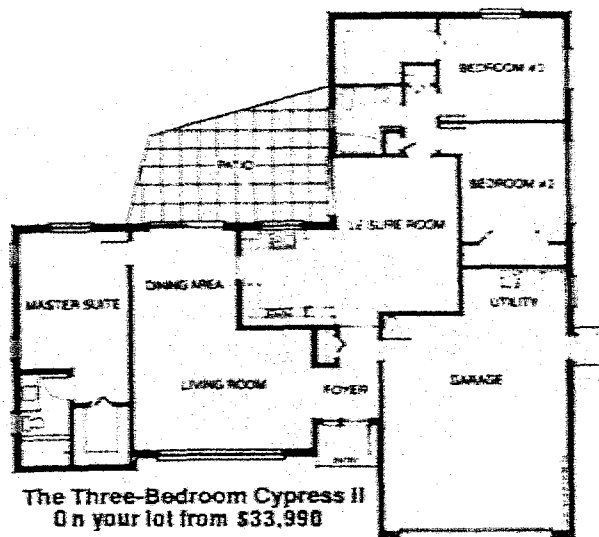
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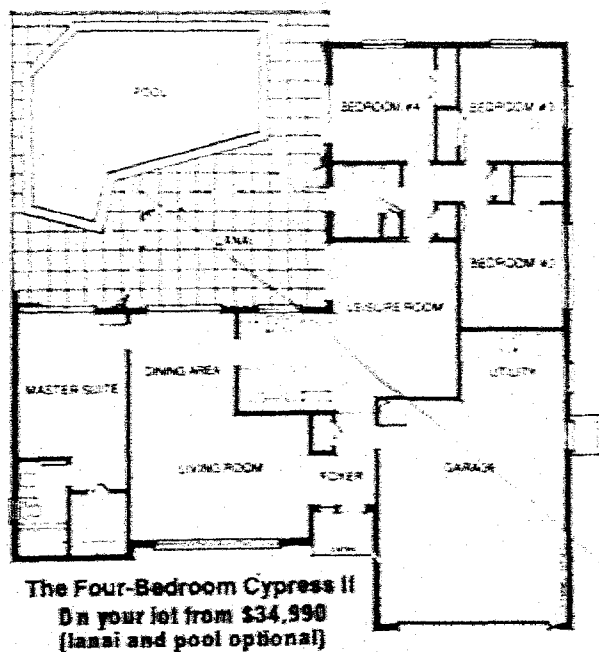
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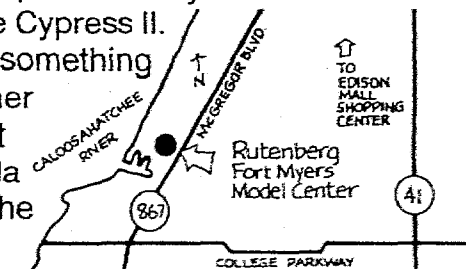
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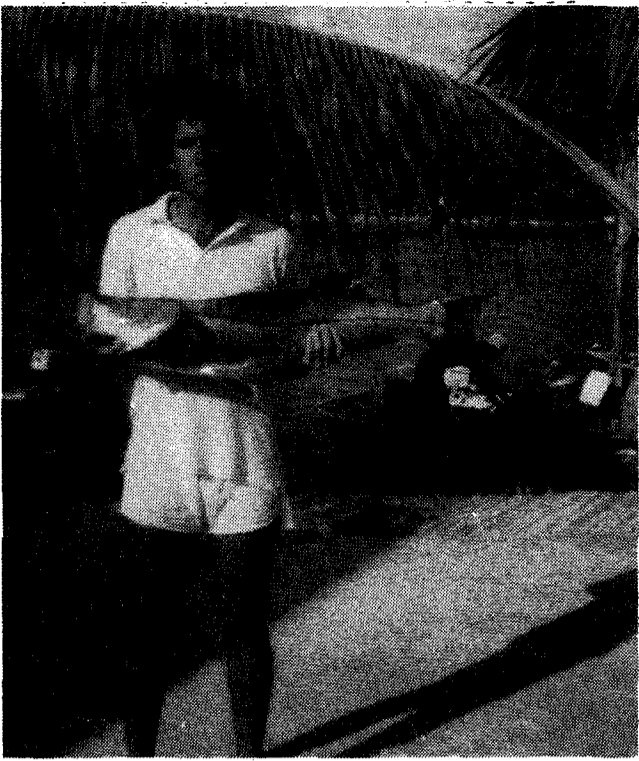
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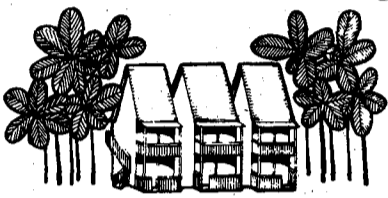
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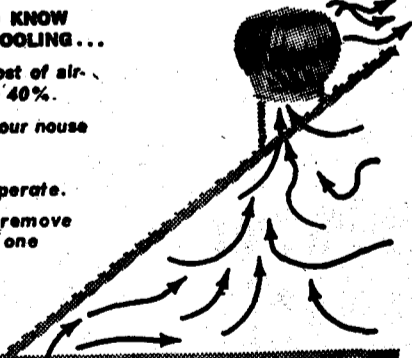
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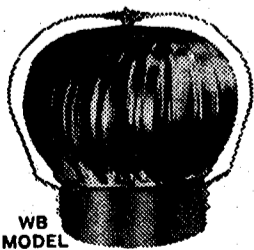
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by Ruth Hunter

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We always have to have a reason, Philip and I, for doing things. And since we have been married fifty years this season and Alaska was the only one of the fifty states we hadn't seen, 1975 seemed the time to go.

I'm not half a day away on a journey when I begin to marvel at our wonderful country and wish more people could see more of our beautiful states.

South Carolina has the Clark Hill Dam. We stopped and took a nice walk through the woods to a boat ramp. A man and his son who were launching their boat told us that you could go as far as Savannah on the river at that point. They were out for a fishing trip. What a great opportunity and for free!

Dinner at Anderson, South Carolina, with the

Henrys, Mary and Lowell, the grand nephew of Patrick and old faithful Maria serve us ham biscuits. These friends we've known for fifty years.

In the morning I fell in love with an ancient kitchen stove at a lovely price of only \$89.00 at a flea market and I had my first taste of goat cheese.

It is positively delicious, I can tell you, in case you have not tasted Billy Goat's wife's goodies.

Sunday Mass and Florence and Joe Holohan were celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary, she with an orchid and he with a cane and the pastor gave us all the traveler's blessing. With a 12,000 mile trip ahead of us we said some grateful prayers.

Carl Sandburg's home in Flat Rock, N.C. has been made a National Monument. His room on the top floor he called "Crazy Corner," and there sat the old typewriter on which he had written his letters to me from Connemara.

I treasured the one he wrote about my mother - - "There was a special warmth about her we all loved." They went to school together in Galesburg, Illinois.

Our government has kept all of Mrs. Sandburg's goats in a number of different pens. Have you ever noticed how interested goats are in us? I'm sure if they could talk they would say "Gee, you're funning looking too!"

Robroy Farquahar, director and producer of North Carolina's State Theater at Flatrock Playhouse gave us some scripts his company of actors had played last season. None are right for our Pirate Playhouse, but it is always fun to have a session with Robroy Farquahar. There are funny signs at his playhouse like "Beware of actors," "cat crossing," etc.

A big storm greeted us at Nashville, Tenn. I had expected to see Nashville streets lined with recording outfits and music all over the place and a peak at Elvis' house but there is no

special sign that it is dripping with Western music.

Remarkable about Nashville however is the Parthenon. It stands in the middle of a city park, and so far as I could see faithfully resembles the great original in Greece. I wonder what city father thought that up - must have been a present from some one.

I guess it is the only full-sized replica of the Parthenon on the Acropolis at Athens, the masterpiece of early Greek architecture and floodlighted from sunset until 11 p.m. Though it was raining cats and dogs lots of people were going in and out.

Carol Belle, on the Cumberland River is just like the stern wheeler Mississippi River boat, Old Algiers, which sits on the Sanibel shore. And Mrs. Andrew Jackson's garden at the Hermitage, home of the former president of the United States, is maintained just as she planted it in 1845- I guess a garden is forever!

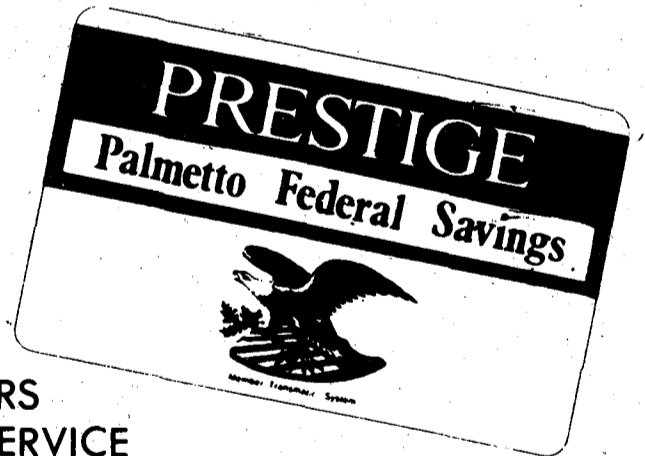
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# Signs and cuts and budget talks

Back to the finance committee meeting Wednesday morning. After John Kontinos said "I think we've got something that will fly," Bretzke came into the meeting room. Robson asked him, "You want to know what we did with your \$50,000?"

"Killed that, didn't you?" Bretzke answered with a question.  
"Not at all but..."

Cook said that \$40,000 would be a more realistic figure to expect from the occupational license fees. Bretzke sat down and sighed.

Robson said that he wanted to discuss philosophy with Bretzke. Starting with premise 1: The city can't expect any bridge money this year. 2: The tax equalization problem would probably not be resolved this year, and 3: The city would not have any federal and or state revenue sharing funds this year.

Bretzke nodded in agreement.  
"Now we get to the budget," Robson said. "Everybody is cutting out pay raises this year." (Except Congress).

Kontinos pointed out that salaries had to be commensurate with salaries in the county and other surrounding cities.

Robson said that business is in competition with the city in the labor market and if the city paid more for its help, it would "build in an intolerable load" on the business community. The business community of necessity, would have to consider higher wages plus the fringe benefits in order to compete with the city. "When you ask me to pay 30 per cent more in salaries... my business can't stand that."

There was quite a bit of discussion regarding Mildred Howze's (Deputy city clerk-treasurer) salary which is currently \$11,000 a year. Bretzke put Howze in for a raise of \$2,200 and retirement benefits. Cook

figured \$13,200 times 9 per cent (retirement benefit) which would amount to another \$1,100 for a total increase of 30 per cent or \$14,300 per year.

Bretzke tried to defend the pension plan by saying that everybody who was hired was told that there would be a retirement program. Zee Butler asked, "Where'd you get that?" Bretzke said that he was told he would be on a pension plan and perhaps he had made an assumption that what was good for Bretzke was good for the whole staff. However, he said that Howze was the head of a department and should be on the pension plan. Robson said, "Everybody around here is a head of a department."

Kontinos very firmly announced, "We promised the people of this city to stick to 3 mills. I don't want to see this type of budget passed this year."

Robson reiterated that raises were not being passed around this year. The state of the economy does not allow for raises in a time of recession-depression-inflation (take your pick.)

Getting off salary raises and on to other items, it was decided that the budget in general was fairly lopsided. It was pointed out that \$65,000 for legal fees was below a minimal figure considering all the problems and that there should be an increase of \$35,000 in the contingency fund and that \$30,000 be put in the road and parkway fund under the city engineer. According to Robson, "Nobody knows what God is going to do with this island this year."

Bretzke had not included any money for road repair.

The committee recommended that there be a total police force of 8 uniformed men at \$9,600; that the city hire one planner at \$13,500 and an additional clerk-typist at \$6,500. The budget was sent back to Bretzke for additional work.

# Take a kid fishing today!

Local Island fishing is still making a splash. Tarpon have been sighted rolling near the first span of the causeway. Also in the Sanibel Causeway area, redfish are being taken with live "educated" shrimp. Redfish are easily identified by a black spot on each side of the tail.

The snook are hitting at Blind Pass Bridge during the night. Lucky anglers are using live shrimp, some pinfish and 52-M Mirrolures for bait.

If you're fishing off the Gulf beaches in the surf (editor's note: hopefully, not where people are swimming.) you'll be rewarded with many whiting. Also an occasional snook is being taken up and down the beaches.

Summer vacation is now in its last month before school starts up again. Are your children or grandchildren getting a little bored with swimming and playing all day long? Are you tired of trying to keep them entertained and happy? If you know a little something about fishing, you'll get great enjoyment in sharing your fishing adventures with a youngster.

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Make sure they have some action. There's nothing more discouraging for a child than no action.

Keep the kids comfortable. Don't fish at high noon when the heat could knock them out. Be sure to bring along the bug repellent, since you can be sure they (the bugs) are biting.

Another important rule is don't force them. If they're not interested, there's nothing you can do about it.

Make time and take time to fish with your children. The rewards will be memorable. As you teach them about the hows and whys of fishing, you'll be learning, too, from them.

Fishing isn't only for boys, so be sure to include your daughters as well. Mom might enjoy some fishing, too.

Good luck and happy fishing!

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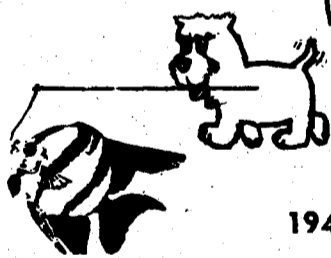
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## Rocks area petitions for immediate mosquito control

Wayne Miller, director of the Lee County Mosquito Control District, was the guest speaker at this past Tuesday's Sanibel Community Association meeting.

During the meeting, he was presented with a petition signed by over 70 residents of the Rocks area (at least, that was the count Monday afternoon—it's quite possible more signatures were on it when it was handed to Mr. Miller.)

The petition, circulated by Myra and Alfred Zullone, who are homeowners in the Rocks area, said, in essence, that the Rocks homeowners had not authorized any individual to ask for a "cease spraying" order, and respectfully demanded that the entire Rocks Area "Be regularly and effectively sprayed with insecticides to eliminate the continuous mosquito nuisance..."

In a covering letter accompanying the petition, the Zullones quoted Joanne Whitaker, Ph. D, a professor of microbiology and a homeowner in the rocks area, saying that Dr. Whitaker endorsed the

petition while mentioning the serious outbreak of encephalitis (103 cases) in Mississippi, which had caused (at least) 11 deaths last month. This particular strain of encephalitis, for which there is no known cure, is carried from birds to mosquitoes to man.

'Tis much too hot for anything to taste good—anything regular, that is. So here's a recipe designed to perk up even the most enervated appetites and it's called Herbed Vegetable Medley.

First you drain (reserving both juice and pineapple) a 1 lb. 4 oz. can of Dole Pineapple chunks. Combine in a saucepan ½ cup of the pineapple syrup with one third of a cup of white wine vinegar, 2 Tbsp, salad oil, 2 tsp. seasoned salt, 2 tsp. instant minced onion,

## Fire hydrant study

In a meeting on Thursday, July 31, Larry Snell, general manager of The Island Water Association, Inc., agreed to sponsor a study by Bennett & Bishop, consulting Engineers of Sarasota, Florida, to determine the feasibility of installing fire hydrants in the developed areas of Sanibel and Captiva. Attending the meeting were representatives

from the Sanibel Fire District, Captiva Fire District, The Island Water Association, Inc., Bennett & Bishop and Sanibel City Manager, Dave Bretzke.

Mr. Snell announced that when the new 2,000,000 gallon water tank off Periwinkle Way is placed into service, there will be sufficient available water and pressure to properly supply a system of fire hydrants.

In approximately one month, Bennett & Bishop will present its study to the Florida Fire Rating Bureau and request that they furnish the exact criteria needed to change the Islands from a Class 10 insurance district to a Class 8 district. This will reduce fire insurance rates approximately \$.75 per thousand dollars of coverage. A typical dwelling insured for \$40,000. would cost approximately \$30. per annum less for fire insurance.

The cost of fire hydrants will be substantially less than this. The many ways of funding will be discussed at a later date.

## with a pinch of salt. . .


by ginni

one quarter tsp. seasoned pepper, one fourth tsp. basil and 2 cups of pared carrots which you have sliced on the diagonal not more than a half inch thick, cover and cook for about 10 minutes until vegetables are just tender but still crispy. Add the drained pineapple. If you insist, you can serve this hot, but 'tis much better chilled overnight and served cold in pre-chilled small bowls. This amount will make about six people very happy.



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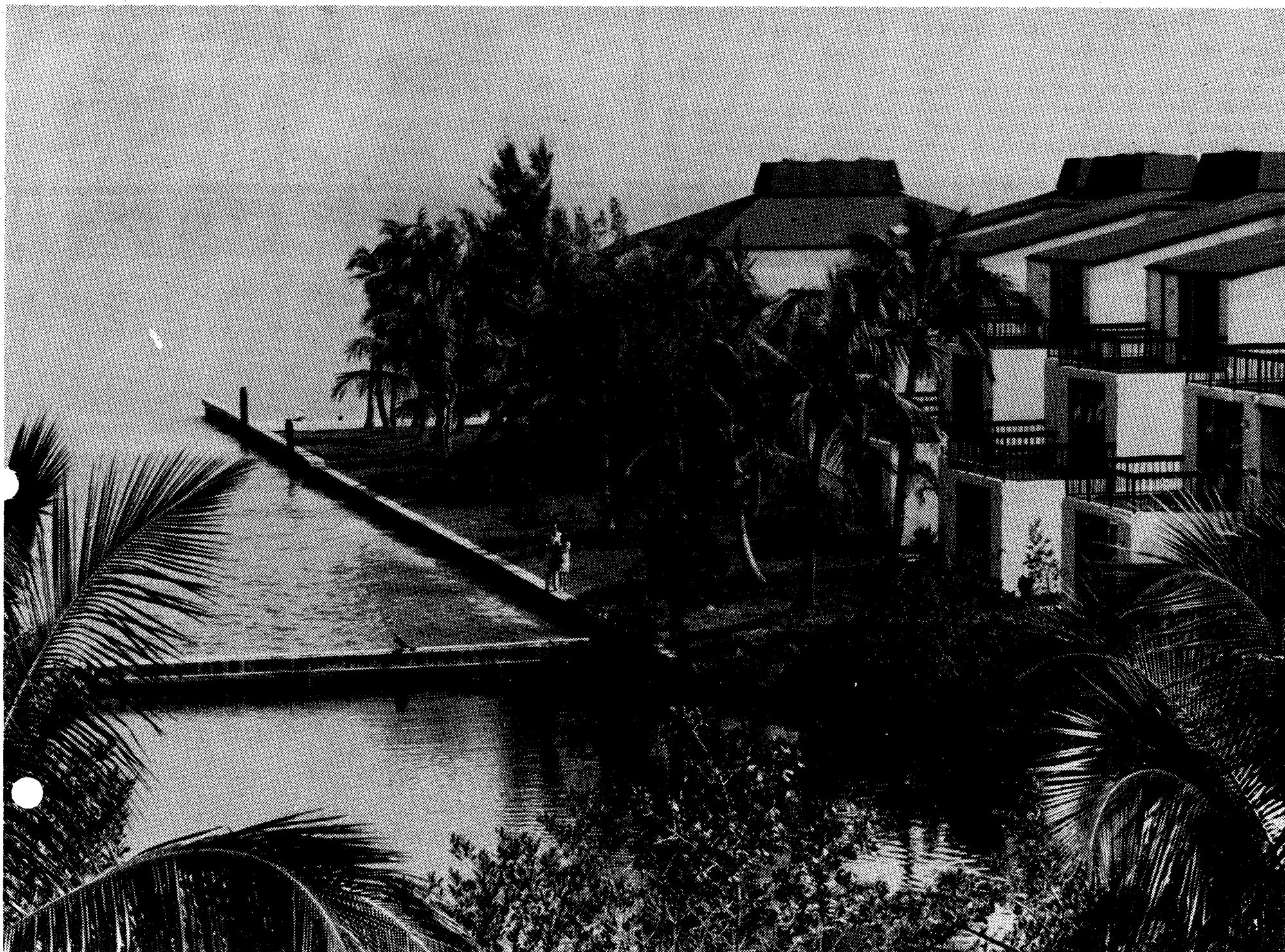
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## Planning commission from page 6

Anina Hills and Joe McMurtry are on holiday.

Malcolm Beattie and Mario Hutton were appointed to the Public Information task force, rounding out the force to five members. Friday asked for an outline of the exact functions of the task force.

White responded that the task force would relieve some of the work load of the planning commission, which is "getting to be tremendous." He said that he, personally, was spending up to 50 hours a week working. The task force should be charged with assuring major public attendance at all WMRT meetings. They will be charged with disseminating the information WMRT will provide in whatever manner they decide.

Ed Underhill, a member of the task force, said that the purpose of the task force is to get out as much information to the public so that they can make proper decisions. He said it is not the business of the newspapers to publish Robert's Red Book but to report full, accurate, objective news. Therefore, there is a gap between news items and what WMRT feels is important and the job of the task force is to fill that gap.

He explained that he is an owner of the Reporter and on the board of directors. However, he explained that he had nothing to do with the editorial policy of the newspaper and if he had been asked to serve because of his affiliation with the paper, he said he would have declined on conflict of interest.

Ann Winterbotham motioned to appoint Hal Harrison as chairman of the task force. Harrison then spoke, saying that there was apathy on the Island, particularly by the people who had voted for incorporation. He said that their interest, thrust and en-

thusiasm had waned and that it was one of the jobs of the task force to bring back that enthusiasm.

He said that it was "pathetic so few people gave a damn about how things are," in regard to only about 50 people attending the last WMRT meeting. He said that the public was not informed and that it was the job of the task force to reach the people who stay at home.

Mary Johnson, who was in the audience, said that the Civic and Social task force was alerting everyone to be informed before public meetings. She said that if a person was not informed that they would be "out in left field."

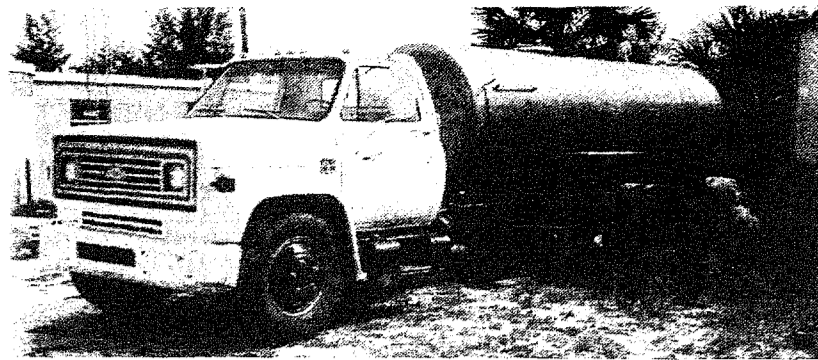
Duane White informed the group that Fred Bosselman (WMRT attorney) will be on the island August 10, 11, 12 and 13 for meetings with the Conservation foundation.

John Clark will give a public presentation on August 14 at 10 a.m. at city hall. There was a question as to why that meeting could not be held at the community center. White said that the community association had decided to charge for the use of the building.

Paul Howe, in the audience, said that the community association was a tax exempt quasi-public body and therefore should not charge for public meetings, and that if the association continued to charge for public affairs, he would recommend that their tax status change, and as an after thought he added the "chamber of commerce also."

An invitation will be sent to the state, regional and county authorities to attend the August 21st meeting with WMRT. WMRT maps are now for public perusal in city hall. White charged the planning commission with "study, study and study."

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.



This rather unusual looking vehicle is a nurse truck. The Sanibel Fire Department acquired the cab and chassis about a month ago and just got back the 2,000 gallon fiberglass cylinder tank from Mincke Spreader Words in Astatula, Florida, where it had been special ordered. The truck can not only function as a nurse truck, providing

a water supply for the regular fire trucks, but, in time of emergency (such as hurricanes and so forth) can be flushed out and filled with fresh water which could be used for drinking if necessary. "Or, if things really got bad, I suppose we could empty it and ride it out of here during a storm" said a fire department member who didn't wish any more personal publicity.

## River Report—

By words and pictures, the Johnson Plan clearly says that the Sanibel River is a stagnant, polluted, salty, constricted mess.

Under the auspices of the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and financed by the Island Inn Company (\$1,500) whose individual members across the country more than doubled that amount, Joe Sawbridge (Sanibel Highlands, \$250) and Elisha Camp (\$500), Johnson Engineering got to work on a very comprehensive albeit preliminary study of the Sanibel River. They have produced a 50 page document which was presented to city council Tuesday by Richard Workman. The following quotes are excerpts from the report.

"The primary objective was to preserve the Sanibel River as a natural, free-flowing water system. Supporting objectives: 1. Reverse the existing trend toward saltwater intrusion. Return the river to a fresh water environment, ultimately purging all salt water from the system. 2. Improve the existing riverine system to provide for a continuous free-flowing stream. 3. Remove bottlenecks in the existing channel to improve the flood control system. 4. Establish a plan for the protection and management of the Sanibel River to insure the preservation of this natural resource for the enjoyment of future generations."

Armed with those objectives and a good deal of idealism, Workman and Dan Dickey of Johnson Engineering traveled by canoe the entire length of the Sanibel River on March 20 of this year. Their safari through the wilderness of the interior of Sanibel would defy the imagination of the best African trekker. "Water levels were extremely low at this time," said Workman. "Portages were the rule rather than the exception."

Defining part of the problem, the study said, "Constrictions in the interior drainage system cause other problems. During periods of heavy rainfall in the rainy season, moderate to severe flooding occurs in some areas. At times substantial portions of major highways are covered, often to a depth of six to eight inches. This is primarily due to incorrectly sized and improperly placed culverts."

Another problem identified was the control structures built in 1960 as part of the mosquito control program. They were built at Beach Road and Tarpon Bay in order to maintain a constant water level. However, "unanticipated problems have developed in the interior drainage system. The water level control structures are so designed and built as to permit the intrusion of salt water. During high tides and low interior water levels the salt water overtops the control structure. At other times intrusions comes from leakage through or around the structures."

Because of the high density of salt water, "intruding salt water flows inland as a density current, and spreads throughout the existing stream channel, in some cases entering ponds or other water bodies. Under drought conditions, fresh water level sometimes drops below Mean Sea Level, permitting seepage of salt water into the ground water system."

Three 1 inch equals 2,000 feet maps are included in the report, one showing existing and proposed control structures and one

giving topographic data along the river and the last showing existing land uses from Gulf Drive to San-Cap Road-Periwinkle, the north and south boundaries and Tahiti Drive and Beach Road, the east and west boundaries of the fresh water management area. This boomerang shaped area was presented to the public by WMRT at their last public meeting.

The conclusions of the Johnson study are as follows: Proper protection and management of the Sanibel River will prevent further degradation...and bring about the recovery of a viable fresh water system.

2. The Sanibel River is getting progressively higher in chlorides.

3. The riverine system is in poor condition for flood control purposes and for use purging salt water.

4. There is no active coordinated plan to protect and manage the Sanibel Riverine area.

5. The most valuable asset of the Sanibel Riverine system is the wealth of natural areas under Conservation Foundation management.

6. Adoption of a land use plan is essential to effective management of the Sanibel Fresh water system.

Recommendations of the study: 1. That a city-foundation committee be established; 2. To establish a minimum riverine corridor of 200 feet; 100 feet each side of the river, although the report says that "The 200 feet would not allow proper buffer zones between the river and upland development and therefore 200 feet will be inadequate for integrated needs..."

3. That an active management plan be prepared and correlated with the results of SMRT and John Clark's work for the conservation foundation.

4. That the Johnson plan be accepted in concept by the city, and authorize preparation of a final fresh water management plan.

Their recommendation for immediate action is: "Set controls of the Tarpon Bay and Beach Road structures at plus 2.5 feet MSL, record pool levels during this summer and assemble data for future engineering design."

Two cost estimates were included for replacement and additions of the weir structures and culverts and channel improvements.

The primary cost estimate was from \$421,000 to \$871,500. The difference in cost being in major channel improvements and different types of culverts under Tarpon Bay Road, Casa Ybel Road and Rabbit Road.

Workman explained the benefits of the plan; reduction of flood damage in the developed areas, better water quality, better road maintenance, hopefully fewer mosquitoes, improved emergency evacuation situation, recreation and continuation of fresh water vegetation and wildlife habitats.

Workman also explained that WMRT, the planning commission, the Regional planning council, the Department of environmental regulation and Mosquito Control had all been asked for their advice and recommendations and comments as the Johnson Study progressed.

The city Council thanked Dick Workman and Malcolm Beattie for their work, and took the Johnson River study and the accompanying data under advisement for further study.

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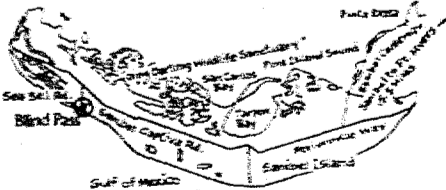


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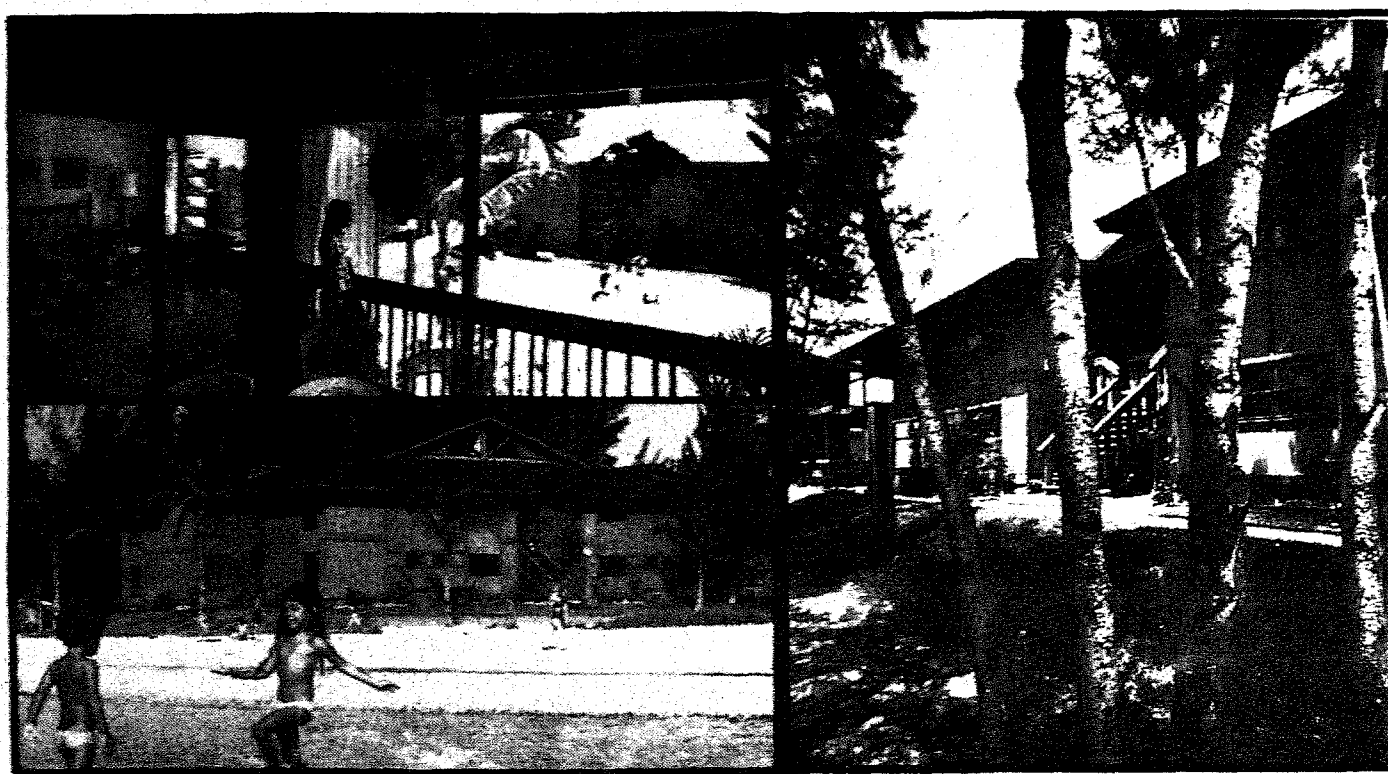
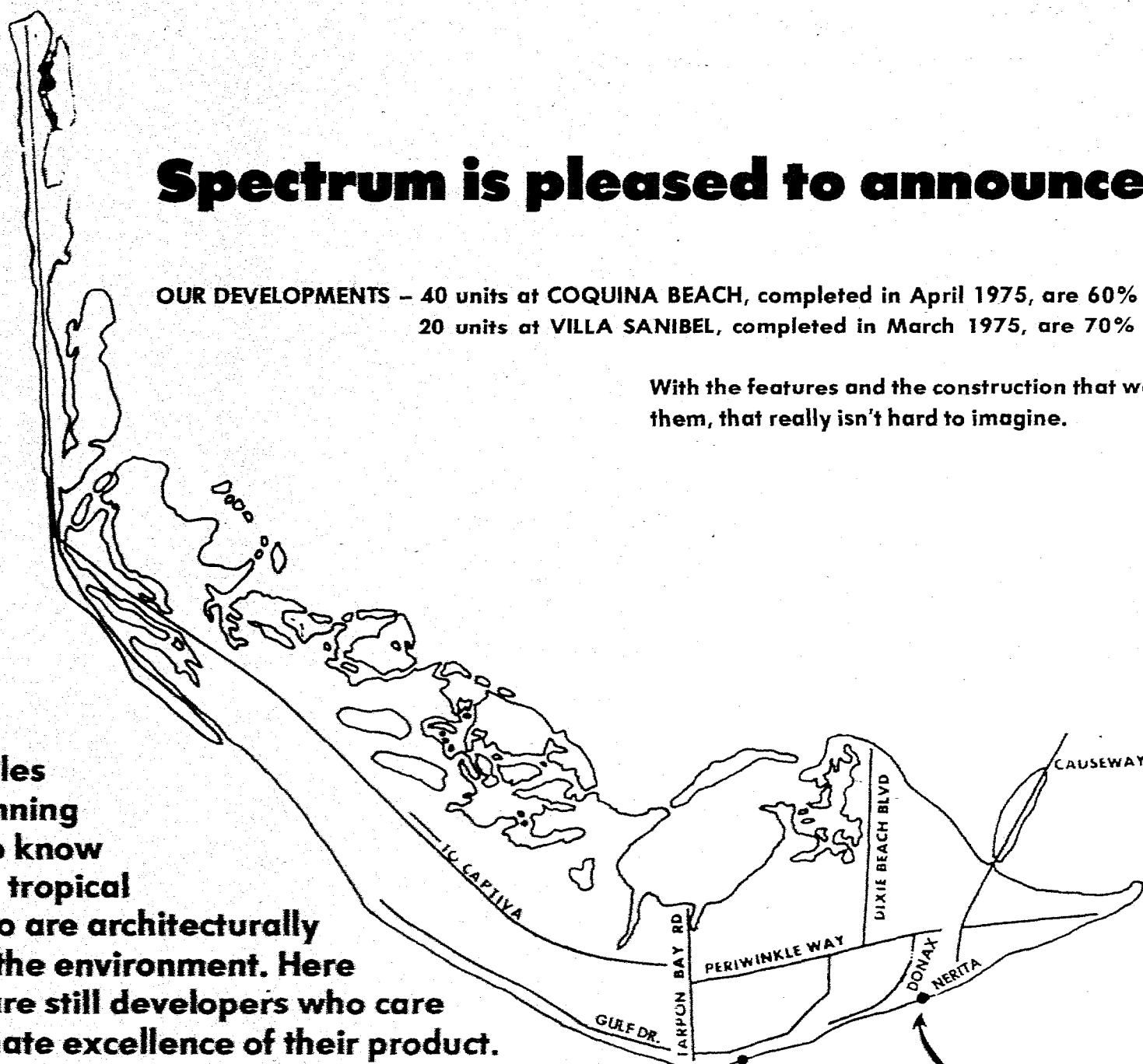
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## Vegetation destroyed illegally

A strip of land over 100 feet long and about 12 feet wide was dredged out on Government Lot No. 4 off Bowman's Beach Road, violating not only the city's vegetation ordinance, but also encroaching on someone else's property. At last report, Chief John Butler, of the Sanibel Police Force said they were collecting data and would ask the advice of how to handle the matter from the State Attorney's office as soon as possible.

## Jeff enjoys Sanibel

Jeffrey Zehner, 6½, of Reading, Pa., got his last Island wish fulfilled Monday evening when he saw a real live alligator in the pond off Island Inn Road. Jeff and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Brison Merritt of Leesport, Pa., spent five days on Sanibel at the Reef before returning home Tuesday.

"What do I like best about Sanibel?" said Jeff. "Well, the fishies and the toad...and the shells, too. I like the purple ones best."

Jeff's grandparents were thrilled with Sanibel ("except for all that building on the beaches," said Mrs. Merritt) and the fact

that Jeff had found an apple murex, seen dolphins and birds and alligators in their "real" homes, and also by the fact that Mrs. Merritt had caught a 20 inch trout on Monday. All in all, a most satisfying trip.

Robert and Shirley Prescott of Orlando and their three children, Gary, Ronnie and Lisa, are vacationing at the Seahorse Cottages. They have been coming to Sanibel for four years and hope to retire here. Bob is employed by Southern Bell Telephone Company.

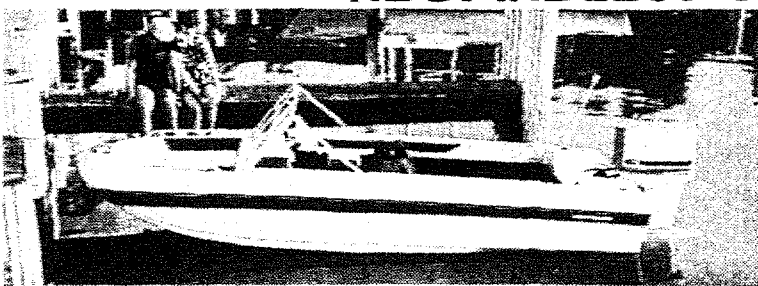


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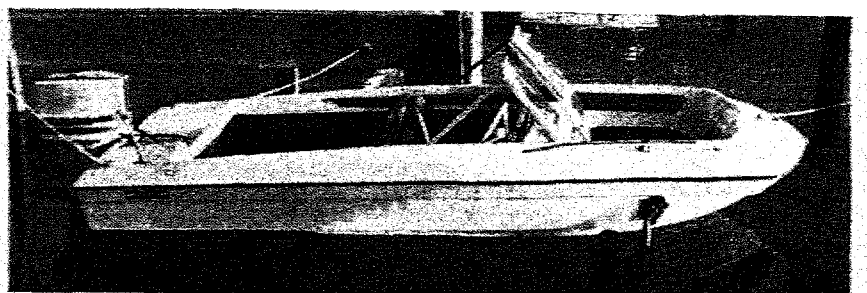
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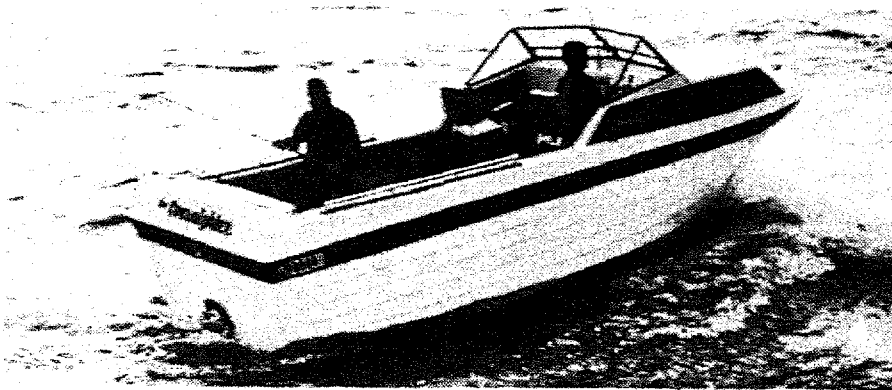
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Wednesday a week ago was a very interesting day. The finance committee met to consider the budget. . . or they were supposed to meet to consider the budget but at 9 a.m. Jim Robson announced that Dave Bretzke would be a little late, so Zee Butler suggested that the committee discuss the occupational license ordinance while they waited for Bretzke.

Not expecting the occupational ordinance to be discussed, the ISLANDER did not have a copy of Draft 3, which had been discussed several weeks ago by the city council at which time council recommended a cut of 50 per cent of most all of the fees.

It was also at that time that the Chamber of Commerce said that they would like to redo the ordinance or at least have something to say before council passed the ordinance. Council advised the Chamber to present their findings in two weeks. At that time it was not clear to whom the Chamber was to present their findings.

It was clear at Wednesday morning's meeting that the Chamber had presented their recommendations to someone, and that there had been a Draft 4 written which was now being discussed. The committee was still in a quandary about what to do with the hotel-motel group, who apparently threatened to sue, as well as the contractors, who were threatening to do likewise. A \$20 figure was being bandied about for each unit or each bedroom and no one could quite seem to come to grips with the problem.

They went on to discuss whereas's and sections: they added Boat Sales, open air, law and used. . . \$50.00 and auto repair at \$100.

John Kontinos, who had recently been appointed to the finance committee to replace Jim Hermes who resigned after one meeting, came in late. He was brought up to date. The threatened law suits were discussed. John Cook said he thought that the suits were blown all out of proportion.

"Somebody has to bite the bullet. You can't be scared off everytime somebody goes to talk to his lawyer."

Kontinos said that the occupational licenses fees were jacked up too high and that they were unprecedented in the State of Florida. Cook responded that there had been inflation since the time when the regulations they were using as guidelines had been written.

Kontinos asked "How much has inflation gone up?" He suggested that the Hotel-Motel group would likely be very influential on other dissenting groups if they were not appeased by a reasonable rate. He said that the reason he was late to the meeting was that he had been on the phone talking to members of that group and that they had suggested \$15 a living unit as a reasonable fee. Jim Robson said that he thought the group was sword-rattling.

Kontinos said that if they bring suits—each and every individual can be sued. "Call that sword waving if you want to, but we have to be realistic."

Robson said that he carried a \$100,000 policy "just for that kind of thing."

Cook broke in and asked Kontinos if he thought the Hotel-Motel group would be satisfied with \$15 a living unit. Kontinos said "I think we ought to negotiate. These people are reasonable people. We shouldn't instigate law suits." He said that he hoped that they would see \$15 as a compromise. "They'll fight \$20 tooth and nail."

Cook asked if there weren't a danger if the fee was lowered to \$15 of not getting beaten down again to \$12.

Kontinos agreed that there was always that danger.

Robson said it made him sick to his stomach—everybody grinding his own axe.

Kontinos reminded him that his fee was relatively small compared to the hotels and motels. He said that Mike Perceri, spokesman for the Hotel-Motel Association, was having a time keeping the group in check. "I think we ought to compromise." Kontinos suggested again.

Mayor Porter Goss came in and sat down at the committee table. It became clearer

# "And fly it did"

that this was not an ordinary meeting to consider the budget.

He said that he had a state study of occupational licenses dated 1965 from the Florida League of Cities. He said that there was a tremendous disparity in the report between Hotels-Motels and restaurants; that it was a good guide for other businesses; and in some cases Sanibel's fees were reasonable, some over and some under the report's. The trouble areas still remained; the contractors and the Hotel-Motel-vs Condominium.

He said that there should be a distinction between condominiums and motels; that motels should be per unit and condos per room. Robson objected.

Goss said that he had had a meeting with the Hotel-Motel Association and that he had no axe to grind; that there was definite support for the license but why should that group have to pay the total cost.

"The hotel-motel people say they can't pass that fee on to tourists. I can't buy that," Goss said.

Robson countered with "I'm charging all the traffic will bear right now. If I could raise a price I would." Goss conceded that the tourists were getting a good rate to live on the Island "in relation to what it's going to cost the resident after we get the budget passed around."

After a few more additions, deletions and revisions, Robson said that he was feeling very good about the whole thing. Goss concurred and said that after he had checked through the Fla. League of Cities study and the Chamber of Commerce recommendations, there were only a couple of gaps but on the whole, the ordinance was "very fair, very defensible."

The mayor left. The committee lowered the contractors fees to \$300 for a general contractor, \$250 for building contractors and \$200 for residential building contractors. They finally settled on \$15 a unit for tourist courts, motels and houses; \$15 for each bedroom for apartments, houses and condominiums. Kontinos had the last word, "I think we've got something that will fly."

And fly it did. The city council held a special meeting Wednesday evening at the Community Center with the finance committee. Whether a large crowd was expected or not is beside the point: the council and finance committee was ready for anything. An audience of a dozen or so showed up.

Mayor Goss said that there had been a first reading of the title and that they were now going to consider Draft 5. Still armed with Draft 3, there was some confusion as to what had happened to Draft 4 in order to arrive at Draft 5. Goss said that there was really only Draft 4 which had only recently become Draft 5, or that there wasn't a Draft 4 except in transition. At any rate, a Draft 5 showed up on the press table. In comparing Draft 3 and 5 it was clear that the council's recommendation to the finance committee to cut fees in half had had no effect.

Zee Butler said that there had been good input from the Chamber of Commerce and the Hotel-Motel Group and that the finance committee had the best interests of everyone at heart. She went on to explain that the finance committee decided not to heed the council's recommendation to cut the fees in half and that the ordinance as it now stood was the product of many hours of hard work and she hoped acceptable to the business community.

The mayor asked for any audience participation before the council considered the ordinance. Grady Edmonson said that since he was part of a government reservation he didn't think he'd have to pay the fees but he would support the ordinance as written, support the city of Sanibel and pay his share anyway.

Stan Johnson, speaking on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce Civic affairs committee, said "None of us like taxes. None of us are happy in the classic sense of the word, but we feel we have something we can live with and that the document had come about as a result of an effective democratic process."

Mike Perceri said that the work presented

a great deal of effort and that the hotel-motel association appreciated the hard work. The association heartily endorsed the ordinance.

Goss said that there had been some question raised about "reasonableness" raised by the Taxpayers Association which he felt obliged to answer. He again mentioned the Florida League of Cities study and that in comparing the rate sheets with Sanibel's, he felt that Sanibel had a fair ordinance.

LeBuff said that he was glad to see that handymen and fishing guide fees had been kept at a reasonable rate. There was some discussion about the fees for a beauty shop, barber shop and pet grooming. Kontinos said that he didn't think pet grooming was a

necessity whereas a beauty parlor or barber shop might be and that perhaps the fee for pet grooming might be higher. However, he said later that "we are not going to dot every 'I' and cross every 'T' and that there was no way of providing everything for everybody. He was satisfied with the ordinance.

A motion was made to accept the ordinance. During the discussion Dave Bretzke complained that he didn't have the staff necessary to do all the paperwork, printing etc. before September 1. Kontinos jumped in, "This is money in hand, Dave. Get the licenses made and get the money in!"

The motion passed, the mayor said let the record show that Vernon MacKenzie was absent.

John Cook offered his services to help Bretzke prepare for the September 1 date. Goss smiled and said that the city couldn't do without all of the volunteer help it had and is receiving.

There will be a final hearing on the ordinance Tuesday, August 26.

Pretty Periwinkle Place



## Budget

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responsibility since it is an access road for Captiva.

Butler said if there were no more questions she would turn the meeting over to Bretzke.

Bretzke began by saying that he had initially had a budget of \$680,000. "We could have done everything we wanted to." But the budget had been shuffled back and forth and the new budget is now about \$200,000 lower. He mentioned \$50,000 that wanted to go into a contingency fund and a reduction of \$20,000 in the planning budget which was recommended by the finance committee. He said that he had added the \$20,000 because "we can see additional work coming up. We should add at least a city planner." He added that he had reduced salaries \$25,000 from the original budget and expected to maintain a 4 mill budget.

There was some confusion as to exactly what was to be done with the \$30,000 Duane White had asked for; would that money was for WMRT in addition to the agreed contract price of \$60,000?

White said that there had been a "total misconception" about the requested planning commission budget. He said that he had suggested an additional \$5,000 for maps and that he had recommended that the city hire a city planner and staff to carry out WMRT's plan, and that the money was not for WMRT nor had they asked for any additional funds. "You can't suddenly have a

comprehensive land use plan and not have a professional on the staff to implement that plan."

Robson explained, in response to the three priority items that were mentioned earlier, that the life of the city depends on defending itself. Priorities change. Apparently the priority change had been from roads to specialized legal fees.

Butler agreed with someone in the audience that a full time lawyer could be hired but that specialists will be needed in addition and that at the moment the city has a contract with Roberts and Watson for legal services for \$20,000.

Question: "What do we get for \$20,000?" Answer: "They review all the ordinances."

Bretzke said that it would be possible to maintain an under 4 mill levy but "it's going to be difficult."

Paul Howe said that it might be possible to look at the 4 mills as being independence from the county.

Bretzke gave his thanks and appreciation to the community for all the help he had received.

The last word came from the audience: "Dave, you're doing a hell of a good job but please don't forget one thing—don't duplicate New York City in one year!"

August 11 will be the first reading of the budget by city council with the final reading scheduled for the 8th of September.

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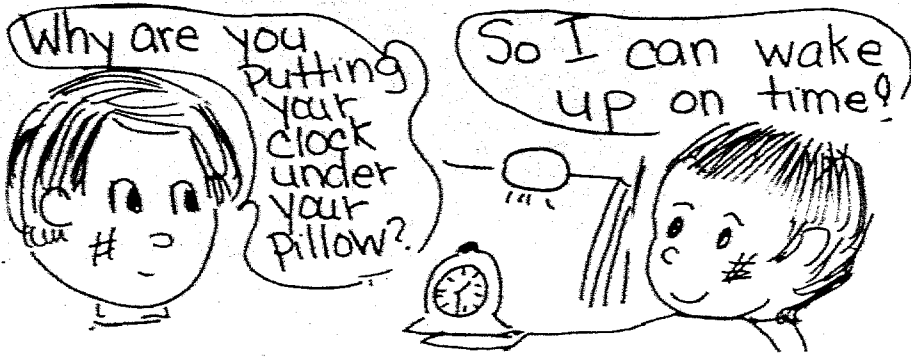
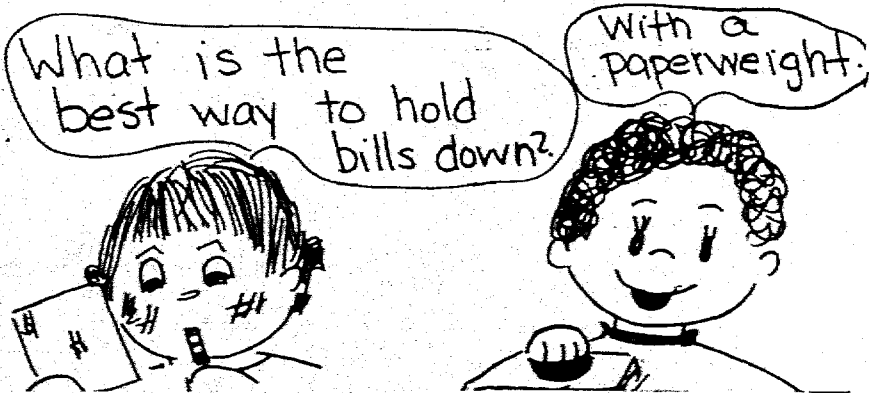
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## Mini Jokes



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| 2. ujmp _____    | 8. prsitn _____    |
| 3. adsh _____    | 9. emet _____      |
| 4. elayr _____   | 10. ratkc _____    |
| 5. uhdrsel _____ | 11. otsh utp _____ |
| 6. elpa _____    | 12. acre _____     |

Answer block:

1. run, 2. jump, 3. dash, 4. relay, 5. hurdles, 6. leap, 7. vault, 8. sprint, 9. meet, 10. track, 11. shot put, 12. race.



## E Puzzle-le-do

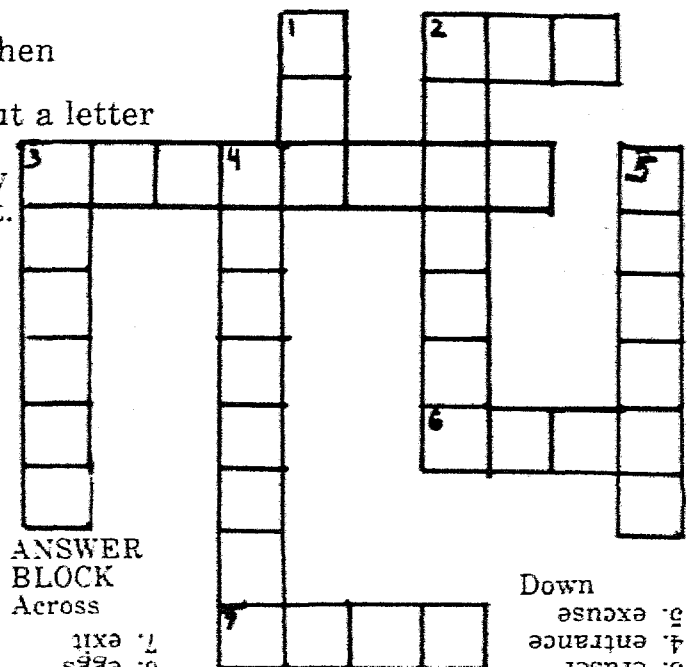
All the words in this puzzle begin with the letter E.

ACROSS

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- What you put a letter in.
- Chickens lay \_\_\_\_\_
- The way out.

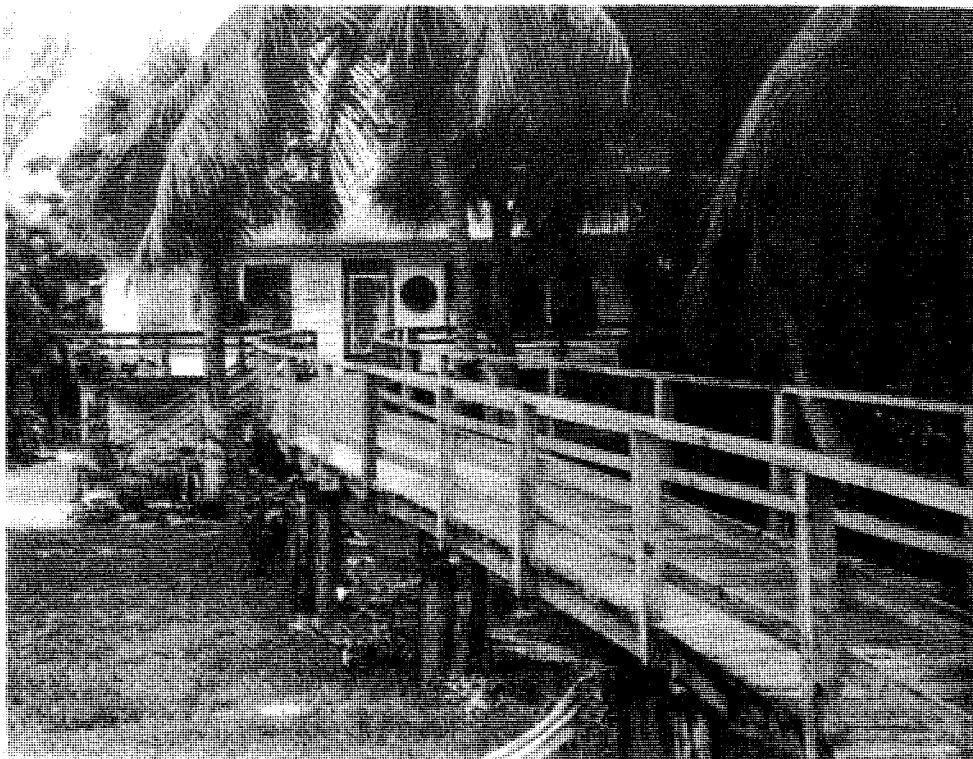
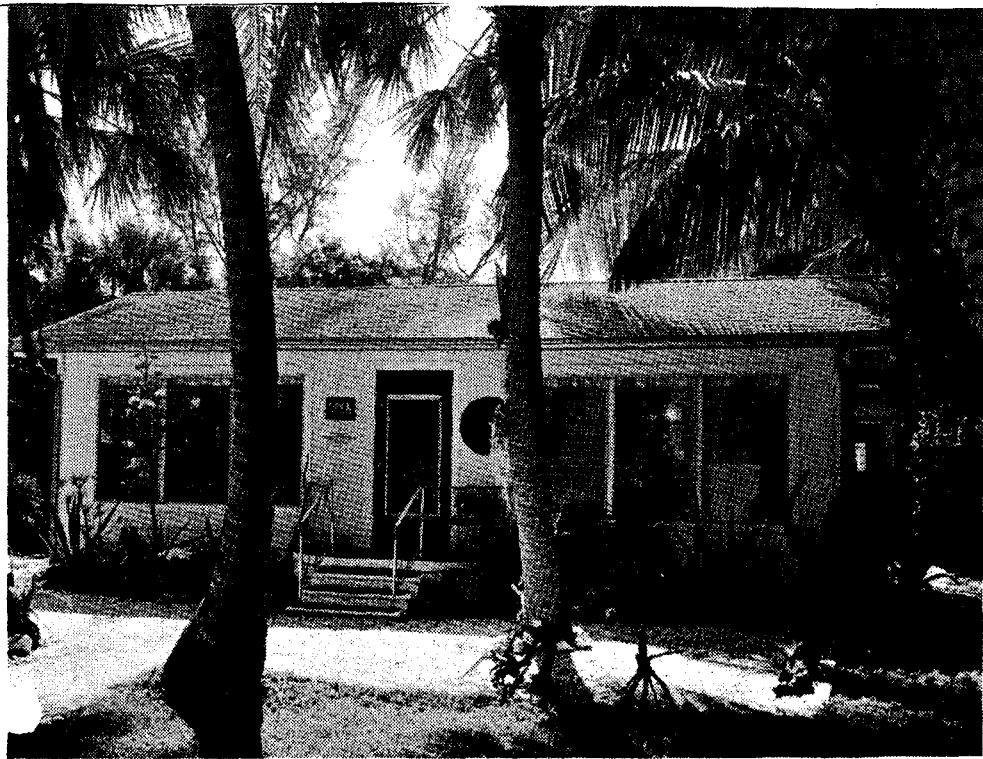
DOWN

- A snake-like water creature.
- To blow up.
- You erase with it.
- Not the exit.
- A reason for something.



ANSWER BLOCK  
Across  
1. eat  
2. envelope  
3. eggs  
4. exit  
5. eggs

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3. eraser  
4. entrance  
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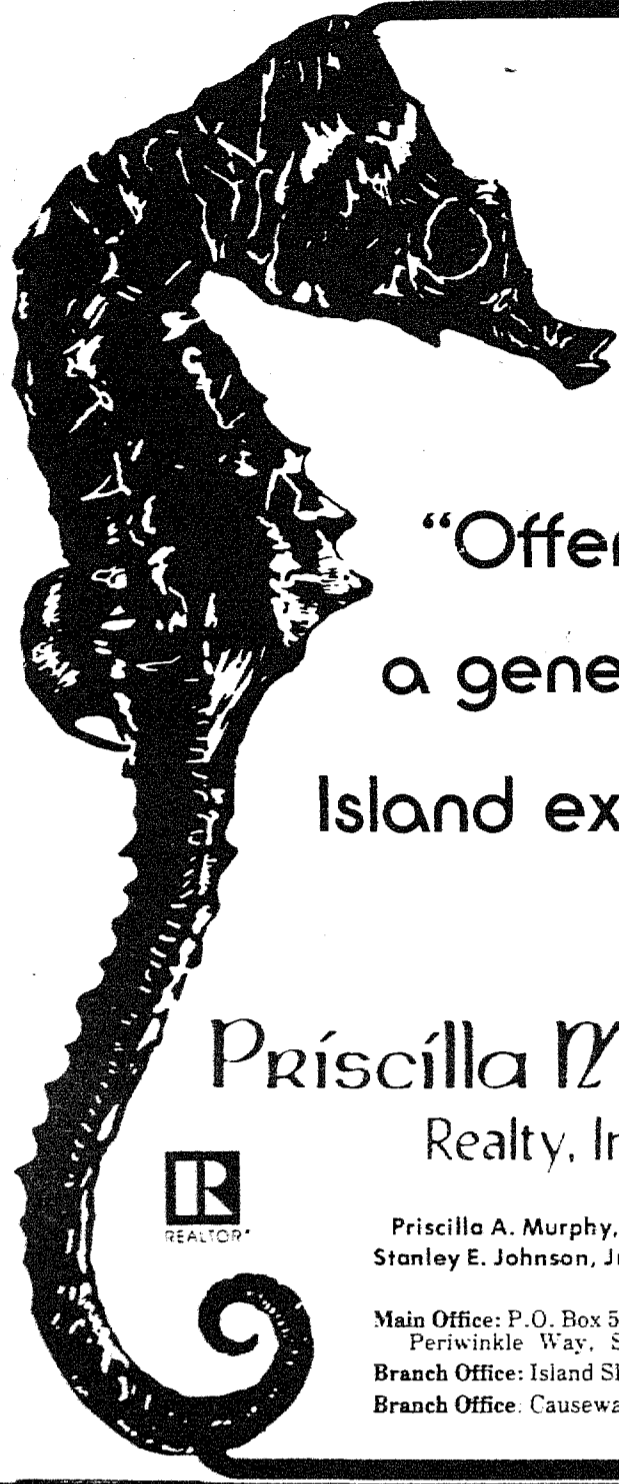


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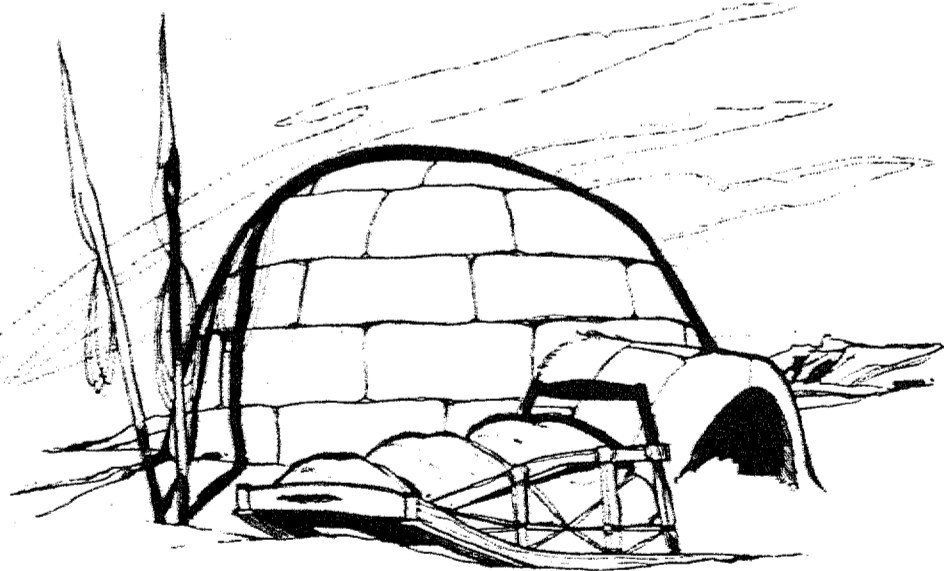
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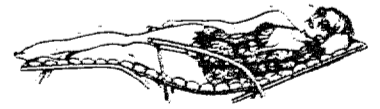
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