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## Gavins in new home Friday

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Gavin happily accept the keys and papers to their new home on Rabbit Road from Ken Marek of the Atlanta regional office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The Gavins, who had lived for the past 25 years in their former home on what is now Sanctuary property, said they loved their new home.

"It will make the children's morning school schedule a little different," said Mrs. Gavin, "and I know my husband will miss being able to get in his canoe to take a message or two — and catch a fish or two in Tarpon Bay on his way, but it surely is a beautiful house."

The Gavins, parents of 20 children, still have seven at home, so the five bedrooms in the new house will come in handy.

"I don't like to sit in the house much anywhere," commented Mr. Gavin, "so I'm going to have to plant a fast growing shade tree or two. Outside of that, it is a pretty fine house."



## Council readies budget for last night's hearing

by Carol Quillinan

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons, from 4 until, the council met in special session to review the budget. We did not attend the Wednesday meeting but it was announced at the outset of Thursday's meeting that no decisions were made the day before.

The mayor announced that there were some persons requesting to be heard before Board of Equalization who were looking for revision or relief from their taxes due to not being able to use their land during a moratorium. Because of this, Harry Schooley, Lee County tax assessor, advised the mayor that \$8,000 should not be included into the revenues expected from ad valorem taxes.

So right off the bat, \$8,000 was whacked off the income side of the budget. Another \$10,000 was eliminated from the occupational licence fee revenues but some was added from expected interest and from fines and forfeitures. The total bottom line revenue figure under discussion at Thursday's meeting was \$484,768 at 3.899 mills.

Jim Robson announced that the Lee County Electric Cooperative expected to gain a rate increase of 7 per cent and that the Co-op said that they do not pay a franchise fee to Lee County since they are a non-profit organization. However, if Sanibel levied a franchise fee to sell electricity on Sanibel, the fees could be passed on in increased electric bills.

On the same subject, Bretzke said that the

city paid a \$362.00 electric bill for the month of July, but hoped that during the winter the bills would be lower.

The budget discussion began with all the additions that had been suggested and subtracted \$8,000. (Schooley's deficit), the council had added \$102,000; \$20,000 for roads and parkways, \$15,000 additional legal fees, \$20,000 contingency, \$10,000 building and zoning, \$10,000 police, \$8,000 special project and \$1,000 for engineering.

All that amounted to a quick calculation of 4.3 mills. The mayor asked whether 4.3 mills was or was not an acceptable millage figure. He said that he thought it was too high and the council ought to make cuts rather than additions. Francis Bailey figured that the difference between 3.8 and 4.3 on a \$50,000 home would only be \$20.00 and that \$20.00 wasn't too much of an addition. Charles LeBuff said that he was willing to go 4 or over 4 mills. Zee Butler said that she was vitally concerned with going over the 3.8 as was presented to the public last week.

Robson said, "You can't end up with dry tanks; it won't fly."

Bailey said that the public would understand a higher budget with the money specified for certain things like legal fees rather than going into a contingency fund. He said that the public is going to look at the budget and say "Those people don't know what they're doing." I want a tight budget."

Duane White was waiting to talk about the planning budget and was asked to speak after all the councilmen had expressed their views.

White said that the council was "straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel. I don't believe for one minute the people who supported Sanibel Tomorrow, who went to the polls to vote for the city would object to a 5 to 5.5 mill budget. You are hamstringing the city by not budgeting correctly."

He said that the USGS study was vital to the future of Sanibel and would become more important as the years went by. He said that WMRT was crying for a contour map of the island which would cost \$7,000 to \$10,000 "which may sound like a lot now but which would earn its keep being used to defend the city's position in court later on."

"You have to appraise and value these things that are vital to Sanibel." He asked for a planning budget between \$80,000 and \$100,000, cautioning that WMRT was only going to present a skeleton outline and basic legal documents. From then on "we're looking at 3 to 5 years of hard work and continuing struggle."

The mayor asked if the job couldn't be done on \$50,000. White said "no." It was necessary to justify to the people 5 to 5.5 mills since the public had mandated a master plan, and were willing to pay for it.

The council then got going on budget cuts. They cut out all pensions except for Bretzke and Mildred Howze, \$20,000; cut out all new personnel in all departments, \$25,000; cut out merit raises, \$8,000, which amounted to \$53,000.

Then, going back over the budget to see if anything had been overlooked, they discussed a \$1,000 travel allowance which

had been set aside for the council to attend the Florida League of Cities meeting. Bretzke convinced them that they should all attend and to leave the money alone.

The mayor said that he wanted to double the council's salary and that the press should take note. The \$1,000 a year salary for each council had been omitted from the budget so double of nothing was nothing.

The \$53,000 was subtracted from the \$102,000 leaving a \$49,000 overage from the bottom line figure of the budget. This resulted in a 4.4 mill ad valorem tax.

Bailey said that they ought to stick to the land use plan and perhaps cut the police force budget. "I don't feel the sheriff was inadequate as some of you. We're in this incorporation for planning."

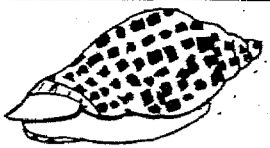
Goss said, "Let the record show that I'd like to throw in bike paths."

The council added up all the outgoing money concerned with planning, including all of the legal fees, and came up with a total of over \$200,000 which everyone agreed was or should be quite sufficient to take care of the planning needs for the coming year.

They were feeling pretty good about that so they gave Bretzke \$5,000 for salary raises as he deemed necessary which put the \$53,000 down to \$48,000. That left the budget with a \$54,000 overage. They determined that the millage would then be somewhere between 4.4 and 4.5 mills.

The meeting was running overtime. The council charged Bretzke with somehow

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# Activities Calendar

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**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.

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**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.

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## Around town . . .

by georgie mankin

Visitors to the Islands this week have been treated to some mighty spectacular sunsets! It seems as though the rains "wash the skies" and at sunset the colors are simply beautiful and clear.

Bailey's Pier was the scene of some activity this past week—it seems as though someone had hooked a fish line around a Brown Pelican's leg—the poor thing just couldn't get off the ground because of it.

All the efforts of the fishermen were to no avail—just couldn't catch up with him to free the line. Luckily for Mr. Pelican, some tourists from New York had a radio in their car and called the Sanibel police for aid.

The police came and (I've been told the patrolman was Ray Rhodes) merely stepped on the end of the line—freed the pelican—and then he took off.

The pelican frequently gets tangled up in fish line at the pier and at Blind Pass bridge, so it would help this threatened species if more people know what to do in a situation such as this.

Just step on the end of the line and the bird will usually be able to free himself and take off. Please don't attempt to jerk on the line or pull or tug it in any way—it could harm the pelican. Naturally, if you hook a bird the treatment would necessarily be quite different.

After a number of years of just visiting, Mr. and Mrs. William Carpenter and daughter Claudia have taken up permanent residence on the Island.

They bring with them a venture unique to the area—"Odyssey—the World in Miniature"—and will shortly open a shop and museum at 1473 Periwinkle Way. The museum will display a wealth of miniscaled items including rare salesmen's samples, old doll houses furnished in period, antique toys, and dolls many of which date well into the 1800's. The shop will offer a wealth of antique miniatures together with the work of fine contemporary craftsmen.

A number of the museum items will be featured in a forth coming book. "It's a Small World" by Rosemary Disney. (Yes she is the late Walt Disney's daughter).

Mr. and Mrs. James DeWitt of Indianapolis, Indiana, have been enjoying sailing off the coast of the Islands.

Carl and Joe Wentworth, brothers from Kalamazoo, Michigan, tell me that the

fishing hasn't been so good for them. Come on, guys, other folks tell me it's great—is it you or the fish?

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Isaacs of Lexington, Kentucky, have been visiting Sanibel along with their son Ricky, and daughter, Carol.

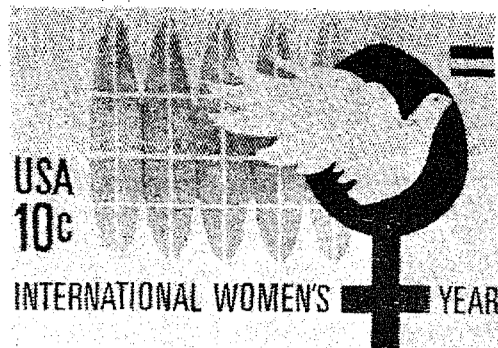
The causeway bridge was struck in an open position for 45 minutes last Wednesday afternoon. It was really a warm wait for those folks sitting in their cars on both sides of the bridge—the temperature at 4 p.m. that day in the area was 98 degrees. It's worth the wait to visit Sanibel and Captiva, folks—really!

The Goodwill and Salvation Army boxes in the Bailey parking lot were broken into last week. Clothing and shoes were scattered all over the lot and both boxes were damaged.

If someone really needs clothes that badly—just ask for help—people on the islands are more than willing to help those in need. Sanibel has many church groups who enjoy aiding needy people.

The Colony's out of state guests this week include Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Guiney of Kettering, Ohio; Mrs. and Mrs. June Johansson and family of Markham, Ontario; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cunningham of Fairborn, Ohio and their family; Mr. Cecil Holladay and family from Murfreesboro, Tenn.; Mrs. J. H. McMahan and family of Louisville, Ky.; Mr. J. N. Miller, Jr. and family of Merchantville, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. VanWright and family of Belleville, Pa.; Mrs. Linda Steinmetz of Gainesville, Ga.

The Colony's Florida guests this week include: Mr. William Gartrell and family of W. Palm Beach; Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kaintz and daughter of Coral Gables; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Seiden of Miami; Mr. Rodney Quick and family of Ft. Lauderdale; Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Tucker of Pinellas Park; Mrs. C. C. Rowand and family of Ft. Lauderdale; Mr. H. C. Hern and family of Boynton Beach; Mrs. Donald L. White and party of Boca Raton; Mr. Paul Winton and family of Winter Park; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clendenin, Jr. of Ft. Myers; Mr. W. C. Martin and family of Orlando; Mrs. James Kraus and family of Coral Springs; Mr. H. N. Ricker and family of Maitland; Mr. William Kemme and Mrs. Kemme of Lauderdale-by-the-sea; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Smiley and family of Ft. Lauderdale; Mr. Donald Arenth and family, son of Mr. George Arenth of Shell Point Village; Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Huett and family of Pembroke Park; Mr. Dennis Kisz and Mrs. Kisz of New Port Richey; Miss Becky Stanley of Ft. Lauderdale; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Nagler of No. Miami.



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An important part of the program, Adams said, was that the Sanibel newspapers would be provided a poster depicting the image of the stamp, issue date, first day city, designer, colors etc., as well as a synopsis of what the stamp commemorated.

Adams stated that the next 10 cent commemorative stamp would be "International Women's

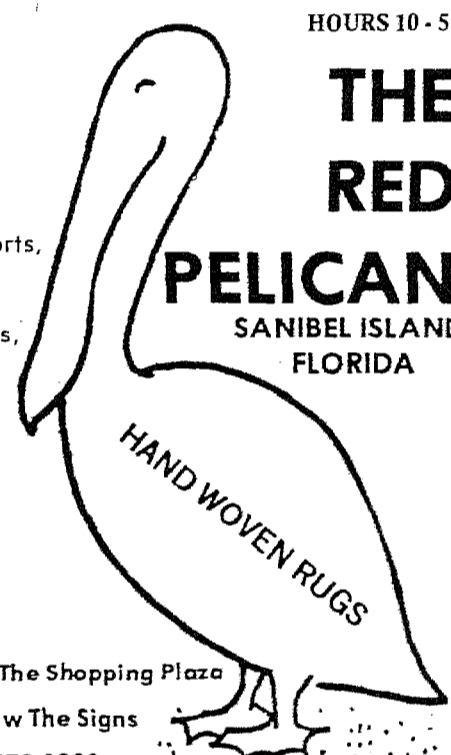
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The deadlines remain about the same, with the exception that regular club news and notices should be turned into our office on Palm Ridge Road on Thursday, and definitely no later than Friday, or they won't make Tuesday's paper.

The Sanibel Library is closing for the month of September, so we thought we'd remind you that any books due back in September will not be charged for if they're returned as soon as the library re-opens in October.

A semi-professional sociologist friend of ours is now absolutely convinced that we're due for a hurricane this year, no matter what the horse shoe crabs are doing. She's working on the theory that humans frequently react unconscious feelings of upcoming danger and will scurry around building barricades to protect themselves. At least, that's her explanation for why all those rocks are being piled higher and higher along the causeway.

This being a short week (in essence, because we're putting out two papers in one week) we're sorta short on police calls and such. However, in leafing through the police log, we noticed with pleasure that an unusual amount of wallets and purses are being turned in complete with all the cash and credit cards they had when originally lost which proves that we do have a lot of honest people around.

However, once again, PLEASE don't leave anything of value (or anything which even looks valuable) in your car, locked or unlocked. Three girls' vacations were almost ruined when their purses were stolen from their locked car whilst they were beaching. If you MUST leave valuables in your car, at least put them in the trunk, where they're not visible. They can still be stolen from a locked trunk, but if the rest of the car looks empty, the chances of thieves opening your car trunk are a lot less.

**MADAM DORINDA**  
481-3051

By Appointment

## ZODIAC HINTS

by madam dorinda 481-3051

**Aries:** Things will work out best when more than one mind is involved. A trip to a local attraction or exhibit, or just driving around is favored. Privileges granted from another should be handled with care.

**Taurus:** You could be attracted by unusual forms of entertainment or self expression now. Don't take love seriously, and avoid dubious substances or liquids. Advice could be unreliable.

**Gemini:** Don't rock the boat where your employment is concerned. Take it easy with health and exercise programs. You may want to review your plans for the future, possibly change your mind about something or somebody.

**Cancer:** An unusual development or encounter could alleviate a financial or career difficulty. Watch a tendency toward compulsive buying or risk taking.

**Leo:** Welcome a new arrival to your vicinity; and there will be an interesting piece of gossip to discuss. You may have to make more short journeys than usual. If you are studying, don't put it off.

**Virgo:** A side line you've been interested in can provide additional funds. Other people will tend to follow your lead, although

not obviously so. Be suspicious of financial schemes, especially any partnerships.

**Libra:** An expansive program is likely to run into roadblocks, but keep trying. Don't be overoptimistic. Someone isolated needs cheer. You are likely to form a false impression of someone or something now.

**Scorpio:** Do whatever is needed to keep things going. Show that you are emotionally mature by remaining poised especially when demands require an all-out effort. Be willing to ditch whatever is obsolete.

**Sagittarius:** Aspects are not favorable now for travel or correspondence. Projects designed to improve business income need further advice. A family member will come through.

**Capricorn:** This is a poor time for judgments or decisions, and you should use care in handling merchandise or tools. Protect what you value most in relationships this week.

**Aquarius:** Be careful about acquiring or appropriating things that belong to other people. Beware of underhanded maneuvers that could endanger your relations with loved ones and young people or cause you to lose funds in unrealistic investments.

**Pisces:** Accept a chance to get experience on the job. Keep safety guards in place. Crosscurrents with those at or from a distance. Avoid unnecessary conversation with co-workers.

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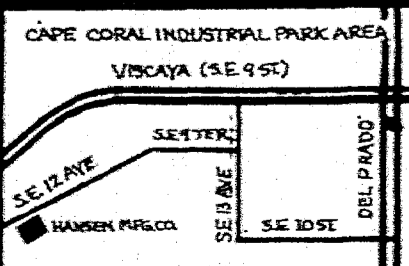
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## Miller presents mosquito lecture

Wayne Miller, head of the Lee County Mosquito Control, presented a film and spoke last Tuesday night to the members and guests of the Sanibel Community Association. Before the talk, Alfred Zuttone presented a petition to Miller signed by 74 home-owners of the Rocks for the purpose of obtaining more effective control of mosquitoes. After Miller had accepted the petition he said, "Before there are any questions let me say that we will fly the island tomorrow morning." The audience cheered.

He asked how many native Floridians were in the audience of more than a hundred. Four only raised their hands. He said at the time Florida was being considered for statehood, Congress did not want Florida to be admitted because it was a land of swamps, quagmires and mosquitoes. Although Florida has solved some of the swamp and quagmire problems, the mosquito problem was still very much in existence. On September 5, 1950, near the Sanibel Ferry landing, 365,000 mosquitoes were collected in a light trap which up to that time was the largest count in the world.

"However," he continued, "the collection was understandably limited by the size of the light trap."

Lee County has 43 different species but Sanibel has the dubious distinction of being the largest producer of salt water mosquitoes.

The approximately 25 minute film informed us that the mosquito can affect the economy of Florida. It showed the larva on the water and in the earth. The earth larva will remain dormant as long as there isn't enough rain to hatch them so during dry times there are not many of the adult fresh water mosquitos.

After a good rain, however, the larvax changes into the pupa and five days later they are adults ready for action.

There are 75,000 acres in Lee County which are potential breeding grounds for the salt marsh and fresh water mosquitoes. The salt marsh mosquito, having a flight range of 50 miles, must be controlled by a comprehensive control program. The Lee County larvaciding program has been efficient and effective. However, the

"household" mosquitoes have only a two mile flight range and will "bite only those who raise them." Homeowners should not keep open areas of standing water so that the fresh water mosquito can not find a place to lay her eggs.

Although larvaciding is effective, adults do emerge. At that time when the count is high, DC 3 spray planes will fog with adulticide chemicals which are mixed at the mosquito control headquarters by computer and piped into the planes. Truck mounted fogging machines are being phased out and according to Miller, there should be no fogging at all as the larvaciding program becomes more comprehensive.

Research agencies have tested new materials in Lee County and have found no adverse effects on aquatic life. Other forms of control are mosquito control canals which are freeflowing and have a supply of larva-eating fish. The film showed a picture of the Ding Darling Wildlife drive which was established as a mosquito control dike. It has drained the high ground and maintained a high water level in other areas for fishlife.

However, the mosquito control canals are not without problems. The water hyacinth and hydrilla have found a compatible home in the canal waters and have become so prolific that the Mosquito Control has undertaken a program to free the waters from the clogging nature of the vegetation.

Argentina beetles have been tested and are now being used to help destroy the hyacinth. The white amur fish is now in an experimental state in about a half dozen lakes in Florida. The fish lives on underwater vegetation.

During the question and answer period after the film a question was asked if the Mosquito control was doing anything different than last year. Miller answered that they were avoiding the Lighthouse Reservation, the Ding Darling Sanctuary areas and the homes of victims of emphysema and the homes of several people who have objected to spraying. He added however, that "it is our intent to carry on as usual."

He was asked if the homeowner could help in the effort and was told that there are three principle mosquitoes which were impossible for the homeowner to do

anything about and that they were best controlled by an organized program.

He reiterated that they were going to control the adults throughout the summer since they had had counts on Sanibel of upwards to 100,000, adding that "we can make life quite pleasant."

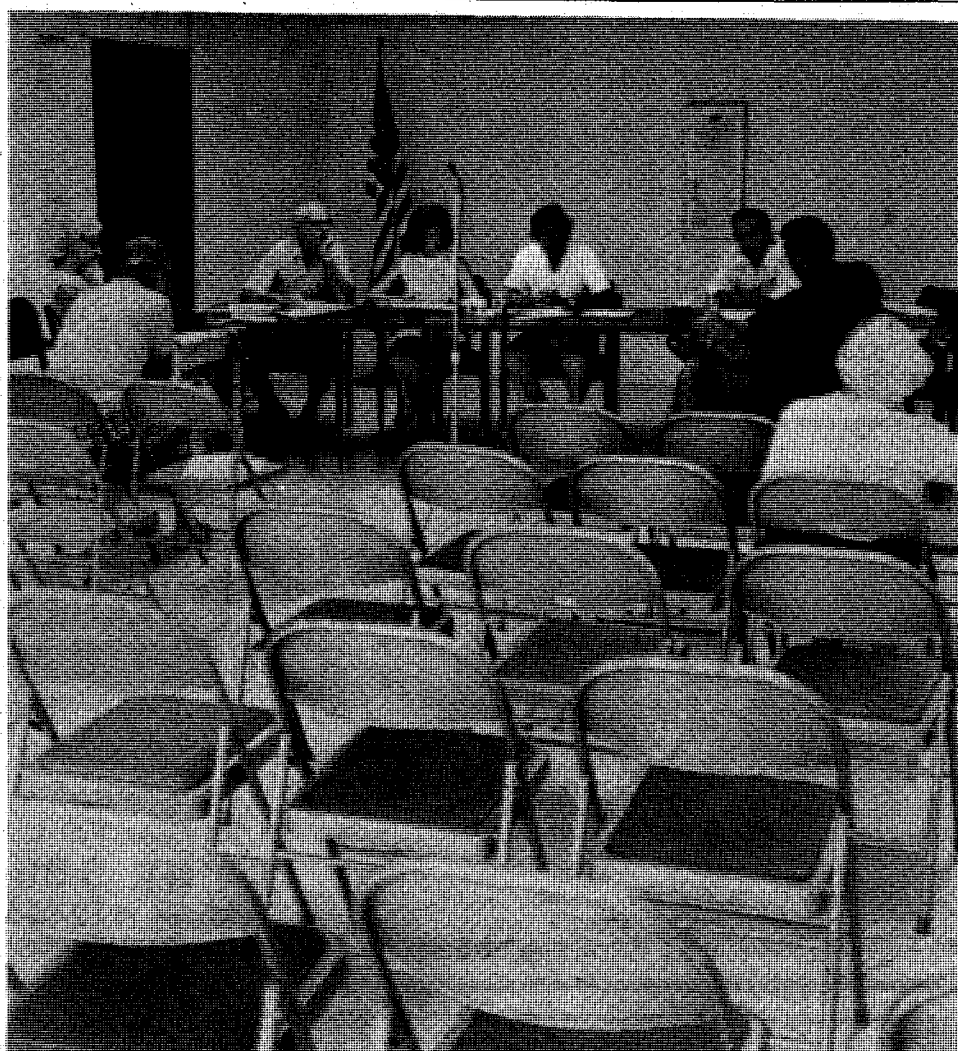
Before the Miller report, Bob Potts announced that the Community Association had been granted relief from causeway tolls from Lee County for the purpose of building their new building and because of this they are putting in 2,000 cubic yards of fill at \$1.90 per cu. yd.

He also said that the board of directors had decided that any commercial or private use of the building should be charged a normal rental fee and that included city hall

functions. He then asked for a show of hands asking how many of the audience thought that the city should pay rent. All but two thought the city should.

Arthur Orloff, treasurer, gave his report announcing that membership had dropped 24 per cent and reminded the group that proceeds from the shell fair were mandated to go into the building fund and could not go into operating funds. He said that either new members would have to be found or that dues would have to be raised or the operating capital would be depleted in a few years.

The meeting was adjourned after a very delicious supper, homemade by the ladies of the association and a very informative, interesting meeting.



Little public input at budget workshops

## Budget

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combining the building department with the engineering department for the time being thus being able to cut some more out of the budget.

They decided to reconvene Friday at 4 to continue sorting out the money "until we drop," said Butler.

Friday, the workshop consisted of literally beating the budget back down to 3.9 plus or minus mills during a two hour session of mental gymnastics, by adding here, taking away there.

Porter Goss started the meeting by saying that he had had calls, letters and "say so's" which all led him to believe that the city should be as "frugal as possible."

Dave Bretzke had indeed combined the building and zoning departments, saving the city \$36,000, and before the meeting was over, the council had combined not only the two above but the road and parkway department. The combined departments now called public works will have a budget of \$76,000, headed up by an engineer.

Chief John Butler was called in to discuss the police budget. He was told that the main problem with the police department at this time is that none of the men live on Sanibel. Zee Butler said that he had the beginnings of a fine police department. Chief Butler said that with an additional "sworn person" he could maintain round the clock service. The council decided that since this was "the leanest of the lean years" Butler would have to do without a fifth officer, at least for the time being.

The legal budget of \$65,000 came under attack. Thursday the budget had been raised to \$80,000. Francis Bailey remarked that the council had no real way of knowing

where they were going. "We're in the dark. We had \$33,000 then we doubled it, almost, and then we added \$15,000 more." With that, the legal budget was left at \$65,000 and \$25,000 was added to contingency bringing the total of the contingency fund up to \$40,000.

By this time they had gotten the budget back down to around 4 mills. The mayor recapped the three days of work: "Let's understand where we are. 1. Cut out pensions; 2. cut out expansions of personnel; 3. took \$3,000 out of raises; 4. combined three departments; 5. added \$25,000 to contingency; 6. left \$7,500 for special projects and 7. subtracted Schooley's deficit of \$8,000.

"We are now right at Dave's budget. We have come up with the same bottom line with the exception of Schooley's \$8,000." The three days of meetings represented a shuffling of categories.

Salary increases were discussed again. Jim Robson said that the city is paying top dollar for its help. Goss recommended that a 3 per cent to 5 per cent salary raise be considered after one full year of service. Zee Butler was opposed to merit increases for everyone. The mayor charged Bretzke to calculate what merit increases would actually amount to for the present 13 employees at 4 per cent, with an eye toward reducing the \$5,000 which had been added earlier.

At six o'clock the mayor said that it was time to quit, not because it was 6 o'clock, but because he had no more to say. Someone asked what the millage was at the moment. Goss said if he was pinned down to an exact figure he'd guess it to be exactly 3.9785. Without the aid of a computer and several more hours of work we'd guess his guess is pretty close.



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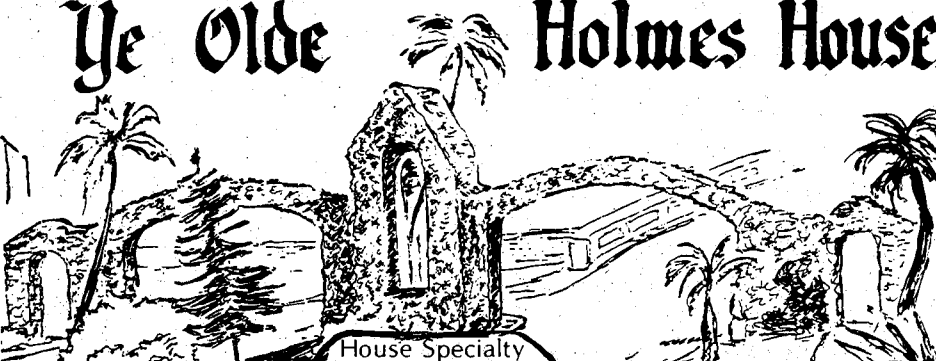
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## City council - p.m. report

The afternoon session of last Tuesday's city council meeting was about equally divided in time considering several ordinances and listening to the attorney for the Sanibel Bayous Subdivision.

The second draft of the dog ordinance was a re-write with help from CROW and the public health department. Before there was too much discussion, Zee Butler said from an administrative view, there were too many ordinances, an overworked city hall and that the ordinance should be deferred until the Comprehensive Land Use Plan was done. She said that she was not for people allowing dogs to be rabid and that what she said should not be misconstrued to mean that she was not for the ordinance itself, but that she felt that city council had more to do than they needed at the moment.

Francis Bailey said that rabies is a very serious disease and maybe the ordinance could be whittled down from its 11 pages to include just rabies control.

Butler came back that it should be tabled indefinitely since there was enough to do working with the land plan. Bailey said it should be rescheduled; LeBuff agreed. The mayor directed Dave Bretzke to reschedule

the ordinance for Sept. 15.

The second ordinance to be heard was the Anti-littering ordinance which passed and is effective immediately (August 5).

After a few additions, corrections, and deletions, the mayor said, "I think we've taken care of the most ridiculous parts," (of this ordinance).

Butler objected to the ordinance on the same grounds as the dog ordinance, "This is an unnecessary ordinance. It puts an added load on all our personnel."

Bailey said that vegetative debris is not detrimental to human health and an asset to the land. "Decomposition of vegetative material is composting and good for the soil."

Goss: "Call it a compost pile."

Butler: "Send it back to the drawing board and reschedule for a later date."

LeBuff said not to put it off. He said that they could find the right terminology to satisfy Bailey.

A lady in the audience asked what people were supposed to do with all the tree trimmings. The mayor responded that he had a tree limb hauled off. The lady asked, "Where'd they haul it?" The mayor smiled

and said "I don't know."

Butler said that the ordinance had its first reading on the 1st of July, was tabled the 29 of July and was now taking more of the council's time on the 5th of August. It was obvious that the council had not had time to fully explore the ramifications of this ordinance. The mayor reminded her that it was a public hearing. Butler motioned to continue the hearing until Sept, 15.

Paul Howe said that there was a "legislative intent" clause which the city council should try to use more often.

Mario Hutton said that he was not talking as a dog owner or a litterbug but that he could not say with more emphasis that he agreed with councilman Butler. He was 100 per cent in back of the comprehensive land use plan.

I.H. Simmons said, "I'm getting damn sick of cleaning trash off the island. It will not take added personnel or added money. We need this ordinance."

A vote was taken. Vernon MacKenzie is on vacation. The vote was tied two and two. The mayor said that the ordinance was all right. LeBuff moved adoption as amended. It was seconded and passed, with Butler recording a "no" vote.

Attorney Ron Smalley, representing Nationwide Realty (Sanibel Bayous Sub-

division), came before the council asking for a clarification of the 75-30 and 75-50 ordinances as they applied to the Sanibel Bayous subdivision.

Phase three of the subdivision is scheduled now to be developed for homesites as planned in the original overall siteplan and accepted by the county in 1973.

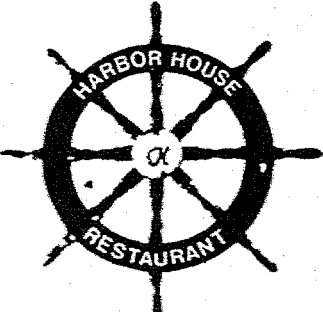
Since the beginning of the city of Sanibel, the moratorium on building and the addendum on subdivisions, the developers of the subdivision were looking for an answer as to how their already county accepted subdivision plans now fit into the city plans. Smalley said that he hoped that the intent of the ordinance was not to stop continuing developmental plans.

The mayor asked whether the whole subdivision including Callosa's RU 3 areas were included in the discussion. Smalley said they weren't but that the developer would be back at a later time to discuss the rest.

The mayor asked "What is at stake here? The council is reluctant to say anything without study."

After a good deal more discussion back and forth the case was continued, probably

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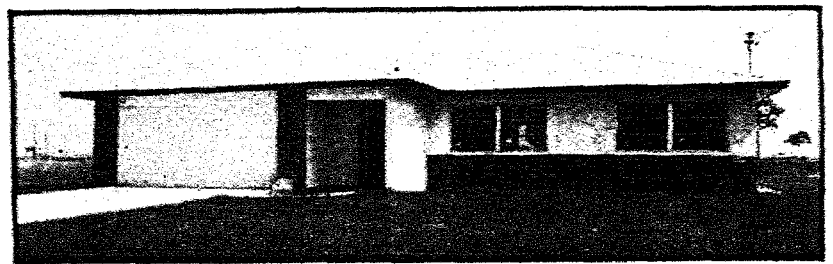
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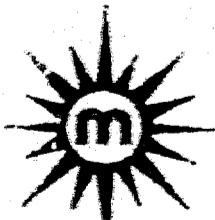
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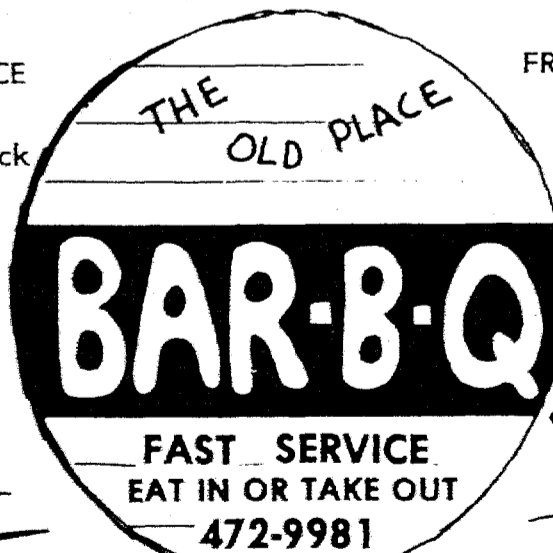
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# Redfish are running

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The redfish is a copper or bronze color. The body is heavy and powerful with a squared-off tail. The easiest way to identify a redfish is by the black spot at the base of the tail.

The best methods of fishing for these fish are casting in the surf, trolling near bottom, and casting in bay, inlets or flats. The redfish is a bottom feeder.

At the edge of an ocean slough, shell bed or cut will be a good spot for catching these fish.

They are slow strikers. Take ample time for the fish to take hold of the natural baits.

The redfish doesn't jump but will generally head for the bottom fighting doggedly. They usually don't make long runs.

The average weight is 5-20 pounds and the edibility is considered good to excellent.

This week I have some tips on keeping your fishing rod in tip-top condition.

It's very easy to take care of your fishing tackle and economical, too, when you consider the replacement cost. This care can also prevent a fishing trip disaster when your equipment could fail.

Save and file any brochures and instructions that come with new tackle. When maintenance is needed, you can check back to your files. Most of the reel brochures have a parts list for repairs and a parts and service department mailing address.

Give regular maintenance to your fishing tackle after each fishing day. Make a more thorough examination after any long fishing trip and a complete check up at the end of

each fishing season.

Most fishing rods are broken in car or home doors. I recommend keeping your rod in a rod case as in rod racks on a boat. You can make a case easily from plastic, heavy cardboard or aluminum tubing.

Never knock your fiberglass rod against anything. This could cause a slight fracture in the rod blank. These fractures are usually impossible to detect until too late.

Check your rod over carefully after a day of fishing. If you were fishing in scummy water or salt water be sure to wash the rod off thoroughly with fresh water. Pay close attention to the guides and reel seat.

After you dry the rod, give it a good check from tip to butt. Grooved, bent or broken guides should be replaced before your next fishing trip. Make sure there is no dirt or sand around the guide frames. If so, use a small brush to clean them.

Use a pipe cleaner to remove any dirt or sand in and around the ferrules. This is very important because a bit of sand could score the glass and weaken it the next time the rod is ferruled. Clean the threads of locking reel seats the same way with a little lighter fluid.

After each prolonged fishing trip, the same general checking should be made, taking more care of checking guides, windings, ferrules, and reel seats.

Check the guides for grooves by running a nylon stocking through them. If it snags then replace the guide. Also check for loose windings, replacing any that are nicked or cut. Check the rod ferrules. They will have to be replaced or repaired if loose.

After the fishing season, go over the rod again thoroughly. Check all parts and fittings. Any that are loose, worn, or broken should be repaired.

Now you and your rod will be completely ready for the next season of fishing.

## County school board lets air conditioning bid

Electrical work for Sanibel Elementary School, to the tune of \$4,640, was approved by the Lee County School Board Aug. 5. The rewiring is needed in order to install air conditioning units in the Island school.

The Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club recently finished a very successful "Cool Our School" drive, with help from the PTA, parents and various other Island civic organizations. They raised enough money to install units in all the classrooms as well as the clinic and the principal's office. The local drive was necessitated by a County School Board ruling that they could not air-condition an already constructed school, but if the community could furnish the units, the School Board could legally supply the money for the installation.

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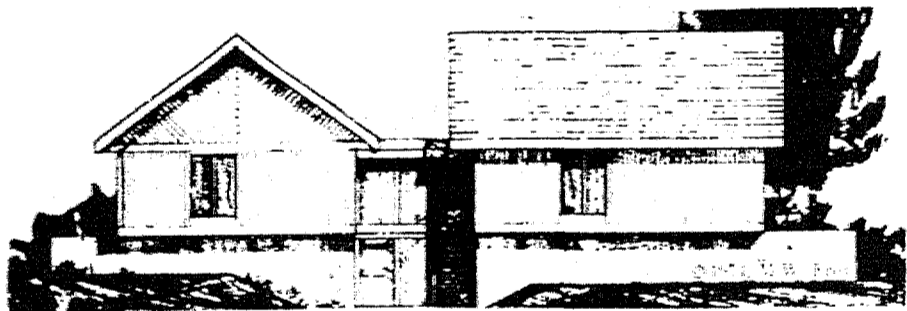


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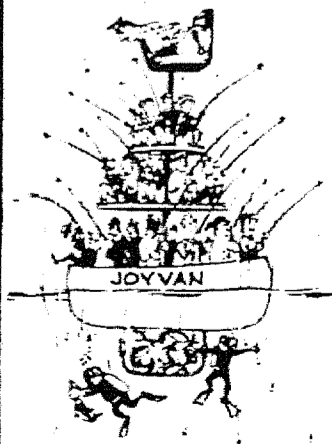
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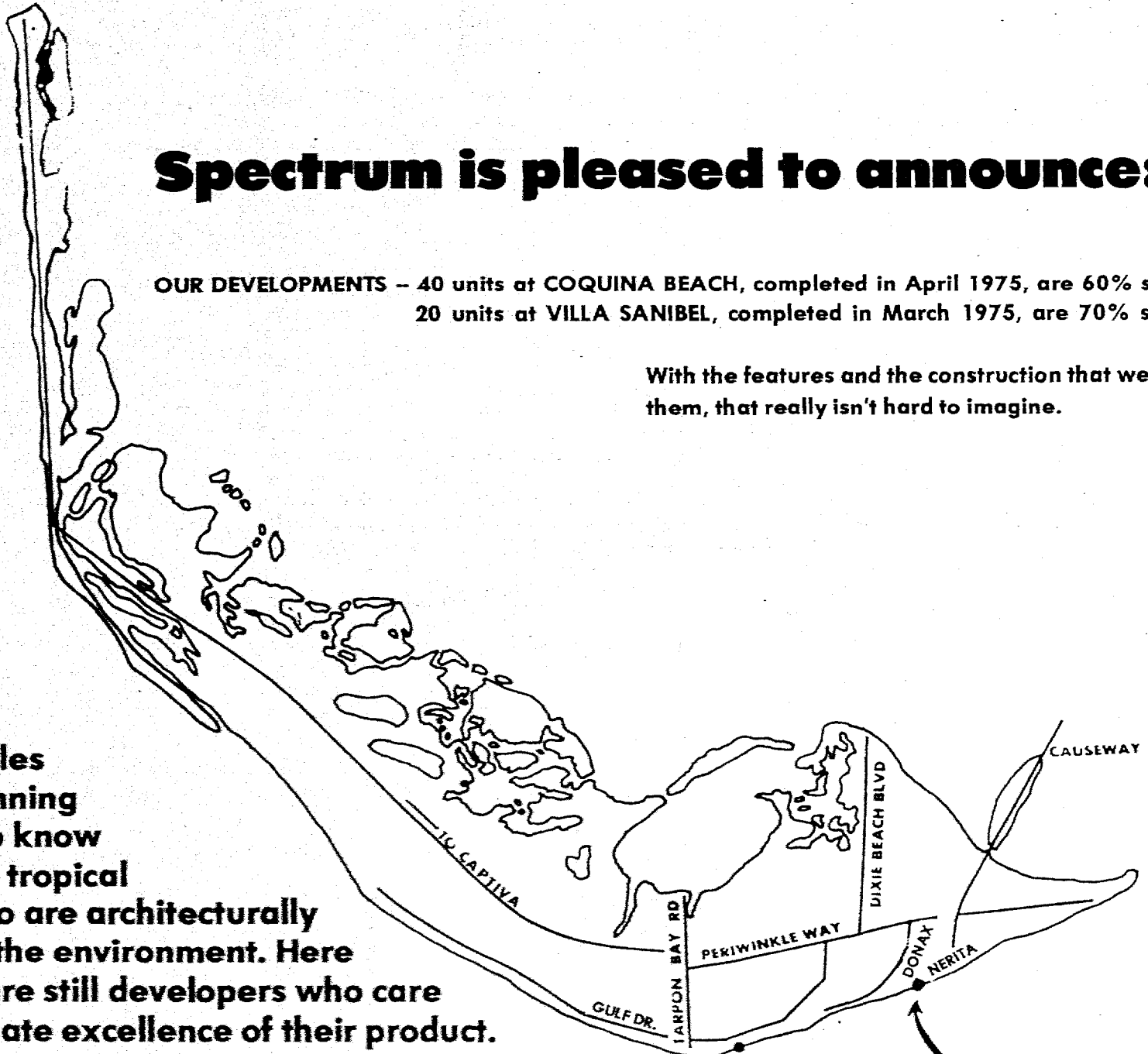
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# Litter ordinance now law; full text

The ISLANDER is printing in full the anti-littering ordinance which was passed by City Council Tuesday afternoon, August 5. We are printing it because a number of people, reading it for the first time, called to our attention that if it were enforced to the letter, it could in time turn Sanibel into a manicured park—for instance, if paragraph "a" of Section 2 were interpreted literally, you would not be able to sweep the sand from your porch onto the ground, or, even worse, if neighbor X decided that neighbor Y's "native jungle" was not a native jungle, but a lot full of littering weeds which caused neighbor X a health problem, conceivably, neighbor X could, by using this law, force neighbor Y to mow his jungle into a manicured lawn.

While the ISLANDER is not pro litter and while we know it is not the intent of our present council members to carry enforcement to any such lengths, it is now law and a council elected 20 years hence may indeed decide to enforce it literally.

The ISLANDER called Zee Butler (who voted against the ordinance) and she agreed that our worries were valid. (However, she said, "Of course I am anti-litter, and while there are some parts of this ordinance which need re-working, I'm not particularly worried at this time, since, when we get the total legislative package together, after the master plan, then we will be able to re-work the overlapping portions of present ordinances and tie up some of the loose ends.")

She also mentioned that after the completion of the master plan, many of the ordinances presently on the books will have to be rewritten and reworked and she assumed the litter ordinance would be one of them.

The ISLANDER certainly hopes so, because if this ordinance is left as it is, it could, according to who's doing the interpreting and enforcing, seriously infringe upon the rights of individuals to do what they wish with and on their own property.

**AN ANTI-LITTERING ORDINANCE REGULATING AND CONTROLLING THE DISPOSITION OF LITTER IN THE CITY OF SANIBEL, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR A LIEN FOR CITY CLEARANCE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; REPEALING PROVISIONS; SEPARABILITY PROVISIONS; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANIBEL, LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

## Section 1. Definitions.

(a) Garbage—the term "garbage" as used in this ordinance means and includes every accumulation of animal, fruit and vegetable matter, either alone or in combination with other putrescible matter, that attends or is attributable to the preparation, cooking, consumption or other use, or dealing in, handling or storage of such items or the products produced therefrom, and the containers in which such items are packaged.

(b) Junk—"Junk" is hereby defined as old iron, glass, paper, waste, used bricks or cement blocks, or parts thereof; parts of broken furniture, non-serviceable or discarded motor vehicles of all types and character either in whole or in part; tin cans of all kinds and sizes; bottles of all kinds and sizes; oil and grease cans and drums; broken or discarded articles of metal of all kinds; boards, lumber, and boxes of all kinds, whether made of wood or other materials; discarded ice-boxes, refrigerators, and all other items and articles which may be termed as junk.

(c) Litter—"Litter", is "garbage, junk, refuse, and vegetative debris rubbish", as defined herein and all other waste material which, if thrown, deposited or accumulated as herein prohibited, is detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare and can be classified as a public nuisance.

(d) Person—"Person" is any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or organization of any kind.

(e) Private Premises—"Private premises" is any real property belonging to a "person" and not open to, intended for, nor controlled by the public.

(f) Public Place—"Public place", is any and all streets, sidewalks, roadways, alleys, or other public right-of-ways. And any and all public parks, beaches, spaces, grounds and buildings.

(g) Refuse—"Refuse" is all putrescible and non-putrescible solid wastes, including wastes such as rubbish, ashes, street cleanings, dead animals, wood, glass, bedding, crockery and similar materials.

(h) Rubbish—"The term "rubbish" as used in this ordinance, means and includes waste material, such as stumps, tree limbs, logs, abandoned motor vehicles and parts thereof, abandoned refrigerators and electrical appliances, tools, playground and lawn furnishings and equipment, toys, cycles, furniture and other household items and the like, waste material

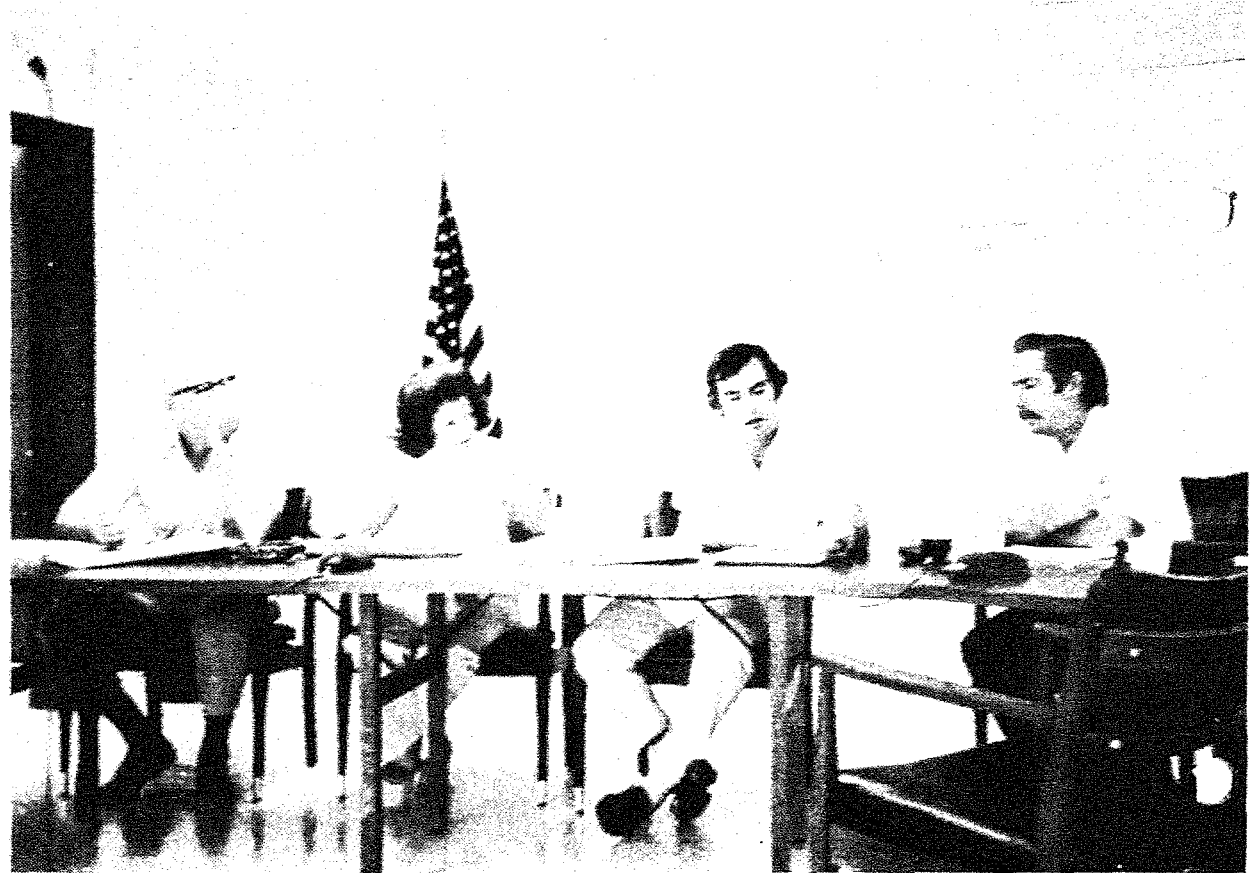
from construction and manufacturing operations, and the like. Rubbish also includes metal, plastic, fabric, paper and paper products, and the like.

## Section 2. Littering—prohibited generally.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to sweep, throw, or otherwise deposit or cause to be swept, thrown or otherwise deposited any garbage, junk, refuse, or rubbish into or on any public places or private outdoor premises in the City of Sanibel. Or to permit any litter to accumulate in such manner that it may be carried and deposited into or on any of the above sites by the elements.

It is not the intent of this prohibition to ban the placing of bundles, packages, and-or containers which are adequately tied or covered to prevent the contents from being scattered by animals or the elements pending the pick-up by authorized disposal personnel. Such containers may be placed upon the easement property between the lot line and the street. Containers and-or items left by the disposal personnel shall be removed or caused to be removed by the resident on this same day.

It shall be unlawful for any person to do, perform, have, allow, suffer, or permit on his or her property or property under his or her control, any of the following acts, occurrences or conditions within the limits of the City, the enumerations of which are merely indicative of the nature and type of acts, occurrences or con-



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ditions prohibitive hereunder, and shall not be deemed to be exclusive, to wit:

(1) Accumulation of Litter. To allow, suffer or permit litter as herein defined to accumulate upon any premises or land within the City, regardless of whether the premises or land are occupied or unoccupied.

(2) Litter thrown by pedestrians or occupants of a vehicle.

While the driver or a passenger in a vehicle to throw or deposit litter upon any public place or private premises in the City. Where public receptacles are not provided, all such litter shall be carried away from such place or premises by the person responsible for its presence and properly disposed of elsewhere.

(3) Truck loads causing litter. To drive or move any loaded truck or other vehicle within the City unless such vehicle is loaded or covered in such a manner as to prevent the contents from blowing or spilling from the vehicle.

Section 3. Disposal of residue and rubbish of contractors. It shall be the responsibility of all fence companies, tree surgeons, nurseries, landscaping and building contractors, or any person doing work on private property to remove from the premises all residue and rubbish resulting from said work. This shall not be construed as relieving the owner of the property from any responsibility in caring for the premises.

## Section 4. Right of entry upon premises.

For the purpose of enforcing these provisions, the health officer, his lawful subordinates or any city official may at all reasonable times enter in and upon any premises within his jurisdiction.

Section 5. Clearing of litter from open private property by City.

(a) Notice to remove. The City Manager or person

he may direct is hereby authorized and empowered to notify the owner of any open or vacant private property within the City or the agent of such owner to properly dispose of litter located on such owner's property which is dangerous to public health, safety or welfare. Such notice shall be Registered Mail, addressed to said owner at his last known address.

(b) Action upon non-compliance. Upon the failure, neglect or refusal of any owner or agent so notified, to properly dispose of litter dangerous to the public health, safety or welfare within ten (10) days after receipt of written notice provided for in sub-section (a) above, or within ten (10) days after the date of such notice in the event the same is returned to the City Post Office because of its inability to make delivery thereof, provided the same was properly addressed to the last known address of such owner, or agent, the City Manager is hereby authorized and empowered to pay for the disposing of such litter or to order their disposal by the City.

(c) Charge included in tax bill. When the City has effected the removal of such litter or has paid for its removal, the actual cost thereof, plus accrued interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from the date of the completion of the work, if not paid by such owner prior thereto, shall be charged to the owner of such property on the next regular tax bill forwarded to such owner, and said charge shall be due and payable by the said owner at the time of payment of such bill.

## Section 6. Conflict with Chapter 71-239.

Any provision, if any, of this ordinance in conflict with Chapter 71-239, Laws of Florida, shall not constitute an amendment, provision or alteration of said chapter except to the extent therein authorized.

## Section 7. Penalties, continuing violations.

Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision hereof shall be punished upon conviction thereof, by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days, or both, such fine and-or imprisonment to be at the discretion of the Judge. The performance on each day of any act or practice herein declared to be unlawful or forbidden, or the failure to perform an act herein required, shall constitute a separate offense, and shall be punishable as such.

## Section 8. Separability of provisions.

In the event that any portion of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional or of no force and effect by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding will in no way effect the remaining portions of this ordinance.

## Section 9. Repealing provisions.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith shall be and the same are, hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

## Section 10. Effective date.

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon the enactment hereof.

Section 11. The provisions of this ordinance shall be included and incorporated into the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sanibel, as an addition thereto, and shall be appropriately numbered or renumbered to conform to the uniform numbering system of the Code.

DULY PASSED AND ENACTED by the Council, City of Sanibel, Lee County, Florida, this 5th day of August, 1975.

## On our way to the City of Gold

By Ruth Hunter

Casey Jones, the brave engineer lived in Jackson, Tennessee, and his quaint little house, is sitting there for all to visit.

Casey (not to be confused with the Casey-at-the-bat Casey) was six feet four. There were four Jones boys and they were all engineers and they were all that high. There is talk that Casey wasn't so darn brave as he was fool-hardy—all four boys were.

Looking at his engine in the yard we got to thinking why he didn't just put on the brakes and jump with his helper. Mrs. Casey Jones, from her pictures, looked a lot like our Charlotte White. Mrs. Jones has written a book "My husband Casey Jones" and her little old organ is there with a sheet of music:

"Come all your rounders if you want to hear

A story about a brave Engineer.

Casey Jones was the rounder's Name

On a six eight wheeler boys he won his fame.

The caller called Casey at half past four

He kissed his wife at the station door.

He mounted to the Cabin with his orders in his hand

And he took his farewell trip to that promised land.

Casey Jones-mounted to the cabin

Casey Jones, with his orders in his hand

Casey Jones mounted to the cabin and he took

his farewell trip to that promised land."

When you hum that tune, you can see why

one Casey would be popular enough to

have the United States Postal Service honor

him with a special stamp. The song made

Casey famous, and Tennessee does give you

a copy of it (no music) with the dollar ad-

mission.

I wished it hadn't rained so hard in Little

Rock, Arkansas, because we only saw from

the outside the lovely old State House which

is one of the finest examples of ante bellum

architecture in the whole South, trees and

lawns and big big pillars. Since it was

raining so hard, we couldn't go inside.

I wanted to because all the gowns worn by the State's first ladies are there. One time we saw those at Lambert Castle in Paterson, New Jersey.

I wrote to Mrs. Grover Cleveland or Mrs. Woodrow Wilson to tell her how pretty her's was and when the former First Lady replied I learned all wives of ex-presidents have their mail delivered free for so long as they are alive. That's almost as good as the medal New York's Sam Shubert gave Lindberg which was a pass to any theater at any time Lindberg wanted to go.

In spite of all the downpour of rain we got to Choctaw, Arkansas, to spend the night. Throughout our country Indian names have been preserved.

Choctaw makes you think you're biting on cole slaw. I remembered the meal at Choctaw when we asked a fellow where to eat, he replied "There are two places. If you eat in one, you wish you had eaten in the other." Choctaw had some lovely wild flowers growing outside our door and I started an experiment, by propping up a few styrofoam cups on the glove compartment shelf I could carry posies with me wherever we drove. Each state had some different kinds.

Of course occasionally I gave the improvised vase a shove which resulted in a wet seat for me and also the driver, who shouted some words which were not "stop", "go", "turn to the right," etc.

To visit George Washington Carver's National Monument at Diamond, Missouri, is to automatically put a great lump in your throat, for you think of his humble beginning.—About his mother, a document which reads:

"Received of Moses Carver, seven hundred dollars in full consideration for a Negro girl named Mary, age about thirteen, who I warrant to be sound in body and mind and a slave for life."

A reverence is felt as the visitors walk through the building with posters and stories and things to remind you of all the things he

accomplished, through his long life they are astonishing. The three hundred uses for the peanut was just one.

Down a path we walked to the gruesome 'hanging tree' and as I got back in the car, I thought too, of all the wonderful things he said. "Look about you. Take hold of the things that are here. Let them talk to you. You learn to talk to them." "It is not the style of clothes one wears, neither the kind of automobile one drives, nor the amount of money one has in the bank that counts. These mean nothing. It is simply service that measures success."

Perhaps when you are driving through the country you read the signs. I always do; on a

store "If we don't have it, its probably not unpacked."; on a camper, "the Tilton Hilton."

Thru the forrest and a doe darts out, along the road a little chipmunk, miles and miles of Queen Anne's lace, then all of a sudden brown eyed susans grow.

I looked at my flowers on the glove compartment shelf and remembered George Washington Carver's words.

"I love to think of nature as an unlimited broadcasting system, through which God speaks to us every hour, if we will only tune in."

(to be con'd)

## with a pinch of salt. by ginni

We sincerely hope that no one tried last week's recipe, since about half of it got left out somehow or other. (It must be those gremlins in the computers.) Anyhow, here it is again, hopefully in its true blue full version.

This recipe is for jaded tastebuds and is named Herbed Vegetable Medley.

First drain (reserving a half a cup of the syrupy juice) a 1 lb. 4 oz. can of Dole pineapple chunks. In a saucepan, combine the juice with one third of a cup of white wine vinegar, 2 Tbsp. salad oil, 2 tsp. seasoned salt, 2 tsp. instant minced onion, one quarter tsp. seasoned pepper, one fourth tsp. basil and about 2 cupfuls of pared carrots which you have sliced on the diagonal in no larger than one half inch pieces. Cover and cook for ten minutes.

Then add approximately two cups of celery, chopped into about 2 inch chunks, stir, and cook for another 10 or 15 minutes until vegetables are just barely tender but still crispy. Remove from heat and add the drained pineapple chunks. If you insist, you may serve immediately, but tis much better chilled overnight and served cold in pre-chilled bowls. This amount will make about six people very happy once or three people

happy twice. (In other words, six servings result.)

A summer hint for iced tea drinkers—try freezing tea into ice cubes so that whilst you sip delicately, the tea doesn't get water-y.

Speaking of things to drink, here's an afternoon cooler and pick-me-up. Make a pot of stronger than usual coffee (regular or instant) and cool till just above luke warm. Pour into a glass half filled with ice cubes and a generous scoop of chocolate ice cream! Mmmm. (For those with extra sweet tooth tastes, you may wish to add sugar and maybe even some milk or half and half. If you do, we suggest you add it to the coffee before you pour it into the glass.

We seem to be inundated with short recipes this week, so here's the last—simple, but delicious. Unwrap a block of 8 oz. cream cheese and place in the middle of a large wooden serving tray. Drain a 1 lb. 2 oz. can of crushed pineapple and mix well with an 8 oz. jar of chutney. Spoon over cream cheese (it forms a sort of icing—don't know why, but it does) and surround with sesame seed crackers. Since it makes about 35 crackers full, we suggest you throw a small party or serve to your family when they're in a nibbling-in-front-of-the-TV-mood.

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# More about mosquitoes

The ISLANDER received two letters over the weekend, both about those pesky critters which bite away. They are reproduced in full below. See page 15 of this week's ISLANDER for the original Audubon letter, and last week's issue for ZuHone story.

Mr. Jack K. Thomas, Jr.  
Conservation Chairman  
Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society

Dear Mr. Thomas:

This is in response to your letter of August 6, 1975, tendering a copy of a resolution relating to mosquito control which was adopted by your Board of Directors.

I note the resolution refers to "illegal use of Baytex and Abate." If the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society has information indicating that the use of Baytex and Abate is either illegal or by any other standard is not in the best interests of the citizens of Lee County, I am confident the Board of Commissioners of the Lee County Mosquito Control District would be delighted to receive it. The District uses these and other insecticides, in a proper manner, well within recommended limits. It is suggested that you present information to the contrary at

any regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. These meetings are held the first Thursday after the first Monday of each month at ten o'clock a.m. at the office of the District, Homestead Road, Fort Myers, Florida.

In addition, it appears to me that your Board of Directors, and, thereby, possibly your membership, is either uninformed or misinformed regarding the program carried out by the Lee County Mosquito Control District. For this reason, I would request that I be permitted to appear before your full membership, to discuss mosquito control in Lee County. I would prefer that at least forty-five minutes be set aside for this purpose.

Your assistance in this regard will be appreciated.

Wayne Miller  
Lee County Mosquito  
Control District

Dear Mr. and Mrs. ZuHone:

I have the copy of your letter to Mr. Wayne Miller with regard to the petition for relief from mosquito infestation in the

Rocks area. I live in the Rocks and was surprised I had not had the opportunity to read your petition sooner.

I share your concerns about mosquito-borne diseases and I do not much care for the lesser irritations of mosquitoes either.

I think however there is a compromise position between your well-thought-out concerns and Mr. Campbell's reported concerns over the environment. Without attempting to argue Mr. Campbell's case for him, I will say that if there is a way to control mosquitoes without causing damage to the environment, it would certainly seem

to be a responsibility of Mr. Miller's to find that way.

Hopefully, somewhere between total cessation of mosquito control effort on the one hand, and a serious environmental impact by using questionable sprays on the other hand, there is a compromise position which I hope the knowledgeable men of the Lee County Mosquito Control District will adopt to successfully resolve the concerns of all affected parties.

Porter J. Goss  
Mayor, City of Sanibel

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

Planning Commission public hearings, Monday, Aug. 18.

9:45 a.m. Request (under 75-30) by R. R. Hollopeter and D. G. Thomas, representing Ourter Islander Development Corp., to consider subdivision tract or parcel in Gov't Lot 1, Sec. 35, T. 46-S, R 22 E, Sanibel.

10:45 a.m. W. T. Thomas request (under 75-30 and 75-50) for building single family residence on Lot 44, Unit 1, Sea Oar subdivision. Also, at 10:45, request by Paul and Monica Stahlin to build a single family residence, Lot 8, Belle Meade subdivision.

City Council Public hearings Tuesday, Aug. 18, in City Hall.

9:45 a.m. consideration of ordinance to adopt all laws of Florida, etc.

10 a.m. Public hearing on request by Carlos Cardeza for a variance on set back for single family house in Sanibel Isles, 1718 Jewel Box Drive.

11:45 Consideration of an ordinance to provide for the construction of ordinances, etc.

2:30 Public hearing on a request by Ray R. Martorelli of Rochester Realty Corp. to extend an existing non-conforming zoning use and or allow Nutmeg House Rest to serve beer and wine, etc.

2:45 Request by Joseph J. Demest, under 75-30, to construct a duplex on Lot 6 of Lagoons Estates (Ward Way).

Thursday and Friday, August 21 (1:30 p.m.) & August 22 (9:30 a.m.) WMRT's Major Analysis on all data and reports.

City Council Aug. 26. 2nd reading (and usually final) and public hearing on occupational license fee ordinance.

## Coming Events

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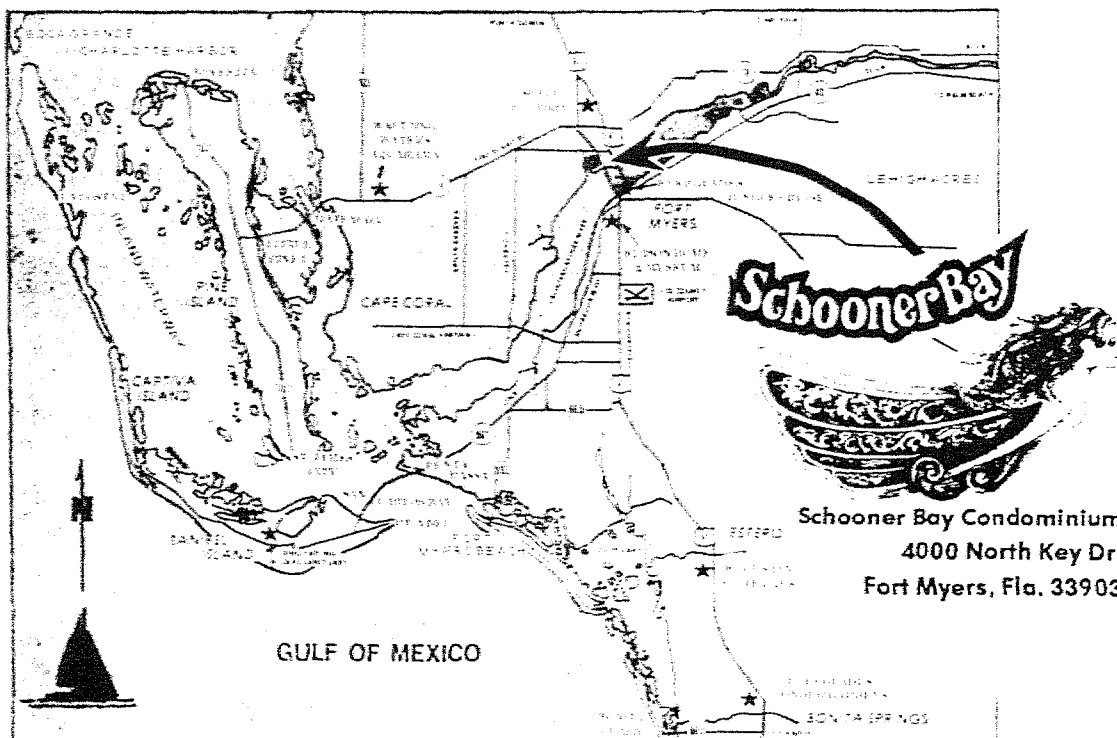
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## Rare shell find

By Lois Bertolami

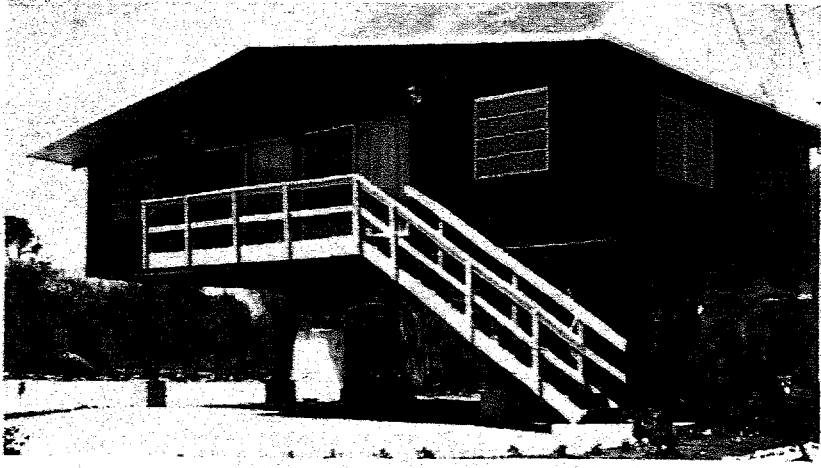
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Elias from Minneapolis, Minnesota have really been enjoying themselves at The Colony where they have been guests for the past week; and where they spent their honeymoon fifteen years ago.

They go shelling every day and Thursday Mr. Elias really found himself a prize.

He was walking in about 3 feet of water right in front of their cottage, when his foot hit something. He reached down to see what it was, and found just about 2 inches of shell sticking out of the sand.

He dug deeper and finally uncovered an Albino Lightning Whelk—measuring 13½ inches. It was alive and one of the most beautiful shells I've ever seen. He brought it into the office, where I work, the next day. It is without a doubt the greatest shell in their collection, and they are both very proud of it.

## Steel stilts considered safer



Sheffield Steel of Palatka, Florida, has come up with an angular steel column arrangement in order to offer the homebuilder an alternative to the traditional wood or concrete columns used in stilt homes. On top of the steel columns is a steel frame on which a frame house is built.

Dan Sheffield said that the framing system and the home has been approved for construction in the entire state, including Dade County, which has one of the strictest building codes in the country. He added that the advantages of being off the ground are the cooling factor; that of having free flow of air beneath the home, covered parking area provided by the home itself and security. In addition the home can be built in areas not feasible for ground level buildings.

Surf Realty spent several months investigating different types of stilt home construction in order to provide the best, strongest structure in the hurricane zone of Sanibel. They said that they finally decided on the Sheffield home because of its exceptional strength. "If you're going to build up, you should build strong."

Because of the Federal Flood insurance regulations being imminent, the decision was made to build with steel. "The flood insurance was the clincher for deciding on the structure," they said and added that "the time has come for this kind of home."

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## Letters to the editor

TO THE ISLANDER:

I get a copy of the ISLANDER almost every week from a friend of mine who knows I'm interested in the Islands and Lee County, and I've been reading about the city's finance committee thinking up ways to raise money.

I think I've got the answer. The County Council, or rather Commissioners, have recently banned topless dancing, right? But this doesn't apply to incorporated areas and since the city is incorporated, why don't they allow at least one of the local drinking and/or eating establishments to have topless waitresses? That way, the city can slap a \$5 "entertainment tax" on everyone who shows up (and think of all those people who'd be willing to pay to see their favorite waitress topless), split the take with the establishment and get rich quick.

Or else, install a couple of those telescope things you drop a quarter in and see for miles on Bowman's Beach, although I'm lead to believe that that particular problem is more-or-less covered these days.

These money raising ideas would "hit" the tourist directly (which is where the city's tax structure seems to be heading anyway) since we all know that none of Sanibel's permanent residents would wish to avail themselves of either form of entertainment. Right?

-s-Richard Ottos  
Honesdale, Pa.

TO THE ISLANDER:

Dear Jack VanBell—about your letter to me in this paper. How well I remember 22 years ago and how delightful life was on

Sanibel Island then. In fact, I ate one of your lemon pies in 1953.

Know this, I don't care what anybody names anything. What I want to see if for us to like each other against and be, as my seamstress used to say, "most friendly."  
-s-Ruth Hunter

TO THE ISLANDER:

In regards to the Sanibel City budget, whatever happened to the promise of a tax rate of only one or two mills?

-s-James O. Evans.

TO THE ISLANDER:

Being up North in Conn. for the summer months, and having the Sanibel Captiva ISLANDER forwarded to me, I read of an animal ordinance to be inacted on Sanibel. Good!

I never recovered my "Little Nella Bootsie" in spite of a \$50 reward, which I would gladly double to have him back, plus advertising in three papers and radio. I'm sure he would have returned on his own had he not been picked up. I pray and hope that he has a good home and fed properly to survive on Sanibel.

He was a faithful little companion and loved people, but male dog animal instinct is stronger than tender loving care!

It's a sad day when some people could care less and say "Oh, it's only a dog!" but to me, he made it worthwhile to exist here.

-s-Blanche E. Jones  
Columbia Ct., Conn. & Sanibel

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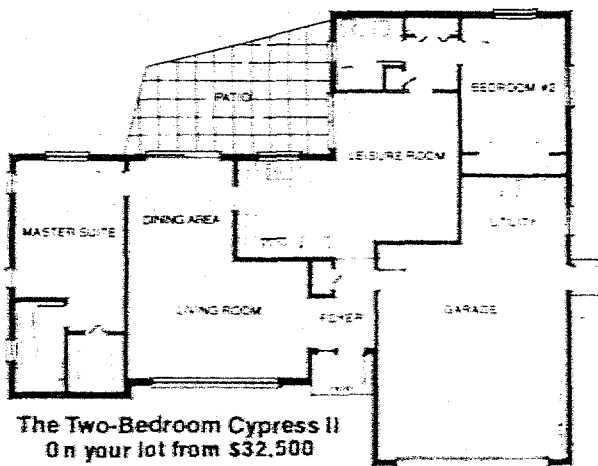
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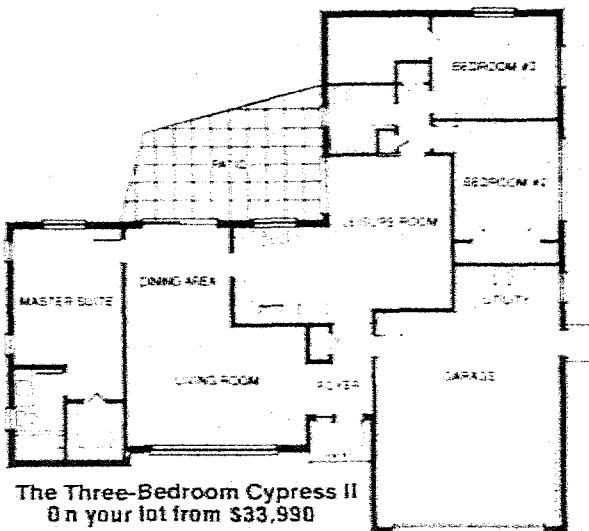
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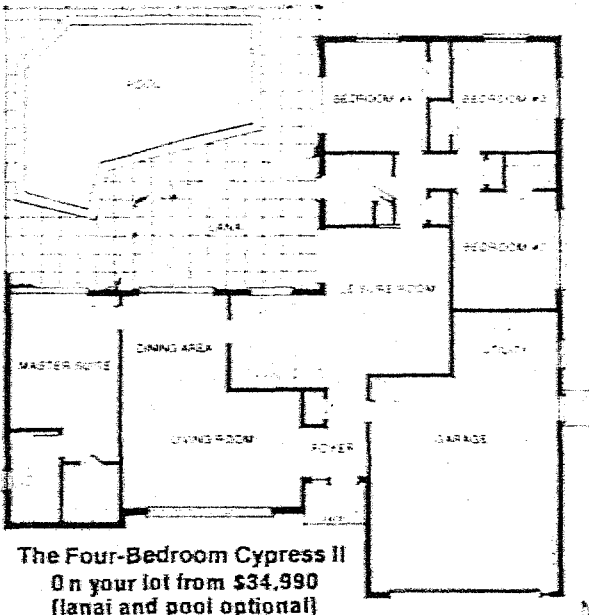
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# Council (from p. 6)

to be scheduled before the planning commission.

Two ordinances regulating Sanibel waters and on-board living and marina regulations were tabled. Goss said that there had been many complaints about boats speeding in the canals and posing real threats to bathers on beaches.

However, the council decided that although these were definite problems it was not necessary to take immediate action at this time. Butler heartily endorsed the proposal to table both ordinances.

The assistant city attorney reported that

the Buehl case against the city would be heard on August 26 and that there was still time for negotiations.

Goss asked for councilmen's reports. Butler said "I had a couple of things to bring up but I'll defer them til after the land use plan."

Bailey: "I wouldn't dare say anything." LeBuff also declined to comment.

The mayor said that priorities should be established. He said that a legal census count be taken. Butler said that many things effecting the city are based on population, e.g. revenue sharing. Goss also said that hiring personnel was a must. "I am not prepared to work this hard next year."

Bretzke said that he needed clerical help and a building inspector.

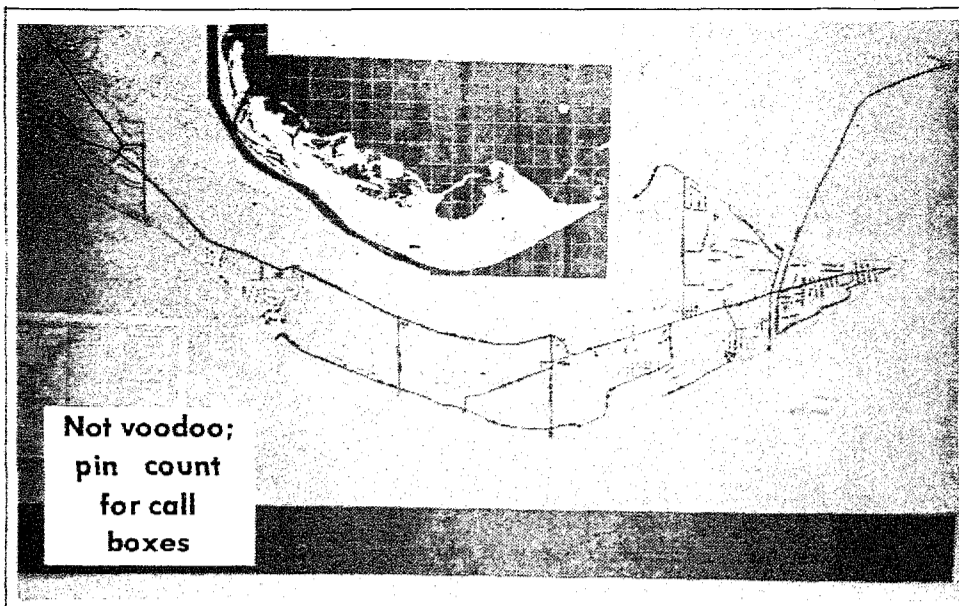
## Audubon protests use of specific pesticides

The Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society recently sent a letter to Wayne Miller, head of the Lee County Mosquito Control, requesting the ban of two specific pesticides. The letter reads:

"During our regular Board of Directors meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society, we adopted the following resolution regarding Mosquito Control on the Islands: "The Sanibel Captiva Audubon Society

requests the cessation of the illegal use of Baytex and Abate, two organophosphate pesticides, on these environmentally sensitive sanctuary islands and suggests that the Lee County Mosquito Control District seek alternative control methods that are ecologically sound and legally correct."

— Jack K. Thomas, Jr., Conservation Chairman.



Chief John Butler has started pinning various colored pins to a map of Sanibel. When we accused him of practicing a new form of voodoo, he kindly explained it was an easy way to keep track of what major crimes are committed where. The whole idea is that he wants to get police call boxes installed in high crime areas (such as the

Tarpon Bay beach access) so that the public will be able to call the police for either personal help, or to report a crime in progress, such as when they see someone breaking into a number of cars. Well, if a stitch in time will save nine, perhaps a pin in place will save face. So ok, you come up with a better rhyme.

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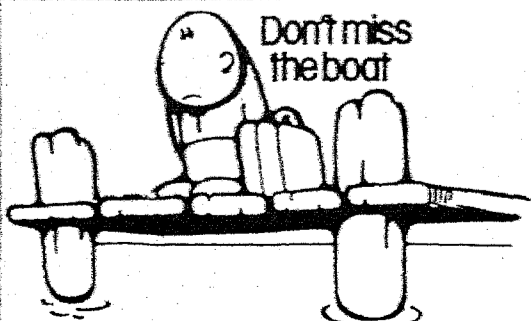
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## Sanibel Stinger

Well, folks my black eye got bigger n bigger an it hurt even with packin ice on it. When it turned green and yellow and purple I was afeared to let Bets see I'd been a-fightin so I got a friend of mine to drive me down to Key West fer a few days.

We played tourist—goin around the town on the little train an drinkin some beer at Joe's in between puttin ice cubes on my eye til the swellin started goin down an I felt more like a human again.

When we got back I found out my name had been called down an account of me havin wrote a wrong opinion—well, now if everybody had a right opinion this country wouldn't be in the shape it's in.

Actually it wasn't my opinion that was under discussion but them other two fellas that busted me in the eye fer stucken up fer the lady in question. If it's upsettin to some to know what's gettin talked around on the island then mebbly I owe somebody an

apology fer puttin a pen on paper—but I don't think so.

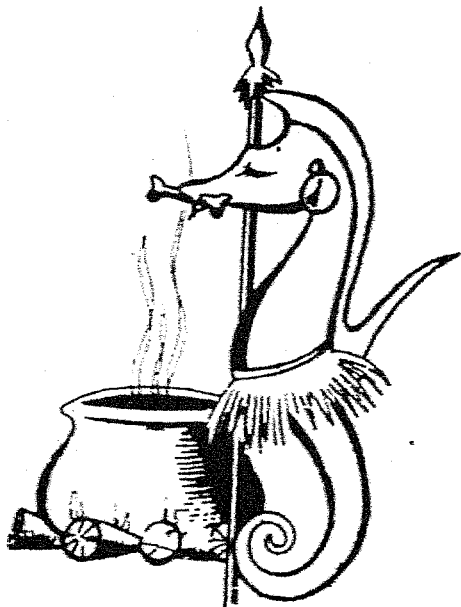
So fur's I know Americans still has the right to talk, the right to listen an the right to write even if it does get us a black eye now and then. When we gets so fur down the road that those simple rights ain't around no more we might jest as well call it like it is—totalitarianism. I got that word an how to spell it an the meaning of it out of Websters.

Bets come in jest as I was gettin this here thing writ down an she reads it. "What's this about? Sounds like you got two black eyes, not just one," she says so I had to tell her the whole story.

She plunks her self down and sits there alaighin away. Purty soon she says, "Honey, you need a keeper!"

Before I know'd what I way sayin out comes the words "Bets will ya marry me?" and she near doubles up with a howling laugh. "Not on your life" she says "you're impossible."

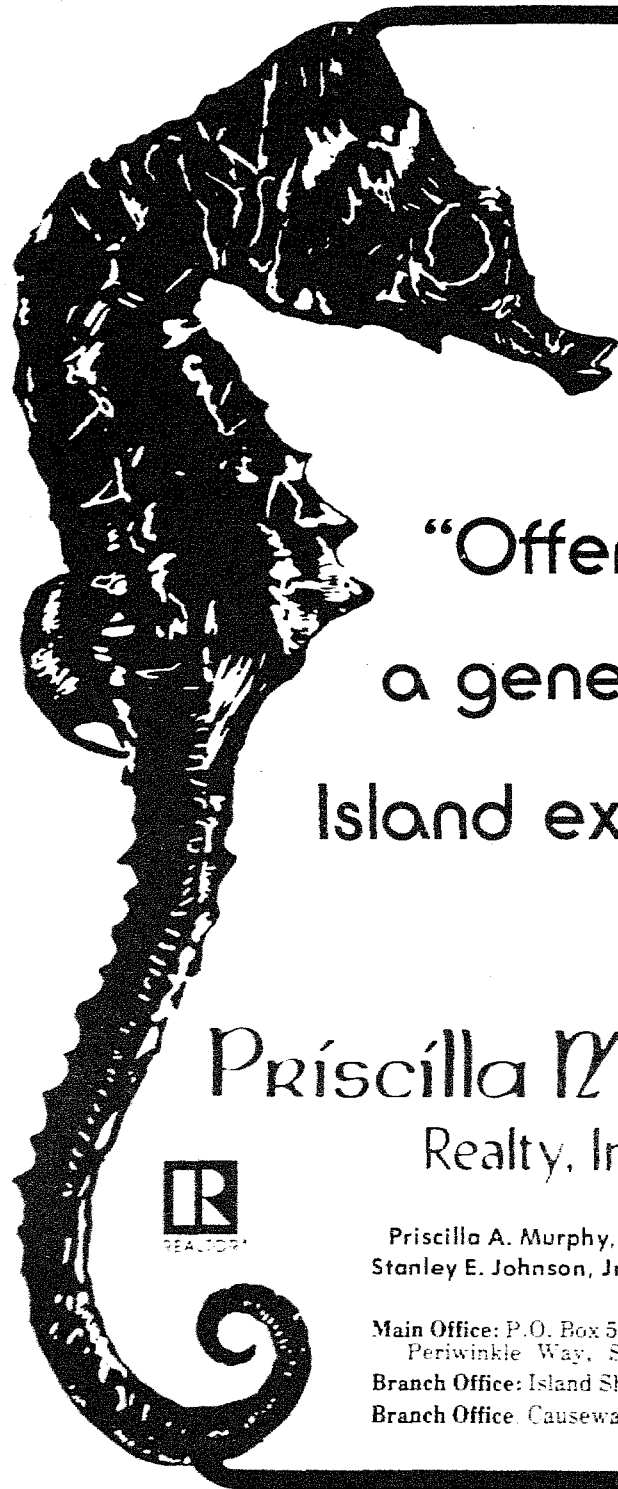
I was sittin with my chin in my hands all of a sudden feelin real sad an she comes over, puts her arm around me an says "But I love you anyway."



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