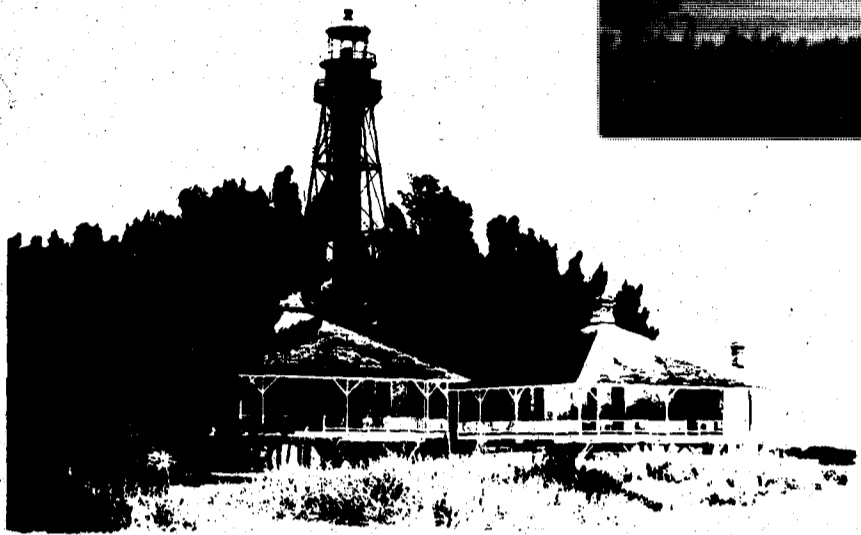


clouds gather over sanibel...

When we took this picture, we really weren't thinking in terms of double entendres—it was just that the clouds building up for Sunday evening's rain were so impressive. Those who have been paying attention to what's going on in various meetings lately are free to interpret the picture as they please.



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Public does "no-show" at Clark's report

By Carol Quillinan

There were no pink bedsheets covering the windows and door of the commission meeting room last Thursday but black plastic sheets. Looking at the window covering from the outside it was not possible to see that one of the most important meetings to all islanders was going on inside.

Where was the public?

Not more than a handful sat in the audience to listen to John Clark summarize findings of 60 hours of intensive workshop meetings last week by 16 nationally known scientists.

Was the public playing ostrich? Where were the members of the task forces? There was a great glaring hole in the fabric which is to be Sanibel.

"It is our mission to prepare an environmental program to preserve the unique and natural features of the island," Clark began. Although the scientific studies and areas of the island were divided up into special categories, "all the parts function as

a system, powered by the sun and energized by water. All the parts have to be in good shape and the energy has to flow freely."

"I am not going to give you a shopping list. You take the whole thing or nothing," he stated firmly after explaining the various parts of a management program. He said that there are limits to the use of the island. There is some resiliency in some areas but as with any system stretched beyond its limits, the system breaks down.

There are areas of the Sanibel eco-system which need only "minor repair," others that would require major restraint and self control and still others which were ecologically so sick that only a vast restoration program would affect a cure he said. "There is no such thing as a partial program for Sanibel," because the total system is water based.

He listed the interior wetlands which with water management control would guarantee good and sufficient water; pollution control of the waters of the island; canals, bayous, lakes and river and the management of the whole outer edge of

Sanibel which includes the mangrove and beaches. Then he said that there were also special situations and habitats which should be looked after.

"There is no way out of the things you have to do because of the federal and state laws governing environmental conditions."

The Department of Natural Resources construction setback line will be incorporated into the comprehensive land use plan with a recommendation from the scientists of a 300 foot setback from any open water for sewage systems which will certainly influence the position of all types of construction. HUD (Federal Flood Insurance Preogram) is looking at Sanibel not only being flood prone but as a high hazard area.

Clark said that in high hazard areas a 3 and 3 rule is used; 3 feet of water at 3 miles an hour water velocity. The regulations going along with the 3 and 3 rule will be a buffer area from the water, a 12 to 13 foot first floor height and no filling to raise the house.

On July 25 of this year the Corps of Engineers will regulate all waterways. The federal regulations include giving the EPA (environmental protection agency) a veto power over the Corps of Engineers.

Clark said that because of the veto power, there will be no provision for wetlands to be used for private gain. "The wetlands are too valuable to alter."

In discussing water pollution, he said that the island as it is now stands in gross violation of federal and state laws and that he was quite surprised that "the heavy hand of the federal and state hasn't come down yet." The Sanibel River has less than the federal minimum standards of 4 ppm of dissolved oxygen. "Stop pollution before outside forces make you do it," Clark warned.

In the list of desirables, which will come in the form of recommendations to the Islanders, will be some sort of wild fire control; controlled burning, a limit of the influx of nutrients into waterways (e.g. nitrogen and phosphorus) which promote

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What's scheduled at City Council today

8:00 a.m. 1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance (Bailey)
2. Approval of Minutes of June 3, 1975, July 15, July 19 and July 30, 1975 and August 5 and August 11, 1975. 3. Correspondence.

9:15 a.m. 4. Report from Sanibel Planning Commission

9:30 a.m. 5. First Reading of Proposed Ordinance to provide for the Display and Use of Red Lights and Sirens on Privately Owned Motor Vehicles of Active Firemen Members of Sanibel Fire Control District and Members of the Emergency Preparedness Evacuation and Relief Team, Providing for the Circumstances under Which They May Be Used, Providing for Penalty, Providing for Severance, Providing for Inclusion into the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sanibel, and Providing for an Effective Date.

9:45 a.m. 6. Public Hearing and Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance Adopting by Reference All Laws of the State of Florida the Violation of Which is Punishable as a Misdemeanor and Providing that All Acts Which are Misdemeanors under the Laws of the State of Florida Shall Constitute an Offense against the City When Committed within the Territorial Limits of the City, Providing for the Payments of the Fines and Forfeitures under This Section to Be Paid Over to the City as Provided by Law and Providing for an Effective Date.

10:00 a.m. 7. Consider request by Mr. Carlos Cardeza for a variance on side yard setback requirements for the con-

struction of an addition to a single-family dwelling located on Lots 5 and 6, Block C, Unit 1 of Sanibel Isles Subdivision (1718 Jewel Box Drive), Sanibel, Lee County, Florida.

10:30 a.m. 8. Consider request by Mr. Joseph L. Kucharski to subdivide a tract or parcel of land lying in Section 20, Township 46 South, Range 22 East, referred to as Tract B of Unit 4 of Sanibel Estates (north side of Periwinkle Way across from Captain's Walk).

11:00 a.m. 9. Consider request by Ann Foster Hoffman, William C. Hoffman, and Joe Kucharski to construct a shopping center complex on a tract or parcel of land in Section 20, Township 46 South, Range 23 East, Sanibel, Lee County, Florida (Property fronting on Bailey Road and the Sanibel Causeway Road, north of Periwinkle Way.)

11:30 a.m. 10. First Reading of an Emergency Ordinance to Stay the Processing of Applications for Alcoholic Beverage Sales Establishments; to Define the Term "Alcoholic Beverage"; As Applied to This Ordinance; To Provide an Effective Date and a Date of Termination.

11:45 a.m. 11. Public Hearing and Second Reading of An Ordinance Providing for the Construction of Ordinances, Words Used, Officers and Employees, Providing General Penalty Provisions and Separability Provisions, Providing that All Ordinances of the City of Sanibel Be Incorporated into the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sanibel and Appropriately Renumbered, and Providing for an Effective Date.

12:00 Noon—Lunch.

1:30 p.m. 12. First Reading of an Emergency Ordinance to Declare and Confirm that the Sheriff of Lee County is Authorized to Enforce All Provisions of State and County Law for Which He Has Enforcement Authority Elsewhere in Lee County; Also to Provide Like Authority for Enforcement of Laws of The City of Sanibel; To Provide an Effective Date and To Provide a Termination Date.

1:45 p.m. 13. Mayor's Report.

2:30 p.m. 14. Consider request by Ray R. Martorelli representing Rochester Realty Corporation to consider an extension of a non-conforming zoning use and or a variance to allow the Nutmeg House Restaurant to sell beer and wine—consumption on premises. Said property is located at 2761 Gulf Drive, Sanibel, Lee County, Florida.

2:45 p.m. 15. Consider request by Mr. Joseph J. Clement to construct a duplex on Lot 6 of Lagoon Estates, being in the Northeast Quarter (NE¼) of Section 25, Township 46 South, Range 22 East, Sanibel, Lee County, Florida (Windward Way).

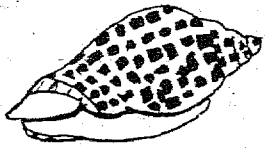
3:00 p.m. 16. City Attorney's Report.

3:15 p.m. 17. City Manager's Report.

3:30 p.m. 18. Councilmen's Reports.

3:45 p.m. 19. Public Comments and Inquiries.

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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.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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by georgie mankin

Fishing off Baileys Pier this week were: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pritchard of Jackson, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Linmare of Detroit, Michigan and their daughter, Carol, and son-in-law Robert Dahl.

Have you noticed the new look at the Harbor House restaurant? They have done some remodeling and it really looks great—quite nautical.

Wendy Lance, Joy Peterson, and Pete Kavenaugh of Pittsburgh, Pa. have been enjoying sunning and swimming off the Sanibel beaches. The girls (yes, Joy and Pete are girls), are on summer break from Penn. State.

Take time out this week to look at the sunsets—everyone seems to zoom around and never take time to appreciate the beauty which surrounds us on the island.

Sanibel has quieted down a bit now and will be until the annual Labor Day migration. However, the fish are still biting and the shelling is still good.

The guests at Blind Pass Cottages are still reporting fine catches of snook, trout, and reds off the Blind Pass Bridge and Turner's Beach areas.

Enjoying the accommodations at Blind Pass Cottages this week are Mr. and Mrs. Felix Peyrefitte of Deerfield Beach, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. Willie Wishon and Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Reahn of Orlando, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shell of Apopka, Fla., were pleasantly surprised by a visit from their daughter, Debbie, and her husband, Fred, who the Shells have not seen for three years. Debbie and Fred hail from Missouri.

Other guests include Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Frick of Wynnewood, Pa., who are visiting their daughter and her husband who live on Captiva Island, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Garthwaite and family of Lakeland, Fla.

Beer—5¢ (?!)

From 11 a.m. on Saturday the nickel beer reigned supreme at the Old Place's howling, successful bash. On Islanders, off islanders, young and old, participated in a 5 cent beer drinking day interspersed with char-broiled and Bar-B-Que sandwiches or the house specialty, Bar-B-Que ribs. More than 500 people came to eat and had a free beer along with dinner. Six barrels of beer flowed freely throughout the day.

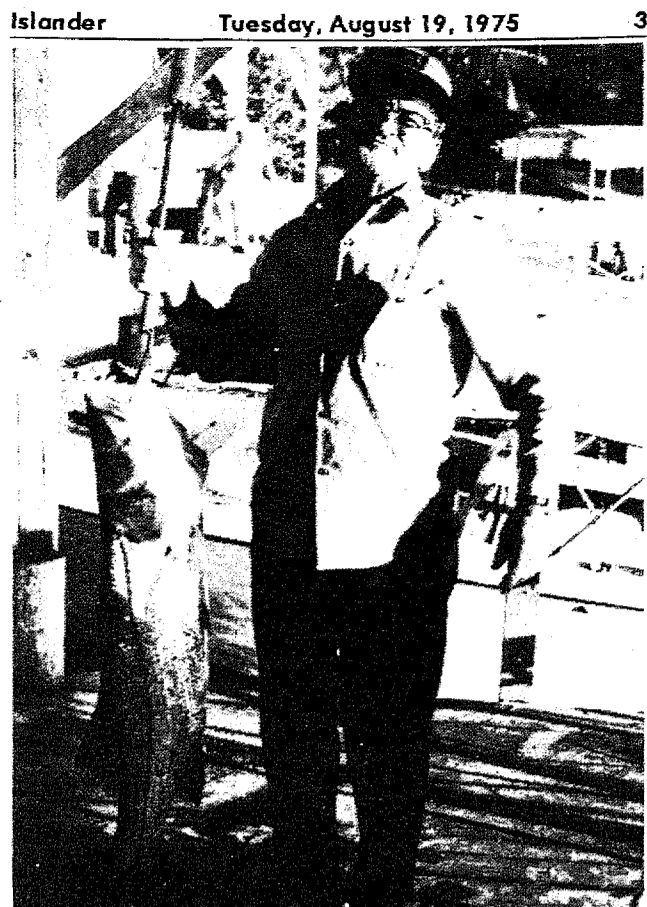
The wet shirt contest didn't come off, literally, because the girl who won would have had to prove her prowess (shirtless), so none of the girls wanted to play. However, a good time was had by all, just talking about it.

Later on, a chug-a-lug contest was held between the beer drinkers and the bar-tender to see who could out-pour (drink) the other. The drinkers lost.

Marvin and June Post want to thank those who helped, especially Al and Dotti Pote, Marvin's nephew, Bill, and the Welker family. A very special thanks go to the 1,000 plus Old Place nickel beer drinkers who made the day a success.

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Taylor gets go ahead on Periwinkle addition

Sam Price and Sam Maribeti came before the planning commission last Monday to ask for a relief from the respite to build a restaurant between the Golden Sands and the Kona Kai. Price said that he was leasing the present site of the Casa del Mama and wanted to build his own building before the next tourist season. He brought a set of revised plans for commission approval showing an additional setback from the Sanibel River and a revision in the sewage system. "These drawings show no defeat intentionally or otherwise of the master plan we are trying to accomplish for our island," he said.

LeeRoy Friday said that he was a little perturbed at having new blueprints presented at the meeting since the revisions shown had not been studied by the commission. Ray Fenton, designer of the building, pointed out the changes.

Duane White said that he was concerned about the proximity of the building to the River and asked Price why he couldn't wait until the master plan was complete. The answer was that his rent was too high at his present location and that he would like to relocate his business as soon as possible so that he could afford to stay on Sanibel. "For several years now, it was our intention to put a beautiful building overlooking the Sanibel River. It is beauty that Sanibel is trying to save and what people come here to see."

White asked if Price couldn't move the building farther back from the river. Price answered, "any farther back you can't see the river at all."

White wanted assurance of minimum impact on water, sewer and other governmental related services. He said that the traffic was already strained on Periwinkle and that the drainfield of the project would be in the way of any possible future widening of Periwinkle if the planners decided to widen the road. Price said that he would move the drainfield when asked to do

so. White again asked him to wait for the plan.

"Can you see any way that WMRT would change the zoning?" Price countered. "We are just as worried about the ecology and the traffic as anybody."

LeeRoy Friday said that it was an unfortunate decision to have to walk into. He said that the plan had merit but that precautionary measures should be taken. He said that he was deeply disturbed about the drainage along Periwinkle and commended the petitioners because the building was set back from the road quite a way. However, Friday added that some direction was needed from the city engineer or somebody regarding what the city is going to do with the drainage on Periwinkle since it is a major problem.

White called for a motion. After a few moments of silence, Friday said that if there were no objecting motions, that he would motion to recommend that relief be granted. "In all good conscience I don't see this plan affecting the land use plan."

Marshall seconded the motion. Winterbotham said that the plan was well engineered and well thought out but that the petitioners should wait for the land use plan. The vote was tied 2 to 2. Joe McMurtry is still off island.

White said that he would like to present the plan to the planners, who are on island this week, to have an opinion from them and if that was agreeable to Price the case would be continued for a week. Price agreed. A motion was made to continue the case.

The next case concerned building one, two or three structures as the third phase of Periwinkle Place. The petition was presented by Robert M. Taylor. The commission was loathe to hear the case because of a mistake in advertising saying that the one additional building was the "final phase" of the shopping center. Taylor had written a letter in advance of the meeting explaining the mistake; he said that he may

or may not add another restaurant later on and that the site plan under discussion at the meeting included not just an additional building but a platform to be extended from Duncan's restaurant for outdoor eating space and closing the small kiosk in the front of the property to be used as an enclosed display area.

White said that the petition was not in order. Taylor asked if the commission could not hear the case subject to a ruling by an attorney. A motion was passed to the effect that attention was called that the petition and affidavit were not in order and would be subject to an opinion by an attorney that the planning commission's actions would be legally acceptable. After that the discussion of the building and grounds began. Taylor said that 200 parking spaces and the garden had been built originally for the total project. However, in order to be economically successful all phases must be complete. He mentioned that city hall has been the greatest burden on the parking facilities since people attending the meetings park their cars for hours at a time not allowing for a fast turnover as is normally expected in shopping centers.

The one building to be added will be a one story on the northwest side of the property housing some 5,400 sq. ft. of rental space. The platform in front of Duncans will seat 20

people under colorful umbrellas hopefully adding a "European" atmosphere to the garden. It was not clear what the use of the enclosed kiosk would be.

Taylor said that because the up front money had been used for parking and gardens which do not generate capital, there had been a negative cash flow and that the financial institutions were now negotiating to complete the center in an orderly way, and that it was necessary to proceed with the building before the next tourist season.

White tried to give Taylor some hints about hardship positions but Taylor was not receiving. Taylor could not think of a hardship based on the health, safety or welfare of the people of the island if the building was not built except to say that the shopping center provided for consolidation of business thus eliminating some traffic from Periwinkle. He said that the shopping center had received numerous citations for good design.

White said that he commended the center and that he was proud of the beautiful design however he could not find a justifiable reason why Taylor could not wait until the master plan was complete. Fred Fox in the audience spoke up for the additional building saying that as a prospective client

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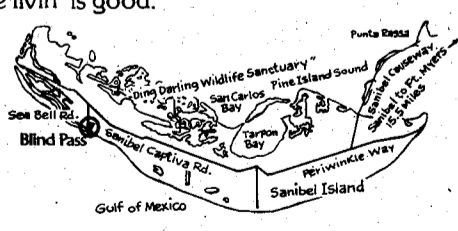
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Clark's report

(from p. 1)

the growth of noxious weeds. These nutrients come into the water via sewage systems and fertilizers. Also to be recommended will be a building construction setback line along the beach from Lighthouse Point to Woodring's Point.

The water management program has broad functions. A recommendation of maintaining 4 foot above m.s.l. fresh water in the wetlands will be made; some provision for protecting the refuge from drying up in order to continue the high productivity of the refuge and in order to protect the beach there will be no excavation of any kind from the beach ridge shoreward out to 300 feet into the Gulf.

Clark explained a large colored map on the wall which had various designations. There were 5 IW areas (interior wetlands) separated by lines which he said were existing roads that served as dams. He said that thinking about a management program in the interior wetland area overall implementation of any future engineering program could be done in segments. The interior wetlands are surrounded by a beach ridge system which should be intact and function under normal conditions. The 100 year storm was described as abnormal and separate from a management program since there will be a seawater overflow of the whole island.

A small area designated as IW 5 had been isolated from the rest since it lay outside of the ridge system and drained to the beach by itself and not into the interior wetlands. The west Sanibel Bayou system, he said was highly susceptible to pollution and would therefore, not be able to tolerate "excessive anything."

The area east of Woodring's Point was described as a red mangrove area, a highly productive area for baby tarpon. Clark said to destroy the nursery grounds for tarpon would not constitute "being neighborly" since tarpon is a game fish.

The sanctuary had not been included in the report and studies as of this meeting but Clark said that it would be included in the final report.

Coming back to the interior wetlands he said that acre by acre the wetlands were much too valuable to "squander away on

nickel and dime development." It was being researched now as to its value but he estimated that it was 3 to 5 times more valuable as a wetland area. The fresh water supply, he said "is worth \$1 million a year alone. The wetlands can't be used in a silly fashion like putting a house on it!"

He continued that there will be a conflict with private interests but that any development in the wetlands will be in violation of federal law.

At the moment there is no clear definition of exactly where the "wetlands" are since the swales are surrounded by higher ridges. Clark said that in defining the area, "the name of the game is preserve the spartina." *Spartina bakeri* is a cord grass which is indicative of wetlands. However, there are large high ridges in the wetlands area which are suitable for building.

As one progresses toward the Sanibel River, federal regulations will take over preventing excavation, filling, dumping of sewage effluent and any type of alteration. Clark said that there were several reasons to keep water in the freshwater wetlands, all of equal importance; control of mosquitoes, control of salt water intrusion, continuance of wildlife and overflow of any excess freshwater into the water-starved sanctuary. As a parting shot Clark said, "If there's no water management program, I'll pack up my papers and go back to Washington D.C. "And if the Corps of Engineers will let you, you can blacktop the whole thing."

He continued that there would be control on lakes, a maintenance or a constant depth of water of 4 feet with the depth of the lake limited to 7 to 8 feet, for pollution control and regulations for cleaning and controlling of weeds. He said that lake design, in order to keep the water churned by the wind, indicated an 80 to 1 ratio of length to depth. An eight foot deep lake, therefore, would require a 500 foot length.

The sewage systems on the island are in a disgraceful condition, he said, and thought must be given to some sort of central sewage disposal system.

He finished his lecture by saying that we are going to find the major elements of the plan the most difficult to live with and reminded the audience that "water is both friend and enemy but unifying the whole system."

Wm. K. Riley, president of the Conservation Foundation, Washington D.C., will be on island September 11 to give a final draft report. Watch for time and place.

with a pinch of salt. . .

by ginni

This week's recipe was taught us by Ruthie Morris, who, for those of you who know her, is a very good cook. It's for escargot (otherwise known as snails) and is extremely good - -and also contains a couple of secrets, so please follow directions pretty closely, at least the first time you try them.

We must admit the first time we tried cooking escargot, we thought they were awful, since we were hampered by two things; 1) the directions were in French, of which we are not a master and, 2) we didn't have the shells. The end result was a sandy thing which other people (who had evidently never eaten them properly cooked) thought were delicious, at which point, our reaction was, "well, if that's the way they're supposed to be - -ugh!"

When we happened to mention this to Ruthie a couple of years later, she said "Come on over Sunday and I'll show you." She did, and this is how.

First, you need the escargot AND the shells. (They normally come in a package with snails and shells together, 24 at a time. In this area, they are available at the B-Hive and Bailey's on Sanibel, with or without the shells, and sometimes at Publix in town, but only in packages with the shells, when and if they have them at all.)

Wash the shells thoroughly (they can be washed in a dishwasher IF you put them in a closely tied nylon net bag) and set aside. Take a stick of butter (one quarter pound) and let soften (NOT to room temperature if you live in an un-airconditioned home) until it's soft enough to let you mash in two large or three small cloves of garlic. (Use a garlic press, or mince them finely and then mash with a tablespoon.) To the garlic butter, add 1 Tbsp. of chopped parsley (fresh is best, but bottled will do, especially if your guests smoke) and salt and pepper taste.

Now, open the can of snails and drain. Open a bottle of good Burgundy, but don't drain it yet.

Take a shell, drop in a snail, pour in about a third of a teaspoon of Burgundy and completely pack the shell with the snail butter so that the butter not only fills the shell but is slightly rounded. Place on a dish and continue until all shells are filled.

Now, refrigerate - -at least three hours or overnight, until the butter is completely hardened. (That's secret number two; secret number one was the Burgundy, if you don't count the necessity of using the shells as a secret.)

By the way, refrigerate the Burgundy, too - -I know this is breaking a couple of rules, but since you've already used a red wine with what is sometimes a sea food, you might as well enjoy the Burgundy cold, too.

Before you cook them, let's consider how to serve them.

There are expensive escargot serving plates, with a cute little depression in which you place each snail so that the melted snail butter has a place to go, since you're going to sop it up with hot crusty bread.

You can get around using escargot plates, however, by buying the little (about 6 inches in diameter) disposable aluminum tartlet pans available in almost every grocery store.

However, you can't get around having snail tongs, since you don't pick them up with your fingers. (Never? No, never!) In a pinch, if you've had a baby recently, you can probably use the bottle tongs for one person and pliers for the other people. Maybe going out and buying the tongs would be simplest, since they can't be much more expensive than buying four pairs of pliers.

This recipe, 24 snails, by the way, will serve three or four people as an appetizer, two people as an entree, unless your guest or spouse eats a lot, in which case you'd better double the whole recipe.

Now that we've got that all settled, pre-heat your oven to 400 degrees, put the snails (with four or six or however many you wish to serve to each person in the individual tartlet pans) in for ten minutes. After about five minutes stick in a loaf of partially sliced French or Cuban bread (you may make it garlic bread if you wish, but you may also find that's a bit much, since you're going to be sopping up the melted snail butter with it.)

Serve, with seafood forks, lots of fun and with the hot bread and chilled Burgundy.

P.S. Don't throw the shells away—wash and reserve for another time.



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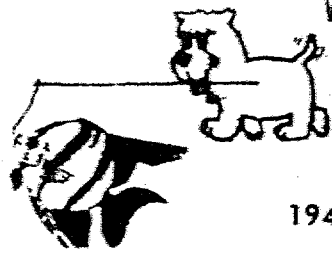
Colt Industries of Beloit, Wisconsin, have published a technical brochure called "Envirovac - the answer to today's sewage problems," which is available for perusal at the ISLANDER office on Palm Ridge Road. A partial plant, household vacuuming to a standard sewage treatment plant, has been installed at South Seas Plantation.

Talking briefly with Robert Taylor about the system, he said that the system has been in operation about a year and "after we have a little more experience with it, we'll be able to give people who are interested a description of how it works."

Taylor should be commended for his foresight in the environmental field by introducing new (to the United States) system which has the potential of becoming not only a household word but a technological, environmental necessity on barrier islands.

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On our way to the city of gold—

By Ruth Hunter

"We are on our way to Alaska" I would casually mention to waitresses, gas station fellows, and just friendly people and the reaction was always the same.

"Alaska, Alaska, I've always wanted to go there." they'd say with a wistful look as tho they'd like to go along.

Even the ladies at the Musium of Osa and Martin Johnson, the famous African explorers, at Chanute, Kansas. It seems Osa was singing at a recital when Martin lectured at Chanute and he fell in love with her at first sight, just like that. Osa insisted she go with Martin on all his African jaunts and the building is full of things from all their wild adventures. I bought some buttons which are really African heads in miniatures.

The townfolk of Chanute are very proud of the Johnsons and one hostess pointed out a lovely lace dress in a case which Osa had told her was the only 'store-boughten' one she ever owned.

The proud ladies of Chanute also told us of the Purple Orchid where you could have all

you wanted to eat for \$2.00. The motto is, "Take all you want but EAT what you take." However, pie is not included. I couldn't figure this out because most of the ingredients of pie haven't gone up too much. I think now the work of making a pie has gone into its cost. One restaurant a piece of pie was 95 cents, I think it had whipped cream on it though.

There is something free at Eureka Springs, Arkansas, and this is lovely sparkling, cool spring water. Drinking fountains in rock gardens or grottos are all over for folks to taste the delicious spring water.

On Magnetic Mountain is a statue of Christ of the Ozarks, a gift of Gerald K. Smith as a memorial to his wife Elna. It stands seven stories high. The armspread from fingertip to fingertip is 65 feet. It is said an automobile could be suspended from either wrist without affecting the statue. I'd like to be there when they try this.

Breakfast time at Grand Island, Nebraska, finds everyone in a doughnut shop and once you taste the goodies you

realize why. You get 29 kinds; cake doughnuts, bread doughnuts, plain sugar, every known frosting, and the coffee would make Mrs. Folger cringe with envy, it's that good!

Grand Island is a fine place to stop even if you weren't a doughnut hound for it has a great treasure, two hundred acres that are given over to a prairie town of the Great Plains. The remarkable thing about this is that they are actual buildings which were transported to this spot.

You can go in to the old 19th Century Pioneer Hotel, the Kenesaw Bank, the Bell-Fonda Cottage and at the Schuff Playhouse; Henry Fonda (on tape) tells you all about it. He must have had a relative one time living in that Bell-Fonda Cottage and I'm sure he's a distant cousin of our own Ted Fonda of Captiva. The 39 structures have plaques telling who the donors were.

If I ever have the time I'm going to look up the ones who gave the Lake Crystal Sleeping Car, the Caboose and the Union Pacific Centennial Car, and the railroad station, and give them a big hug. You can push a button and hear the railroad whistles and

the puffer-bellies leaving the station while the trainman yells "All Aboard".

There's a delightful museum too with fountains and flowers on a man-made island. Our first camp was on an island too, Morman Island (which the Lord had made) a river ran by and little purple moss roses grew wild in the grass.

In Nebraska you get a real know-how about the early pioneers. Scott Bluff makes you cry for you walk in the ruts of the old Oregon Trail and a little grave covered with pretty stones says "Our Mary-Age Seven." How brave our early countrymen were! I don't see how, even the Indians, could find their way around that immense wall of rock.

The ranger alongside a Prairie Schooner was dressed like a cowboy and he let Philip take a picture of me shaking his hand while he explained how most of the covered wagons came from Pennsylvania and did you know they could float?

I told him that Sears Roebuck sold covered wagons about ten years ago when there was a rage on for them and he was quite surprised.

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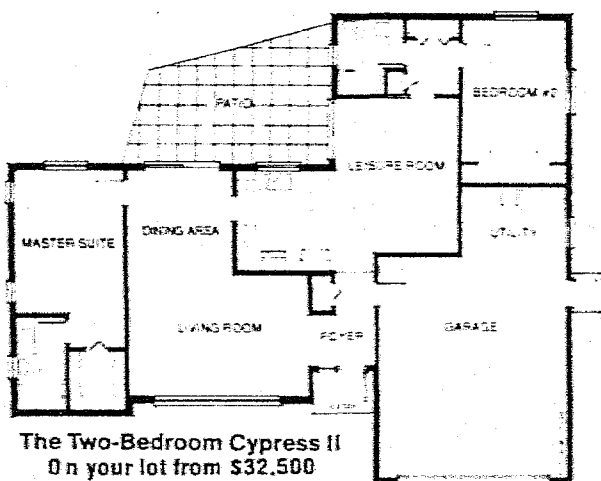
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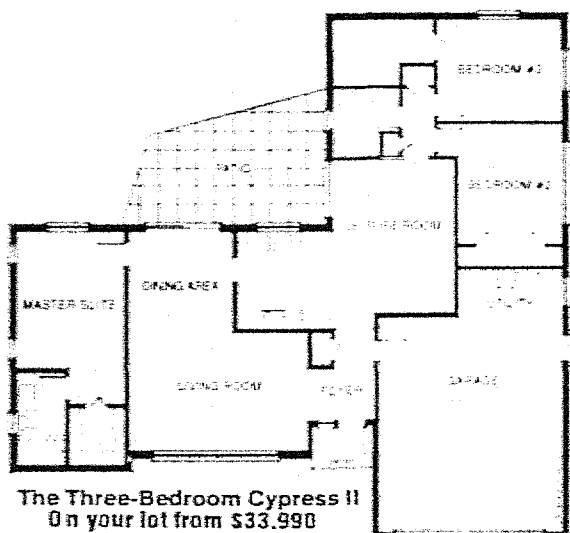
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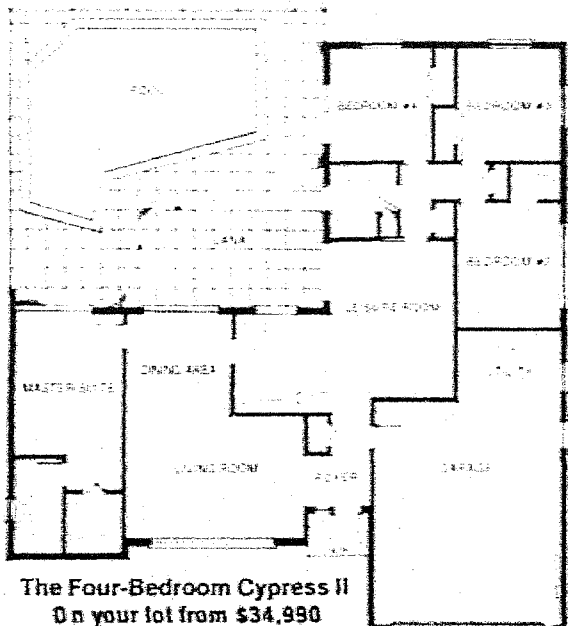
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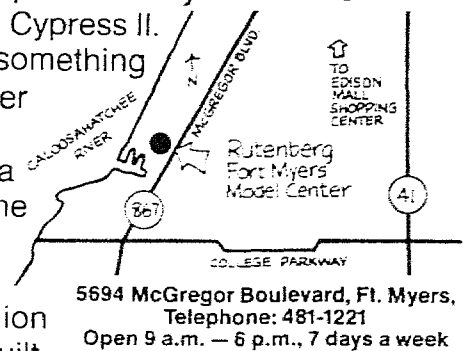
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"people can't occupy space in the spring and survive during the summer." He said that he was in his 60's and that the commission should "take pity on this old bag of bones." Don Marshall noticed that the garden with the additional building and restaurant (future) would be closed up and asked if Taylor wasn't defeating his own plan since it was the garden which had received so many compliments.

Taylor responded that he didn't know if the garden would be closed up. "We're not planning on ruining the plaza!"

Marshall shot back "Don't close up the courtyard."

Taylor replied, "Thank-you for your opinion." He said that he was not planning on ruining anybody's planning process and could not imagine any conflict with the land use plan.

After some more words back and forth about semantics, Winterbotham motioned to recommend approval of the petition saying that she did not think that the traffic was affected nor did the planned addition defeat in whole or in part the master plan. The motion carried on a 3 to 1 vote; White voting no.

During the commissioners' reports, Friday once again said that he objected to having plans brought into the meetings as revisions of the ones which had been submitted as part of the petition. He said the commission had to be very cautious about considering additional plans since the commission had no time to study them before the meeting.

Taylor then asked to speak before the commission as chairman of the real estate and development task force. He asked for a better definition of the rules. He said that he

had many people asking what the criteria was for building during this period but he could not give a reasonable answer. He said that the three month waiting period being asked for til the master plan is complete is in reality a year wait before the plan is complete, the building accepted and the building actually built. "I can't think of any situation where a home or something is going to sink the island. There are no non-financial hardships."

White countered with, "Yes, there are!" White explained that a hardship shall be a "necessary" one meaning a hardship concerning the health, welfare and safety of the people of Sanibel.

Taylor asked on what basis can a home be approved? The question was not answered to anyone's satisfaction.

White began his WMRT program—"WMRT says everything you do now at this stage of the game complicates the comprehensive land use plan. The fresh water wetlands are drying up and dying—You are living on a time bomb—by building you are

destroying those things you're trying to save." He intimated that WMRT said, that there is going to be a five year time lag to catch up with what has already been done. White continued quoting Roberts, "When we come with our plan, your hair is going to stand on end."

And in White's words "We better stop a bit until we know what we're doing."

Taylor said softly, "But realistically, the world doesn't work that way. A plan will not be developed that will call a halt to development."

Ella May Rassmussen in the audience asked after the meeting with Taylor was over, "Why can't you stop building for five years except for houses?"

Marshall answered "Except. That's the problem."

Taylor had gotten his permission to go ahead with his building. No one questioned the legality of the planning commissions prerogative. The meeting ended on a note of question.

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Tuesday dawned a summer light along about 7 or so after a night of rain, thunder and lightning. It was the kind of morning of any Sanibel Summer when you get out of bed and say, "Well, it's another Tuesday."

However, before the day was too old, the planning commission had scheduled a meeting for 3 p.m. and mostly by word of mouth was the meeting attended by any of the public or press. Even the commissioners had no knowledge as to why the meeting was called.

City attorney Frank Watson and assistant city attorney Roger Berres had been called to attend. Bill Roberts and Fred Bosselman were in attendance. Marshall, Friday, Winterbotham and White sat in their usual Monday morning places.

John Kontinps, Stan Johnson Robert Taylor and Mayor Goss were among the audience.

White began the meeting by explaining the reason for the special session; "To talk

with attorneys on the provisions of 75-30 (moratorium-respite-relief ordinance) and 75-50, addendum to 75-30. In a two hour block-buster, several things hit the light of day, the most important of which was the fact that WMRT did not ask for a moratorium, that 75-30 had been promulgated long before the planning firm had been hired.

Roberts said that the ordinance was drafted "before we were hired." He said that after the firm was hired, they had been consulted a number of times as to the interpretation of the ordinance.

"You have an ordinance," Roberts said. "You have the responsibility to uphold that ordinance. The guidelines are clear and spell out clearly the exceptions. The intent is clearly to prohibit building."

He went on to say that one can nitpick at words and sentences in the ordinance but one must read page one and page two. He said that the ordinance was the people's and

if the people were unhappy with it, it is "the citizen's business to amend or throw out the ordinance, if they want to."

Berres said that he had written the first two pages of the ordinance because the "people have spoken...the people overwhelmingly asked for...."

The vote for incorporation was 689. The vote against incorporation was 395. The ordinance was drafted in order to give the planning commission the authority to make individual determinations regarding land use and building without "jeopardizing the people, without jeopardizing the comprehensive land use plan, without jeopardizing the individual; even those who voted against incorporation," Berres said. He said that the overriding goal was to establish a

plan with all people being considered. "When we're attempting to establish a plan, there's no acceptable alternative to a respite." He added that the planning commission should be commended in their efforts of holding down growth. Slightly under 10 per cent of the requests for relief have been granted.

Watson said that petitioners should go item by item through the ordinance. He said that it was easy to understand the individual seeking relief and easy to understand what's happened in the financial world. He said that some projects were costing thousands of dollars for each month of delay but that what the petitioner will gain in the way of quality instead of quantity may make it

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Astrological Hints

by madam dorinda 481-3051

Aries: Pay close attention to health now, avoid indulging yourself in food or drink. Avoid too much dreaming or musing while driving. Sales needs can be met through indirect methods.

Taurus: Romance could cause turmoil, avoid people who seem less than honest. Necessary information concerning machinery or repairs could be missing or wrong.

Gemini: There will be family problems to be taken care of now. Go slow with investments, speculative ventures that you hear about that are new to you.

Cancer: If you've been neglecting your homework this is the time to catch up with it. Give priority to family relations and domestic security. Be wary of signing your name to legal papers.

Leo: Don't overspend now, especially for nonessentials. Benefits lie in the areas of real estate or family relations. An apology to an older person can be valuable.

Virgo: Try not to be hasty or impatient, this is a good time for organizing your affairs in a practical way. You will have a good chance for a nice trip or interesting news from afar.

Libra: Impulsiveness could get you into trouble. Avoid risk areas, listen to hunches. A good opportunity is coming up on your personal horizon. Tie up loose ends.

Scorpio: Changes coming in your place or position in life. You will be called upon to help a friend in trouble. New contacts could trigger a fortunate sequence of events.

Sagittarius: Publicity can be used in unusual ways to bring results. Listen closely to the ideas and views of other people. Don't avoid responsibility.

Capricorn: An in-law may be more demanding than usual. Be more conservative; take things step by step. A well organized action is better than scatterbrained.

Aquarius: Be careful of partnerships of any kind with people who are as strong willed as you are. Check up on collateral before making a loan. Check security devices.

Pisces: Things, people will come to you, rather than you to them. This could be time for a change of methods or strategy to maintain production, preserve physical fitness.

City of gold—

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In Nebraska everything is geared to prairie life. We ate lunch at the "Cowpoke" and supper at the "Chuckwagon", and drove mile after mile over the "lone-prairie".

Besides being on a trip to Alaska, I was on a search for an Indian headdress which we will need for our theater this year. The wind was howling at Crawford, Nebraska, and Indiana at Cross Sioux Indian Shop had a beautiful one, only it was \$150.00. Big Chief Kokomo explained a little-old Indian worked morning, noon and night on the head-piece, so I couldn't figure out how they found feathers that were very curly and fuzzy on one end and perfectly straight at the other, and where were the birds that big who grew orange, purple, red and blue ones.

I had a couple of picture books for the darling little Indian girl whose grandmother said was named "Crystal Fawn White". Grandmother wanted to talk all day but we had miles and miles to get to our next stop, Bowman, North Dakota.

We were in time for Saturday evening Mass at a church which had just been built with the altar wall made completely of petrified wood. Our host, Harold Brooks, in much the same way he must have doled out marbles as a kid said "take your pick" from a lovely P.W. collection he makes into jewelry.

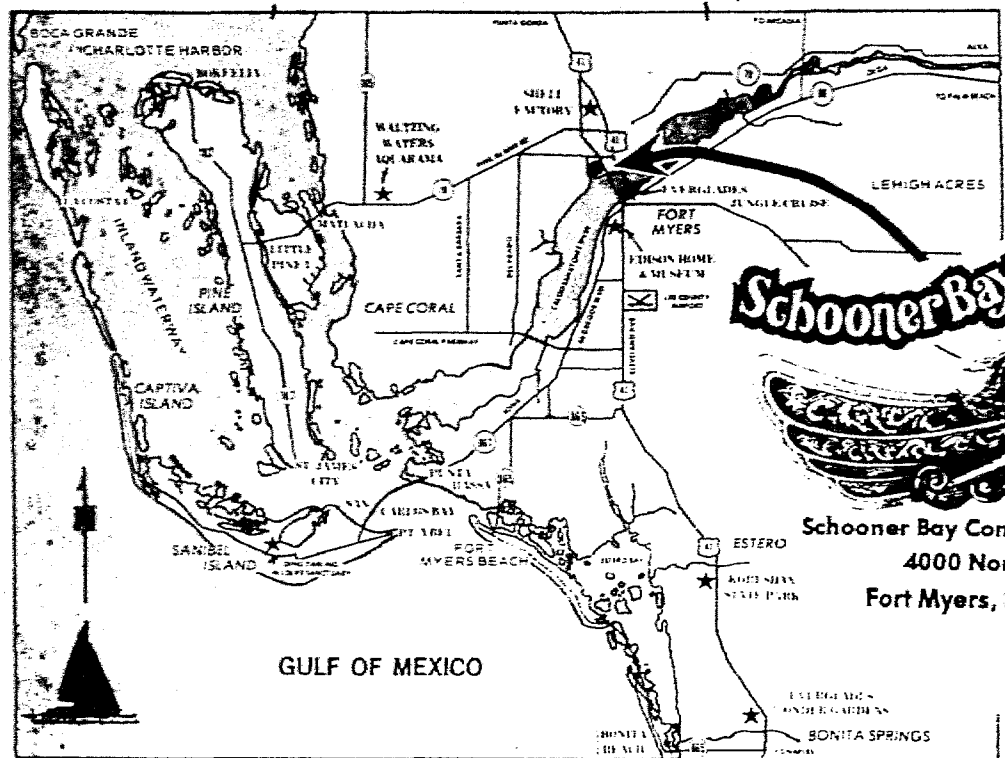
A rodeo for young cowboys and cowgirls was going on at Bowman and it was a joy to see all the fourteen year olds handle horses and be so well behaved so expertly. As you come upon Bowman, North Dakota, a big Indian made of metal is crouched with his bow ready to let the arrow fly. How about a bowman like that for us at Bowman's Beach?

(to be continued)

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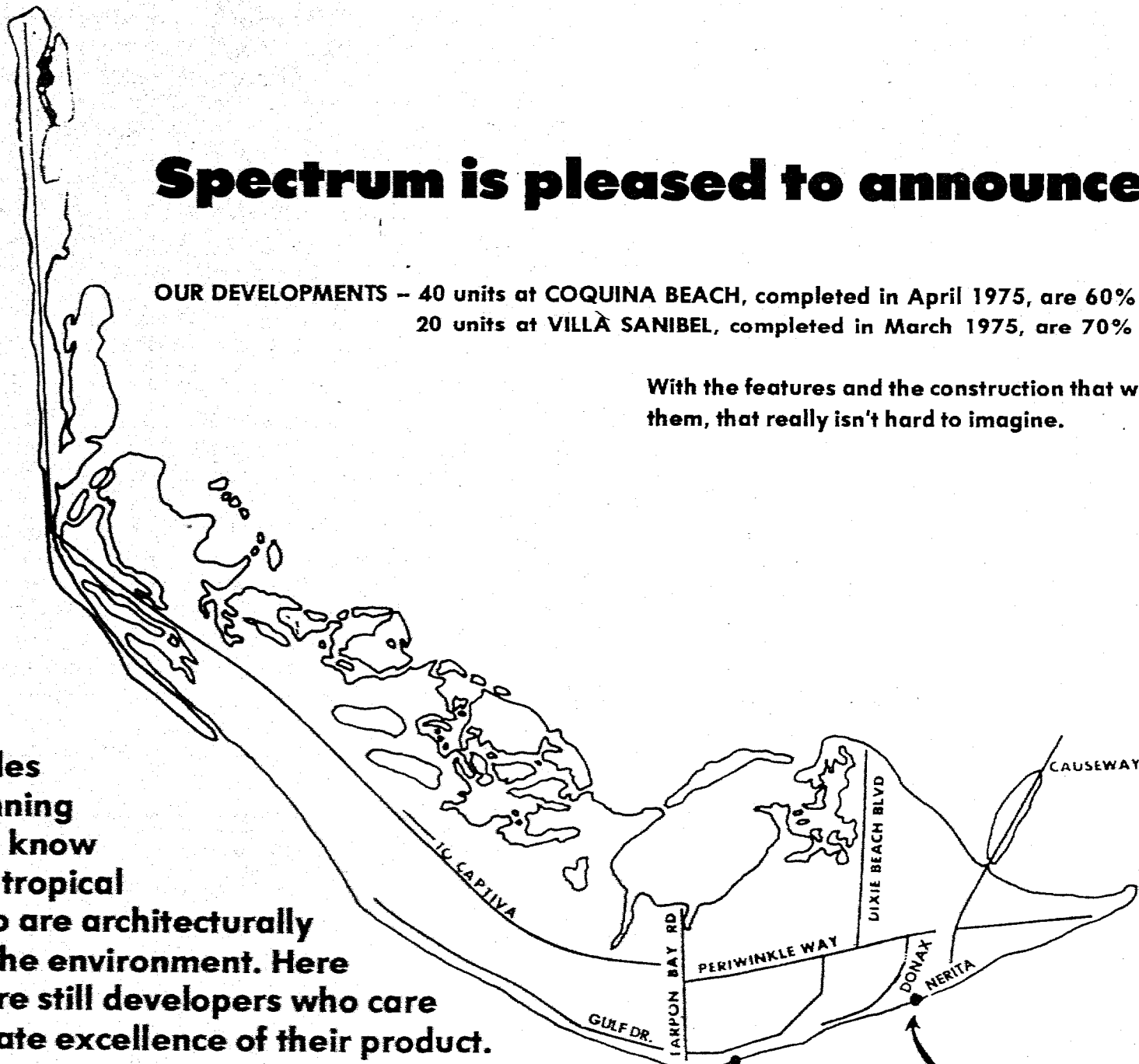
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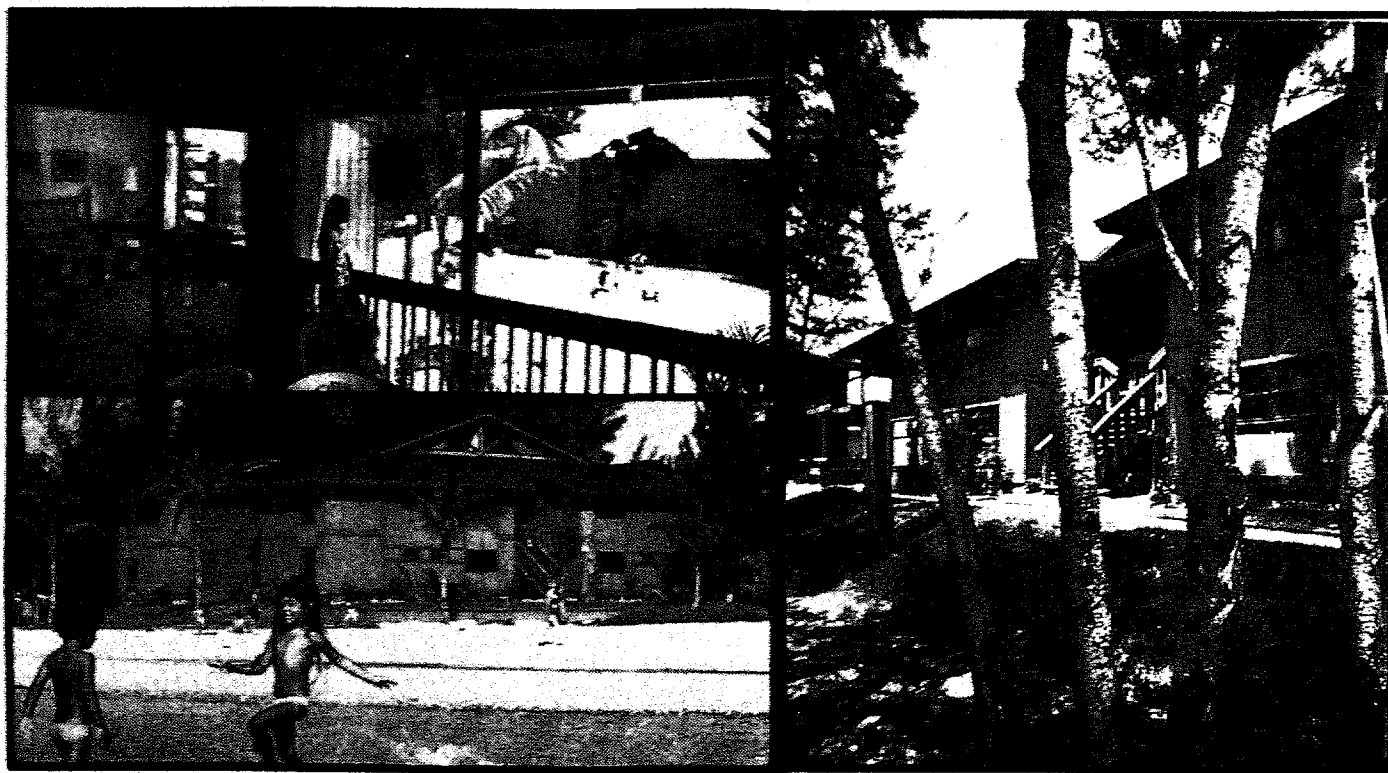
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Police Report

The ISLANDER is starting a police log, so you know more about how your Sanibel Police operate. This particular report covers Aug. 8 through Aug. 15, but in the future, will report the happenings from Friday to Friday (unless the sky falls down or we start publishing in Hawaii or something else equally unlikely).

Anyhow, here's the report (no Lee County Sheriff's reports are noted, since it was not necessary to call for assistance during the time covered.)

Four missing persons in groups of three and one (female adolescents) were found and returned to wherever they belonged.

The Sanibel Police delivered two emergency messages to two individuals, found one non-toxic hypodermic needle and took care of a dead pelican, which was turned over to the State Research Center in Tallahassee for an autopsy.

An out of state lost wallet was turned in (but not claimed by Friday) and an off-island person reported a lost or stolen camera.

A bunch of rifle and handgun ammunition was kept in safe keeping until the ammunition's owner was thought to be able to keep it safely.

A citation was issued to an out-of-state driver for reckless driving.

A complaint of trespassing by unauthorized individuals at the Rabbit Road beach access was investigated. No trespassers were found on the scene when officers investigated.

A ring was reported lost in the Lighthouse beach vicinity; it had not been found by Friday.

The Sanibel Police responded to a fire call, found the fire had been put under control by Fredricks and Gavin. The fire was reported to have been a minor kitchen fire in the West Rocks area. Oxygen was administered to a person on the scene until the Medics arrival, when they took over.

The Sanibel Police investigated a complaint by two visitors who moved from one room to another in a local motel and lost a man's and a woman's bathing suit in the process. The complaint was basically about the non-cooperation of the motel manager, who did not, according to the complainants, help find the suits and in fact told them if they didn't like it, they could go somewhere else. The suits had not been found by Friday.

A hit and run accident, involving the death of a dog, was investigated on the Sanibel Captiva Road. The owner of the dog was located, informed, and taken to the dog so it could be buried.

A car was reported found, another car was issued a verbal warning (since no signs were posted in the vicinity) for driving on the beach, and a car was assisted on the Causeway. It had lost a wheel (which was returned by a nearby boater) and blocked Causeway traffic till it was removed and repaired.

There was an investigation of an attempted but fortunately unsuccessful breaking and entering on Gulf Drive, and another abandoned (out of state) car was found.

Investigation was made on a report of gasoline stolen out of a car parked at a motel on Gulf Drive. The thieves were not found.

Both the Police and the Medics responded for a call for help when a male was reported having a heart attack. Medics took the man to Lee Memorial Hospital.

In a routine patrol, the Sanibel Police noticed an unlocked office in Periwinkle Place shopping center; investigation showed nothing missing. A later check found keys in the door but no one on the premises. Still nothing missing.

An estimated \$600 damage was done to a parked sports car by two or three vandals. The culprits had not been apprehended as of Friday.

Sanibel Police investigated a complaint that a sliding glass door was broken at a residence which was being checked regularly by neighbors for the owners, who are off island. Investigation showed that no items were missing from the home in question; however, how the door got broken was also unknown.

And that's the week that was.

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By Appointment

Mini Recipe: Crazy Cake

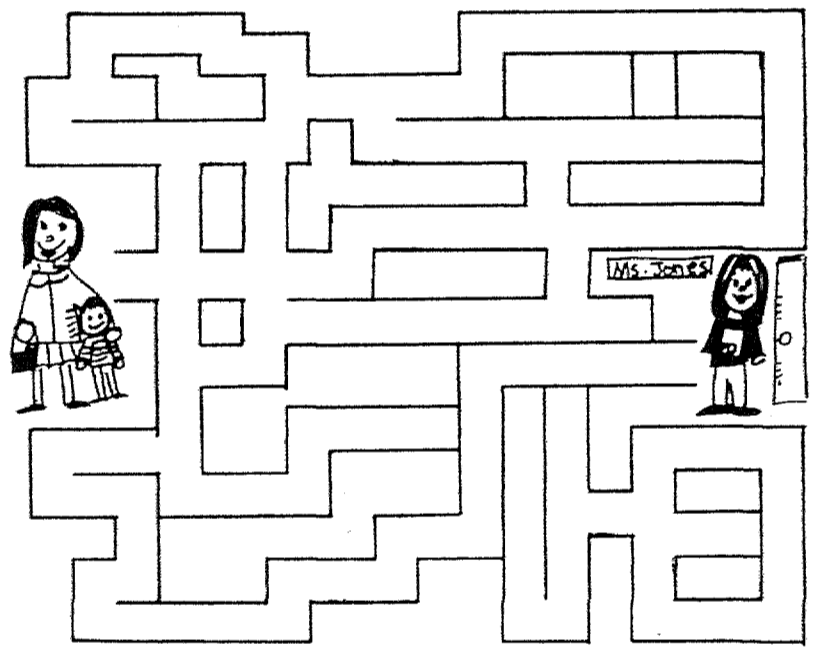
This recipe sounds crazy, but it is delicious. It's a little harder to make than most but it's such fun that Mom or Dad would love helping you with it!

- 1½ cup flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon vinegar
- 6 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3 tablespoons cocoa
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon soda
- 1 cup cold water

Mix flour, sugar, cocoa, salt, and soda in an un-greased frying pan. Make three holes in the mixture. Place vegetable oil in one hole, vinegar in another and vanilla in the last one. Pour in 1 cup cold water and mix until smooth. Bake 25 minutes at 350°.

Icing — Mix 1½ cups confectioner's sugar with 2 tablespoons cocoa and ¼ teaspoon salt; cream these with 3 tablespoons soft butter, and 2 tablespoons hot, strong coffee and spread it on the cake. YUM, YUM. Really good.

Mini Maze

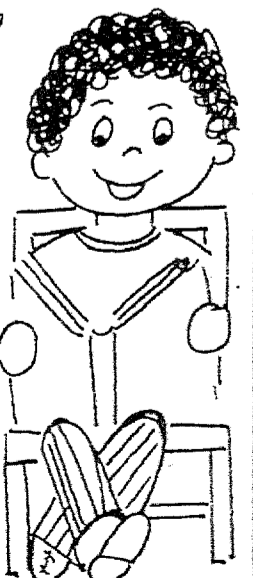


Help this mother and her son find his new teacher's room. Her name is Ms. Jones.

School Words Try 'n Find

School Words are hidden below. See if you can find: blackboard, art, social studies, spelling, music, glue, paint, math, history, gym, paste, reading, scissors, paper, writing, class, science, geography, pencil, health, eraser, desk, bell, map, ink.

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Sanibel Stinger

Bets an me, we got to hangin around with them high powered thinkers who was mosyin around all week trying to design out the island. Mostly, Bets had to translate a bunch fer me since my mind don't do too well with all them big words they was tossin around.

We went to a couple of meetins at the community house where we mostly couldn't hear cause of the air conditioning makin a lot of noise but every now an agin there was some comment on how the bugs couldn't git on or how them australian trees was weeds an had to git chopped down. An then if it didn't beat all, one of them people said he wanted to fix the island back to how it was in 1944.

Bets whispered to me, "I wonder if he's talking about before the hurricane or after?"

"I dunno, hush up an listen."

After all them words, we went walkin an talkin an wondered how it would be if the place was like it was back then. Bets said she heard from somebody that all them bayous up in Blind Pass wasn't there neither.

She giggled an said "Well, I don't think they're going to tear down all the buildings and tell all the people to leave..."

She sort of sighed an said, "Do you? You think they'd ask all of us to leave...do you?"

"Well, now, the way they was talking, I dunno." I sez. "I heard one fella say none of us people belonged on the island, mebbe he's right an we all ought to git outta here an leave it alone. Ya know, when they said that the birds are goin away an the fish aint around like they used to be and there aint the number of different kinds of shells. I kinda git to wonderin. Mebbe there are some places people don't belong no way."

"O.K. maybe that's right" she sez, "but if New York City goes down the drain and 12 million people have to go somewhere...where are they going to go? We don't have a dictatorship which can dictate where people go and where they have to live. You know, once upon a time Frank Lloyd Wright said if you stand anybody in the whole world side by side they'd only cover the island of Bermuda."

"Really...what's that got to do with anything?"

"I don't know," sed she. "Maybe I was

thinking that a benevolent hand rearranging all the priorities...like where the people could live without damaging the environment...wouldn't be such a bad idea since it's not only Sanibel that's in trouble.

"From what I read, the whole world is in trouble...look at India and the Sahara desert which is still growing, and the only animals left in Africa are in the Kenyan animal preserve...well almost, anyhow. And not only that but..."

"Now hang on Bets. Wait a durn minute. You're goin too fast fer me. I can't understand all them places."

"That's why I won't marry you, you big dumb'dumb."

"Well, now, I was gettin real interested in what you was sayin but now I ain't." I walked off in front of her an sulked fer a few seconds which was even dumber.

"If you aren't going to speak to me, I'm going home," she hollered. "And not only that but..."

I turned around an asked, "An not only what?"

"And...but...you're not going to treat me like an Indian." "O.K., come on. Let's start over. I was jest thinkin. What if you got all this time condensed down into a fraction of a second?" "Well, what if?" she asked.

"The way it looks to me is like if time got so tiny there wouldn't be no 'now' there'd only be a past and a future."

"Hm-mm-m-m."

"An if that's so, how about not makin the island into the past but thinking about how it would be in the future?"

"Hm-mm-m-m."

"You know what I mean? What ya keep sayin hm-mm fer? don't ya have anything to say?"

"Not yet...keep going til I understand what you're getting at."

"I guess what I'm tryin to git at is like this. If ya go back in time fer enough all kinds of things, like the dinosaurs and critters like that were roamin around, they aint here no more. If ya think on all them things the archeologists tell us that happened thousands of years ago that aint around no more, ya sort of wonder how them scientists come up with an idea like turnin time back to like it was then. What I think is mebbe we ought to turn time to the future an figgur out what this little old island is a tellin

us how it wants to be in mebbe a hundred years...or even a thousand years."

"Well, wouldn't it be the same as it was before?"

"Why would it be? Hell, a thousand years ago mebbe there was a few Indians runnin around the island but most of the island didn't even exist. Only little parts of it was here and more coming all the time washing down from Captiva., or comin up outta the Gulf."

"How'd you know that?"

"Well, mebbe you think I don't know anythin, but sometimes I read some." (The

remark made up fer her callin me a dummy.)

So anyway, what I was gittin to was that there's been a whole lot of livin goin on in the past an there's going to be a whole lot more goin on in the future...an I don't mean jest by humans but by all kinds of animal life. Mebbe different forms of animals are gonna replace those that are around now...mebbe the human is gonna be extinct...there's all kinds a mebbys the way I see it. The way I really see it is tomorrow is the future. The next word I say is the future so I guess I better watch out how I put my two feet and my thoughts into it.

Real eel tips . . .

By Skip Purdy

Redfish still big news

Redfish is the big news on the local fishing scene. They are being taken on light tackle using small to medium size live "educated" shrimp. The fishermen are being these redfish in west of the fishing pier, up and down Dixie Beach, and various spots around the Sanibel Causeway. The snook are still running strong at Blind Pass mostly during the evenings.

If you want your fishing reels to last, you must take care of them. A regular maintenance can prevent most of the common reel problems.

Reels should be carried in a case or tackle box until ready to be used. Never lay your reel down where they will pick up sand or dirt. The grit will ruin them.

At the end of each fishing day you should clean your reel by placing it in a basin of warm water. Using a washcloth, scrub them to remove the dirt and salt deposits. Don't rinse them under the faucet or use a garden hose because this might force any sand and dirt into the reel casing. To remove stubborn dirt use a small brush especially checking the roller in spinning reels.

The next step is to allow the reel to dry and spray it with a moisture-removing spray like LPS number 1 or WD-40, etc.

Always loosen the drag on the spool. If the drag is left tight it will deform the drag washers.

The roller, reciprocating shaft, rotating cup, handle shaft, handle and the two bearings at either end of the bail should get a light oiling in most spinning reels. It's best to follow the instructions of the manufacturer about oiling and greasing.

The casting reels should be lightly oiled at the handle shaft, handles, star drag, groove

for the tip of the level wind guide, and at oil ports at the end of the spool axle.

Use the same checking procedure after each long fishing trip but also take special notice to the reel screws, loose parts or any stiffness. Make sure the screws are always tight, they can easily back out from the vibration of a car, boat or plane.

Very important is the end of the season check and cleaning of your fishing reel.

The reel should be dismantled at this time. I suggest using an egg carton, biscuit tin or ice cube tray to keep the reel parts separated. Put the parts in the compartments in the order they are removed making it easier to remember how the reel goes together again.

Remove the side plate of a spinning reel and check the grease inside. If it's clean and no parts are worn, replace the side plate. Check the bail and the roller. Make sure the roller is not grooved and is rolling properly because this can cause your line to fray.

Remove the side plate or plates of the casting reel and check the grease and gears like the spinning reel.

If you notice a lack of grease, dirty grease, or a lot of grit on the gears then clean them thoroughly in some solvent like kerosene, lighter fluid, mineral spirits or gasoline.

Soak the reel parts except for any plastic parts which can have a reaction from the solvent. Also do not place line-filled spools in the solvent. Clean the parts with a small brush or pipe cleaner. When they are dry, replace the parts in the order in which they were removed. Check with the reel instruction book for which parts to grease.

Many happy fishing seasons with your fishing reel and good luck!

Budget problems (what else)?

Mayor Goss came to the budget meeting last Monday nattily dressed in coat and tie, sat down, called the meeting to order and explained to a small but interested audience, the budget for the fiscal year of 1975, now carrying a 4.10818 mill levy.

Most of the meeting concerned the mayor's meeting in Fort Myers that morning concerning tax equalization. He said that there was a \$225,000 inequality and after "fudge factors got into the formula" Sanibel still has \$200,000 credit. Somehow the word equalization got turned into disparity and all of a sudden Sanibel started losing money. He mentioned several programs which will be submitted to the county commission on how to go about solving the problem of double taxation.

The tax money going to the sheriff's department this year was \$161,000 which the

mayor said was "too expensive." However, the sheriff is going to keep on patrolling as usual and that Sanibel will continue to use the county jail, the subpoena section and other sheriff related services. He said that Sanibel cannot kill the county services and we don't want to kill the city police department.

He mentioned briefly that there was another \$78,000 in road maintenance to be done by the county which overlaps the city road maintenance budget. Then getting back to the budget the public was asked for comment.

Most of the public had not read or seen the budget as ammended and therefore had little comment. Those who spoke were in favor of the budget as it had been presented. The title was read. The second and final hearing will be September 8-9 a.m. at City Hall.

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The mayors of Lee County's three cities, who were scheduled to appear before the Lee County Commission Wednesday, didn't have much to say.

Cape Coral Mayor Herman Horton, first on the agenda, went to the microphone and suggested that since the report to be discussed (a report on dual taxation being prepared by Arthur Young and Co. of Jacksonville) was not yet complete, he didn't have anything to say at this time.

Mayors Porter Goss and Oscar Corbin (reportedly not aware of Horton's intentions, but fast thinkers nonetheless) both promptly rose and said that they had nothing to say at this point. Agenda time over.

Chief John Butler of the Sanibel Police reports that there is one local officer, Ray Rhodes, who does live on Sanibel, contrary to reports published in the ISLANDER and elsewhere, as well as contrary to a number of comments made at various planning commission and a few city council meetings.

The communication link after hours is this—in an ongoing emergency (you're being burgled, beaten up or your car's been stolen) you call the sheriff's department (332-3456) and if the sheriff has a patrol car on the Islands, that car will respond to the call. There are many evenings when the car on patrol is a Sanibel Police car.

If, however, there is no patrol car on the Islands when you call, then the sheriff calls Ray so that our local city police (evidently Ray) will respond.

So—between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, call 472-2313 for emergency or whatever; for

emergency police help in the evenings after 5 and on Sundays, call 332-3456.

All Sanibel police cars are on the sheriff's radio frequency.

"The Two Jacks," Jack Wilson, Minister of Music at Orlando's First Presbyterian Church, and Jesse Bookhardt, Jr., organist of the same church, will present "Sermons in Song" Sunday, Aug. 24, at the 11 a.m. service at the Sanibel Community Church. (They presented a program this past Sunday, but we weren't notified in time to let you know.)

This is the fifth summer Wilson has appeared to make "Sermons in Song" a highspot in the area's calendar of sacred music. "The Two Jacks" last visited the Islands in April, when the Orlando Church's Chapel Choir gave two performances of Buryl Red's "Celebrate Life," also the the Community Church.

The Chamber of Commerce accepted four new members at last week's Tuesday night Chamber meeting—Tuttles' Sea Horse Shell Shop, Sanibel Shores, the Blue Lantern and Neal Sawyer Jr. of Sandfoot Apt. D-2.

The Sanibel Public Library will be closed for the entire month of September. Books which are due during that month will be given a "respite" from overdue fees—in other words, if you turn them in the first week in October, you won't be charged anything.

We're sorry the ISLANDER missed giving you a rain report last Tuesday, but the phones were in their usual condition Sunday evening (well, maybe that's not fair—it's just that they weren't working very well and we were unable to get through to Mario Hutton, who kindly keeps a chart and shares the information with us).

Anyhow, rain buffs, aside from the already reported .1 of an inch on Aug. 1st, Mr. Hutton reported that 1.55

inches fell on the 8th, .5 on the 9th, .3 on the 10th and .8 on the 12th. It was raining when we called him Sunday evening—he thought perhaps about .3 of an inch, but we shan't be able to confirm that till next week. He did mention that he had dinner with some friends who lived in the Rocks area on Thursday, and it rained a lot there, but not in his gauge.

Our Bowman's Beach weather person reports that it rained a full inch on Aug. 6, and .2 on Aug. 12. Sunday evening it had just started to rain when we checked and all we can report is that it rained long enough to wash one's hair, if one weren't continually interrupted by silly people who wanted to know how wet it was.

As for Palm Ridge Road Sunday evening, it rained enough to get the streets wet, but not enough to form a puddle—at least, not enough by 9 p.m.

So, going by our "official" rain measurer, Mario Hutton, 3.25 inches of rain fell on the lower eastern end of Sanibel as of Sunday, Aug. 17.

Victor Hackler dies here

Memorial services for Victor Hackler, 69, who died Monday, August 11 of cancer, were held yesterday at 11 a.m. at St. Michael's and All Angels' Episcopal Church with the Rev. Fr. James Hubbs officiating.

Hackler and his wife, Grethel, (known to her friends as Greta), moved to the Islands in 1971 after his retirement from the Associated Press in New York, and established their home at 4704 Rue Bayou on Sanibel.

Born on Feb. 2, 1906, in Gregory, South Dakota, he was a newspaper man all his life. He received his early training (after his graduation from the University of Nebraska) as a reporter and correspondent on the Omaha (Neb.) Bee, and was a staff member of the Associated Press since 1927, working in Omaha, Milwaukee, Duluth, Chicago and New York, before being appointed Milwaukee Bureau Chief in 1934, Chicago bureau chief in 1937, executive

assistant to the general manager in New York in 1942, financial editor, 1943, N.Y. bureau Chief, 1944-45, news editor, London bureau, 1945-48, assigned to the executive news staff in N.Y. in 1948, and made a N.Y. general executive in 1951, which position he held until his retirement.

He also served as editor of the A.P. Managing Editors' Association Redbook from 1953 on and was a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Delta Chi; his club was the (New York) Dutch Treat.

When he and his wife moved to Sanibel, he became active in Island affairs, specifically the Sanibel Library and the Sanibel Shell Fair, the brochure for which he was working on at the time of his death.

Besides his widow, he is survived by a son, Robert Hackler, a brother, Windsor Hackler of Hawaii, a stepson, Tony Lloyd of Cambridge, Mass., and nine grandchildren.

Coming Events

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

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worthwhile to wait.

The guidelines of the ordinance were discussed. There are seven provisions that the petitioner must understand and comply with before the planning commission can grant a recommendation to proceed. If anyone is not met the commission can deny the petitioner. One of the guidelines which Winterbotham said was "misleading all the way throughout was section 5 which defined hardship." In this section the hardship relied upon must be unique to the property which when read was not understood by the audience. Examples were called for by several in the audience as to what section 5 meant.

Building a hospital was one example, rebuilding a home which had burned down was another.

White summarized to say that the commission could rely on the length of time remaining before the land use plan is ready and that "construction" (not defined) was in conformity with the surrounding area.

Friday said, "This reaches the crux of the situation. We have been faced with verbal abuse from some of the petitioners. There

isn't any action we take that won't effect the plan 'in whole or in part' and our action has to be tempered with compassion and knowledge of the commission." He continued that every commissioner recognized the medium for refusal of everything but that total refusal was not "our responsibility. Our decisions have been weighed and I have justifiable evidence of voting the way I did."

Robert Taylor asked to speak. "There is a law on the books which imposes a respite with conditions for relief? That law was not required by the planners, but is being colored by the desire of the planners not to let anything proceed. My question is, is it the intent of the law to let building proceed or is it the intent of the law not to let building proceed? People, in good faith are coming in with plans to proceed. If it is the purpose of the law to deny, people should not come in."

White, in answer, said that the commission could grant or deny anything and with phase 1 down, "we know the condition of the island," and that the commission could make better decisions which could effect the land use plan. "Does that answer your question?"

Taylor: "I guess I didn't ask the question in the right way. Is it the intent to allow

people to proceed or the intent not to?"

Friday: "We have slowed down development. The intent here is not to stop everything...otherwise we've wasted every Monday morning." He went on to say that there had been some "hanky-panky" in some of the petitions and that not every petitioner had come in with a clean shirt. "It's my responsibility to vote my gut feeling."

Berres said that the city council had set up the planning commission. The planning commission was charged with evaluating petitions, and that the council had never made a policy statement to the commission to summarily go through the petitions. The planning commission has "rendered their own judgements."

Roberts said that the planning commission was responding to WMRT urging. The ordinance implied that the people want "no more building on the island." He said that the ordinance was very clear and that in order to meet its objectives, the commission ought to view it with an intent not to allow any more building.

"Furthermore," he said, "it is probable that all building, every structure will be influenced by the land use plan and its regulations."

Paul Howe said that the commission had

leaned over backwards to try to establish a case for the petitioners while the burden of proof was up to them. He said that the commission could not be accused of being arbitrary and capricious.

White said that he prayed to God that the planners would get down here with a good land use plan.

The meeting wanted to come to an end but Taylor was not satisfied. "If I were a newspaperman," he said, "I would tell everyone who was not building a single family house in an approved subdivision and those who are in certain business situations not to bring in any other projects."

Berres countered with "You're making a decision in a vacuum. You have no basic facts to go on." He said that the commission had voted against one single family house solely on the drainage question; that there is a vacuum in the drainage area and that there should have been some engineering data in the beginning. The drainage problem had not been integrated by the city.

Roberts went back to Taylor's original question. "Bob has asked a very fair question. Your ordinance can be interpreted as not desiring any building on the island and anybody desiring to build anything is wasting airfare to come down here to ask for relief from the respite."

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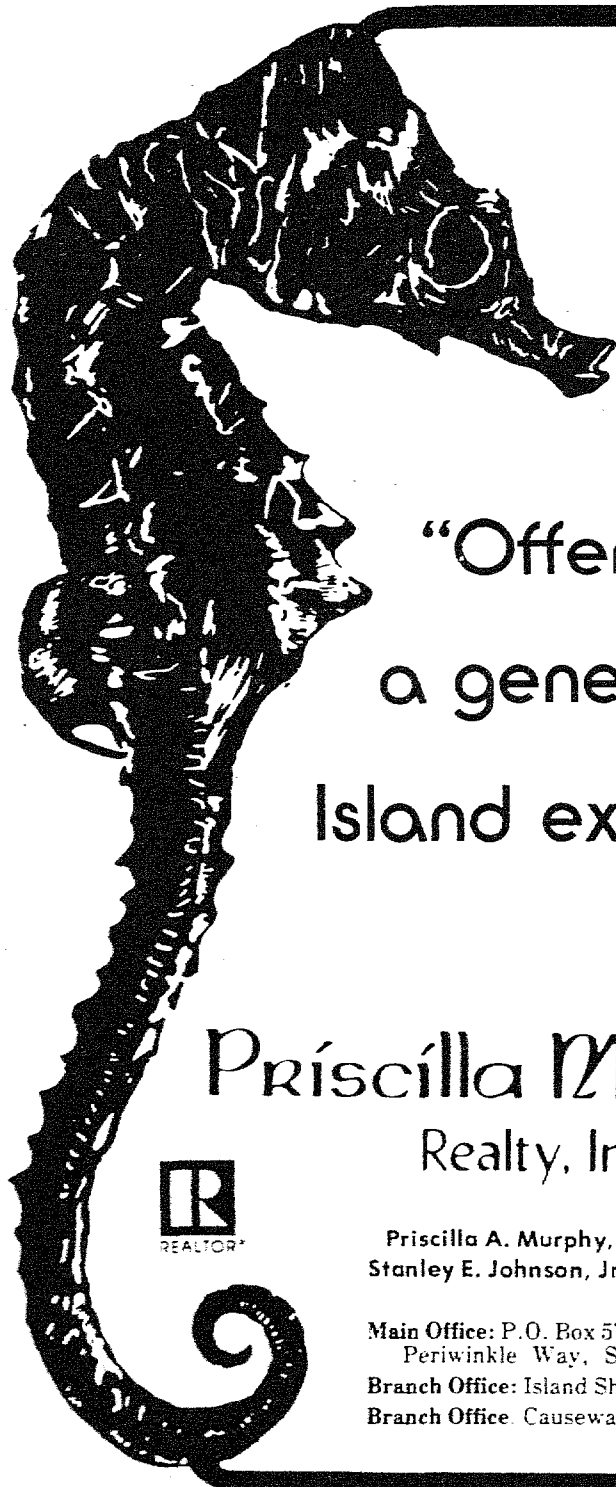
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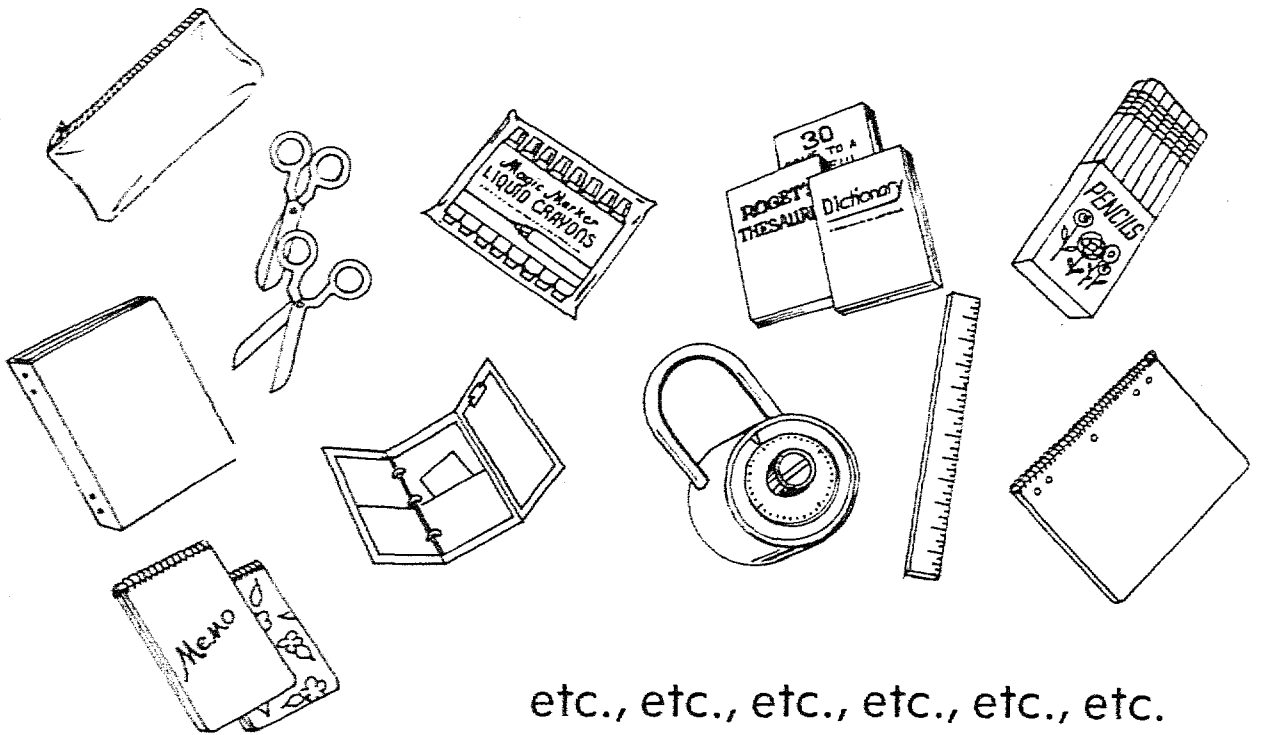
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