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The week of the Plan

This is the issue in which you will find reports of the \$106,000 plan, presented to the planning commission and the public by Wallace, McHarg, Roberts and Todd (WMRT). 'read on. . .



The Bishop smiles on Sanibel Sunday



Bishop McLaughlin visits Sanibel

The Rt. Rev. Charles McLaughlin, Bishop of the St. Petersburg Diocese, said Holy Mass at St. Isabel's Church Sunday. His sermon reached at least 200 parishioners who had come to their Bishop. The parishes are growing, he said. Twenty seven new sites and \$15 Million in new construction had been bought since 1968.

"The faith is growing. The schools are teaching the Catholic faith," he said proudly. "God has blessed us with a faith that is simple and good."

Talking about some of the customs which had been questioned, he said that the act of genuflecting, "bending your knees to the floor as an act of faith is still a good pious custom." Faith is religion and religion is "to be a part of God," he said spreading his arms out to call his flock to his side.

"I can walk out that door, meet the devil and bat him aside. Why? Because I have the strength of the Lord in me. We could never get through this life without faith."

Addressing the many children in the group, he said that God supported him every day of the week and "When I forget it, 'I'm in trouble.'"

He said that the youngsters face a lot of problems but everyone has been given a little box about the size of the tabernacle with a key to open it when they were in need. Inside the box were all the "helps," which would help fortify, expand, and strengthen faith and help eradicate doubts.

The Bishop sang parts of the mass and the audience responded in English. "Peace be with you,"

Nearly everyone received the Sacrament of Holy Communion including the Knights of Columbus in full dress.

After the Mass, the Bishop dedicated the new Rectory with appropriate prayers and blessing.

The new rectory is a good sturdy building. Its appointments are fine and fitting for the Father of the Parish. On a quick tour through the building, several paintings stood out, two which we understand were donated by Maria Veling of Captiva.

Refreshments were served by the ladies of the church.

The Plan — Day V Friday at the movies

"The Sanibel you want is gone away," Jim Evans said.

"There is no kingdom by the sea, Where you can walk hand in hand With Anabelle Lee."

The planning commission and audience listened quietly Friday to 40 concerned people talk about the land use plan in the cool, dark Island Cinema. Twenty-nine pleaded with the commission in one way or another to be reasonable, to reconsider. Eleven spoke with clear eyed vision of an uncluttered island populated with animals, native vegetation, pure drinking water and a safe, sound, healthy, ecologically sane life for a very limited number of people.

John Savage - "If you persist in these density factors you're going to force people into bankruptcy."

Clark Newcombe - "2000 dwelling units work a hardship on our subdivision."

Steve Johnson - approved plan in order to "keep Sanibel from becoming a disaster area."

Charles Smith - asked that Sea Oats be grandfathered.



Bob Taylor

John Kontinos - "I want to go on record as objecting to the plan."

Chairman Duane White read a letter from the Rocks Assoc. (200 property owners) "We urge the planning commission to adopt the plan - option 1."

Charles Wilson - "The plan has our strong support and endorsement."

William Broeder - "A land use plan is desirable provided that plan does not become tantamount to confiscation of the land."

Alice McClintock - "Planning commission is looking for solutions instead of at the problems."

Maxine Michl - "A lot of oxes are being gored in this plan." Suggested reduction of parcel sizes to accommodate future increments of growth so Tarpon Bay won't have to be filled up.

Herb Purdy - "You can't just put up a sign and tell the ducks to come on down. Possibly the ducks aren't coming for other reasons. Some ducks are grain eaters."

Don Bissell - "No plan is acceptable that brings such a hardship on so many people."

Arthur Knudson - "We respectfully submit that this plan in respect to our client's property is unreasonable."

Dee Amon - no way to build required low cost housing in the plan.

James McNeil - "You're murdering a fellow who wants to sell. Effectively, the property is off the market."

Mada Harrison - "What is best for wildlife may be what is best for the world."

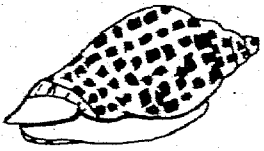
Robert Taylor - "Wholly unfair to private land owner. Impact on developer is so severe the only alternative is to fight with the city."

Dick Workman - "Looking at the natural systems is the right way to go about planning."

David Thompson - "unreasonable to expect owners to forego use and still pay the taxes."

Fred Wolf - "We actually didn't want the bridge - We liked Sanibel the way it was when there was a ferry." Disagreed with hurricane evacuation figures and equating

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things to do

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

BIRD TOURS - Griffin Bancroft, 472-1447, George Weymouth, 472-1516.

NATURAL HISTORY FIELD TRIPS to Sanibel's wildlife habitats by Richard Beebe and George Campbell. Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment. For reservations call 472-2180. Wednesday's Open Trip: meet at Sanibel Elementary School parking lot, Sanibel-Captiva road at 9:00 am. Wednesday fee: \$4 per person.

NOAH'S ARK - Thrift shop open Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Located in back of St. Michael's and All Angel's Episcopal Church.

SHELLING TOURS - Beach Bay Bayou, 472-1315; Baughn Holloway, 472-2802; Duke Sells, 472-1784; Tarpon Bay Marina, 472-1323.

SIGHTSEEING TOURS - Herb Purdy, 472-1333 or 472-1849; Tarpon Bay Marina (Canoes), 472-1323.

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TENNIS & SCUBA EQUIPMENT (RENTAL), The Real Eel, 472-2674.

WATER SKIING - Herb Purdy, 472-1333 or 472-1849.

OFF ISLAND DAY TIME ATTRACTIONS - Edison Home in Fort Myers, 334-1280; Shell Factory, U.S. 41 North Fort Myers; Jungle Cruises, 334-7474, Fort Myers Yacht Basin; Waltzing Waters, 283-0636, Pine Island Road.

fraternal groups

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

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

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

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

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.

clubs & civic groups

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

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

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

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

political and governmental

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.

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

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.

libraries

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how to get there

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Church School & Kindergarten 9:30 a.m.

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HOLY DAYS:

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Sunday School (ages 4-12) 9:30 a.m.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Captiva Erosion Prevention District Commission HAS BEEN CHANGED from the 2nd Tuesday of each month to the THIRD TUESDAY, and will be held at the Captiva Island Association Building. The Commission will convene at 4:30 p.m.

-s- Raymond Booth, Chairman

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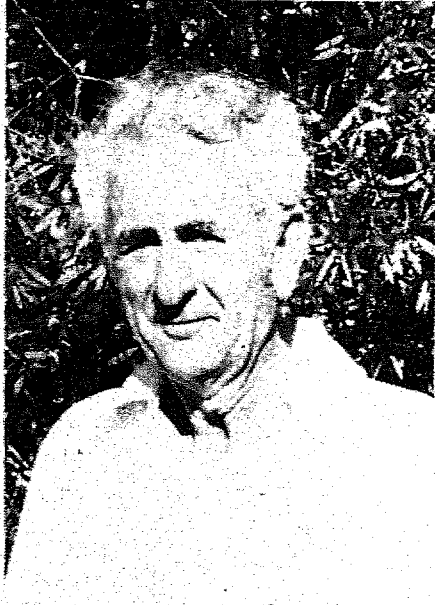
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Joe Mason, Chicago: Feeling fine right now, but wait till later!

Florence B. Cole, Bellair Bluffs, Fla.: Depressed! Hoping against hope that taxes will not go up.



Martha Moore, Bellair Bluffs, Fla.: Immured to it but approach April with dread!

Mrs. F. Everett Wadman, Sanibel: When you are on a fixed income, you can't appreciate higher taxes.



M. Keister, Mass: Taxes are very high and still going up. I'm certainly not looking forward to them.

Around town ... by georgie mankin

With Christmas just around the corner, the shops on Sanibel and Captiva should fascinate everyone! All of the quaint shops on the islands have gifts galore for giving to those special people in your life.

Clever for Christmas—candy and edible wreaths with scissors to snip off a piece of hardtack, shell wreaths, pottery, clothing, jewelry, painted eggs, hanging baskets, paintings and photographs. You could do all of your Christmas shopping without getting into all the miserable traffic in Fort Myers.

Your reporter even has found that prices on many of the handcrafted items were less expensive than those over the causeway. Embroidered men's shirts are neat and fashionable for teenagers both male and female—these run as much as \$8.00 cheaper here.

Sanibel Elementary School is selling school T shirts with Sanibel written on them. These shirts come in adult as well as children's sizes. They may be purchased through the school. (Call 472-1617 or ask a student for the exact price.)

The Sanibel Christmas Program for the Island's children will be held on Tuesday, December 16 at the Community House.

This program is always most enjoyable and the children and grown-ups always work quite hard on it—so please support them by attending. We are most fortunate to have so many talented workers.

"Anything Goes" is being presented in Cape Coral this weekend and the next. If you enjoy theatre—you'll love this play.

Guests at Blind Pass Cottages and Marina this week include: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mayor of Belgrade Lakes, Mich., who'll be visiting until Feb. 1st; Mr. and Mrs. L.M. David of Greenville, S.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jenner of Olean, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Jarvis of Chicago, and Mr. and Mrs. James McKenzie of Creve Coeur, Mo. Newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Scott Zollinger of Piqua, Ohio, are spending their honeymoon at Blind Pass.

Florida guests at Blind Pass include: Mrs. Mary Pender and Mrs. Marcy Rutledge of Orlando.

Misses Lori Kearns and Nancy Robeson party a surprise 16th birthday party for Matt DeRose on Sunday, November 30, at Nancy's house. The guests had a marvelous time roasting hot dogs and marshmallows at the beach party despite the fierce little uninvited noseums.

Shelling this week from out of state are: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kavanaugh of St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. Jean Morganthal of New York City; and Mrs. Loretta Janovich of Pittsburg, Pa.

The Cypress Lake Middle School Christmas dance was held on Friday, December 5, at the school. Some of the island kids who enjoyed the holiday dance were: Janice Price, Eric Swatts, Laura Mankin, Corky Makarwich, David Trowbridge, Lisa Wilson, Andre Cardenelli, Brent Boudreau, and Janet Bissel. Nominees for Snow King and Queen from the islands were: Corky Makarwich, David Trowbridge, Andre Cardenelli, Brent Boudreau, and Janet Bissel. (Due to our deadlines open your ISLANDER to this column next week to find out the results of the election).

Watch your step at the causeway and Periwinkle—it's sad but it is becoming apparent that we do need a traffic light at that corner. The abominations of becoming a thriving metropolis are such things—but when life and limb are endangered—one must take these things into consideration.

Another danger spot on the island seems to be the area in front of the 7-11 and the construction next to it—some of the trucks are parking much too near the street and making it difficult for people to pull onto Periwinkle.

We have seen several near misses and some broken glass (don't know whose) at this spot. Perhaps the workers could be persuaded to park a bit farther back from the road since it is such a hazard.

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by skip purdy

Lots of sheephead

Lots of sheephead are being caught at the bridge at Blind Pass using live "educated" shrimp. Anglers are also having luck with sheephead at the public pier and the Sanibel Causeway.

Many Spanish Mackerel are being taken around the lighthouse point, Sanibel Causeway and off the beaches on Captiva. These fishermen are using small spoons and white jigs. In the Bay trout are

spotted in several areas and are running rather small.

Remember to consider the reel seat when selecting a casting rod. Chrome-plated brass is the strongest reel seat and the most popular choice for big game-fishing rods. There are a few drawbacks, being more expensive is one of them. They are heavy and in cold weather get very cold.

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Accident in parking lot. No injuries.

Routine wee hour check behind shops revealed parked van occupied by two persons who stated they had been staying in campgrounds but ran out of money. Advised to move. Later check revealed van and persons gone; all stores in area secure.

Person left expensive orange cooler and two beach towels on Captiva beach while person walked to nearby lunch place. Cooler and towels disappeared during luncheon hour.

Person decided to fly kite in Blind Pass area; lost wallet containing cash and personal papers.

Person left brown tackle box on Captiva side of Blind Pass on jetty. Box gone when person decided to return for it.

Three persons out shrimping in small boat (comparitively speaking for catching shrimp) did not respond to call. After much calling by SPD, checking of

marinas, Gulf and other likely places, boat and persons found. Water pump had gone out on engine; Coast Guard notified so they could tow boat back to shore.

Person complained that helicopters were landing behind person's residence; wanted to know why, since it was "bothersome." (Seems there isn't room in front of person's house and it is only place in area where helicopters can land if that's where they want to go.)

Person returned to Islands from up north reported two and a half foot sculpture of four or five dolphins missing from entry way of house.

Off island official car stuck in sand of beach access road. SPD vehicle pulled off-island car out, at which point, off island car, which was unoccupied at time since driver was pushing from back, became unstuck and struck back end of helping car. Contributing circumstances to accident: sand.

Store alarm when off again, probably caused by workers stocking stock. Alarm reset.

Passing motorist person reported minor accident on Captiva curve.

Remember that alarm? Went off agin. Triggered by worker working.

Person complained of outside footsteps in back of inside person's house. Area check didn't find anything, or any person for that matter, gentle readers. (Gentle persons?)

Gold cigarette case and lighter lost somewhere between Ramada Inn and Coconut Grove.

Key to store lost; locked door with spare key but requested special check on store until lock could be changed. Called back 12 minutes later to report missing key found in garbage; everything ok.

Guess what? This time it was a phone ringing which started that store alarm ringing.

Person complained of

working persons parking on person's property while working elsewhere. Person said matter was discussed previously, obviously without non-parking results.

Person reported lost bifocal glasses with wire frame on beach between West Rocks and Kennedy house.

Irish setter ran away from home.

Alarm triggered with a difference. It was in different business. Premises, area, checked, all ok.

Emergency call relayed.

Alarm in second place of business triggered again. Area checked; all secure, alarm reset.

First alarm triggered again. (Hair alarm trigger?) All secure.

Person called to report that RV (recreational vehicle) would be parked with permission on person's property. Business person complained of such parking; seems that RV owners also owned dogs, not allowed in normal RV parking area. Resolved that RV would stay on original person's property. No further action.

Person broke lower limb bones while jogging. After being found in middle of road, transported to home and then to hospital.

Reported "eyesore" vehicle parked on right of way for six or seven days. Vehicle to be picked up by service station.

Anonomous person reported car off road. Investigated, found car continued in a southerly direction and was gone by time of officer's arrival.

Anonomous person reported electrical fire at western end of Sanibel. Two fire trucks responded; Lee County Elec. Coop. notified since condition was caused by downed wire. Responding SPD officer directed traffic until condition was corrected one hour and seven minutes later.

Person reported abandoned vehicle parked on road; lightless; possible traffic hazard to passing traffic. PICOV (Person in charge of vehicle) located, moved it farther off road with intentions of towing it away next daylight.

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Person lost sterling money clip, engraved "JTP," containing money, in Tradewinds area.

Car reported passing six or seven cars coming around Sanibel Captiva Road by Legion curve. Person complaining also stated intersection was poorly marked.

Person called in to report that sunfish sail boat was either stolen or escaped its mooring, leaving entire length of rope still attached to home dock. Called back 8 hours and 35 minutes later to report that sailboat decided to sail itself down the canal. Boat was returned home without further ado.

Letters to the editor

To the ISLANDER:

As an individual resident and taxpayer and also as a member of Concerned Property Owners Association, I object to the WMRT Land Use plan. I purchased, from the City of Sanibel, my cost \$15, a complete copy which I am studying. I note in the WMRT plan a great deal of stress on "public health, safety and welfare."

I am, and the other people I represent, are the public. I do not feel that our health, either mentally, emotionally or physically, or our welfare will benefit in any way from the WMRT plan. And I find the matter of safety debateable.

Time does not allow dwelling greatly on this lengthy document but having been one of the few persons ever to stable a horse on Sanibel for any length of time, I am highly qualified to speak, from experience, on that subject.

Under Sec. 2-506 Recreational and Open Space, Paragraph nine,

"A farm with stable, riding facilities, and public gardens is proposed. This would cater to different age groups and provide a diversity of recreation that is lacking today. This facility would require acquisition of a parcel of land approx. five to ten acres. The west end of the island in the vicinity of Wulfert point is particularly suitable as a location for this recreational farm and garden area because the land is high and dry and development densities are low."

From my own experience, one horse needs:

A minimum of 2 acres of green pasturage. At present costs, to adequately feed one horse requires an outlay of approximately \$600. a year. This includes mixed feed, crimped oats, hay and salt block. Hoof

trimming and Veterinary medical costs average \$100. a year. This includes encephalitis shots. Not only are malaria types mosquitos found here but the encephalitis type is also found, believed to be brought in by birds passing through on the flyway from South America. An air-conditioned stable is an absolute must for the equivalent of ten months of the year on Sanibel for a horse's protection, at least at night, from 'no-sees' which are always present in any salt water area and for which there is no known method of eradication.

-s-Mary E. Nix
Sanibel

To The ISLANDER:

I have mailed the following letter to Mayor Porter Goss, and carbon copies to Bob Parcells, Pres. of the Chamber of Commerce and Mr. C. Duane White, Chairman of the Planning Commission.

Dear Mr. Mayor,

It has always amazed me how people can take any given set of numbers and prove anything they want to with them.

If the Chamber of Commerce survey had 41 per cent of the businesses supporting the 6000 unit land plan and 59 per cent supporting 9000 or more, these figures do not prove the majority of business people want the 6000 unit limit as we have been led to believe. It proves that 2 out of 3 people support 9000 units or more and these same 2 out of 3 people think the 6000 unit figure is not enough.

I don't know who analyzed the survey figures or even who set up the questionnaire. I do know the published analysis is misleading and so must you in retrospect.

-s-Mary Aleck
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(Continued from Page 15) mosquito control district was in charge of mosquito control and "the proposal (of the plan) as it relates to Sanibel is substantially invalid."

Chairman White asked how the plan was "inadequate?"

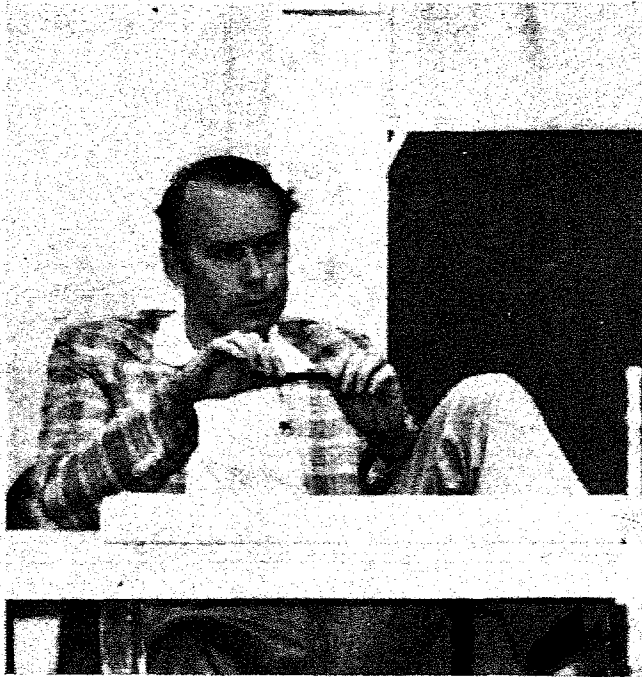
Miller said that it wasn't "inadequate" but "invalid."

The "Island leaks like a sieve. It's not a question of holding water at 30 inches," he said, "it's impossible to do so!"

Roberts and Fred Bosselman got into the allocation of units again

"Take a look at the results of the allocations on the ground and ask 'can we live with this?' If you think you can, o.k., if not, how much additional density can you allocate to feel comfortable?"

And so ended the second afternoon.



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Fire Call! No, that's not the sun—it's a spark from a wire, we're told

Bob Smith, maintenance man for South Seas Plantation, was putting up an antenna on top of a trailer last Wednesday. The antenna touched a power line, the power came back through the antenna, knocking Bob off the roof of the trailer, according to a neighbor, Joe Morgan, Plantation's night auditor.

The Sanibel Fire Department responded to a "live wire" call at the Castaways. Your intrepid reporters chased the fire truck to Castaways where we were informed that someone had been "electrocuted" at the Plantation. Going to Plantation we found that Smith had not been electrocuted but badly burned and had been transported to Lee Memorial by the rescue squad.

The rescue helicopter and the mobile unit had responded to the call within 15 minutes, according to Brian Webb, manager of South Seas Plantation. Apparently, the back surge of the break at the Plantation was the cause of the break at Castaways, which had been repaired by 6:30 p.m. Plantation was working on generator power while the lines were being repaired. As of this writing, we have no news as to the condition of young Smith but hopefully, he will be just fine and stay away from power lines in the future.

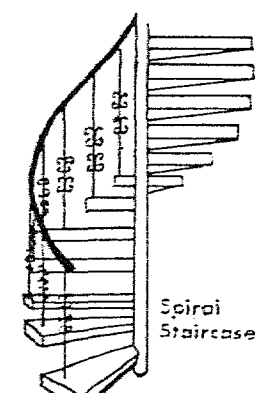
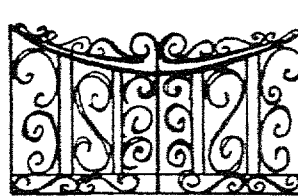
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The Plan — Day 1

"This is an awesome but necessary task," Duane White began the week's planning commission meetings last Monday morning at the community house. By the time the afternoon session came, only 18 people were in the audience, to listen to Bill Roberts of Wallace, McHarg, Roberts and Todd, the city's hired planners, plow steadfastly and persistently through the massive volume of nearly 300 pages called the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Septic tanks were discussed. Those properties not near a sewage treatment plant would be served by septic tanks "if the tanks meet the criteria," Roberts said. Spray irrigation was questioned for golf courses in conjunction with the Jamestown Beachview plant. Robert Taylor said that the Environmental Protection Agency had very strict guidelines for spraying effluent and at the moment the plant was not operating up to capacity.

Deep well injection was discussed as a method of sewage disposal. Councilman Vernon MacKenzie said that there were fundamental disadvantages since there would be no control if anything went wrong in the aquifer where the treated effluent would be. MacKenzie spoke to "land treatment" as a more controllable situation.

The solid waste of Sanibel amounts to 1 million pounds per year which the consultants feel is perfectly all right to foist off on Buckingham. Lee County or

wherever the land fill is. Sanibel will continue to be "dependent on off island disposal" Roberts said.

The Johnson Engineering report of the Sanibel slough

Fred Bosselman, attorney for the CLUP, discussed briefly the different functions of the planning commission and the city council once the plan is in effect. The planning commission would make decisions based

White said that he wanted the people who were aggrieved by the plan to have recourse to their elected officials, not the appointed officials. Bosselman said, however, that the elected officials could amend the plan if the planning commission was not administering it correctly, and if neither of those two methods proved

satisfactory, the person always had recourse to the courts.

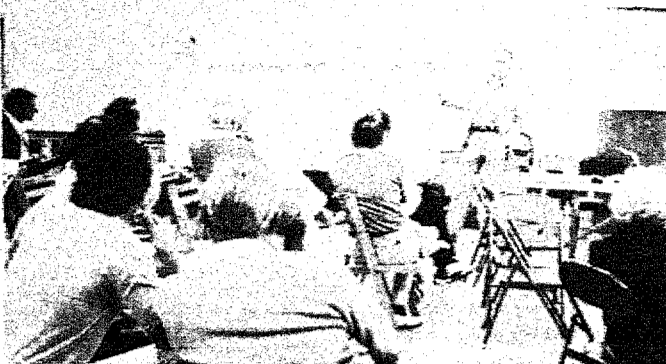
Don Whitehead, editor of the Island Reporter, asked what was to protect the city from "specious" requests or harrassments by a small group of dissatisfied people asking for amendments to the plan?

Bosselman replied that the Constitution guarantees the right to petition and it

would not be wise to refuse to consider a petition. "It is the duty of the elected officials to hear the citizens," he said.

"There ought to be some way of getting around having every Tom, Dick and Harry petitioning to amend the plan," White said.

Friday chimed in, "But you can't deny the fact that this plan belongs to every Tom, Dick and Harry!"



Not many "public" on Day 1

(river) funded by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation has been incorporated into the CLUP.

George Campbell said that he had suggested an accessway be provided for surplus rainwater to go into the west side fresh water cell of the new Ding Darling sanctuary project, but had not found his suggestion incorporated in any plan.

Roberts replied that WMRT had followed the Johnson plan exclusively.

It was recommended that a fire station be built at the west end of the island, that the present clinic be expanded to include 40 beds for resident patients and that the spraying of mosquitos be discontinued.

on facts and the city council would make decisions as to legislative intent of the plan.

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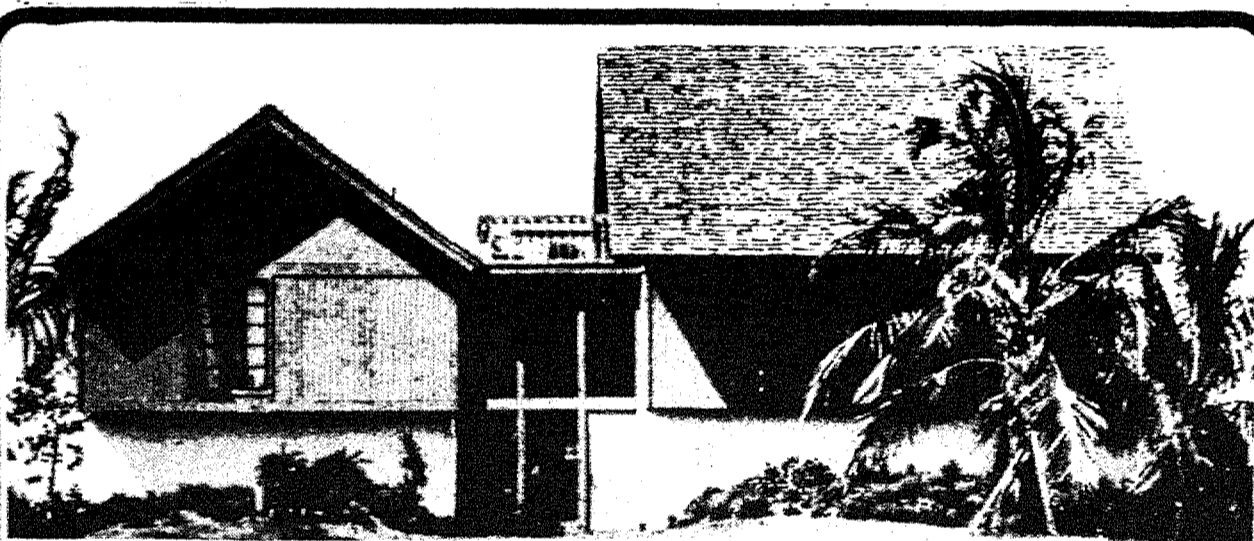
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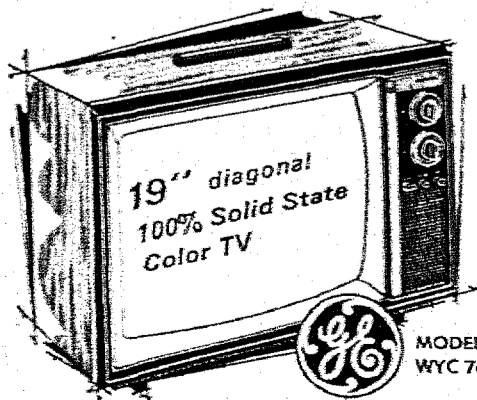
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Letter to the editor

To the ISLANDER:

I have been following with great interest the CLUP by WMRT. From the first reports, it is apparent that the strongest case against population increase on Sanibel, has been made with the statistics on island evacuation in the event of hurricane. As a result, I have been waiting until more detailed statistics from CLUP became available, as they now have on page 12 of the Nov. 25th issue just in hand.

With my trusty electronic calculator, I have taken the following facts from your article:

Population to be evacuated equals 10,542
Number of automobiles estimated to be used equals 4,735 (Calculated: 2.23 persons per automobile)

Estimated traffic speed on average equals 35 MPH

Estimated time to evacuate equals 9.5 hours

Calculated: 8.3 automobiles per minute leave island; 1 automobile each 7.23 seconds; 35 MPH equals 51.3 feet per second average speed; 371 feet between each automobile.

Now I just measured my large Plymouth Fury, at 18 feet. Given that the longest passenger automobile made will not exceed 20 feet, and given that a safe distance between automobiles is 1 car length for each 20 miles per hour, then at maximum, 70 feet between automobiles is safe.

With 371 feet between automobiles according to the above, but only 70 feet required, then the CLUP understates traffic capacities by a factor of 5.3 - leading one to believe that actually a total population of 55,873 would be reasonable using their figures. Worse yet, the above is predicated on only a single stream of automobiles over the causeway. In such an emergency, obviously both sides of the road would be used, again doubling the capacity used, for a population of 111,745.

Since the calculations are so obviously inaccurate, one must question other data in the basic assumption. For example, in such an event, would everyone on the island wait until the last possible moment, before forming a single gigantic que? Would not many leave early? as one remark quoted earlier in The Islander inferred.

In such an emergency, would there be only 2.2 persons in each automobile? With 4,160 dwellings on the two islands, there are an estimated 2.5 persons per dwelling. In such an emergency, how many would split up, and try to get out in two cars? Even I know that there is safety in numbers, and it is much better to double up with your neighbors when you have to evacuate!

I am sorry that the simple facts derived above, plus the use of human reason, apparently were not considered in CLUP, for I truly do support the idea of comprehensive land use planning, over exploitation by land developers, for their own profits. Whatever else may be said, let's face it: Evacuation is not-will not be a problem. It's with us today. People are not insane-when it's time to go, those who have stayed to the last, will get out-orderly, doubling up in cars, using both lanes, probably driving faster than 35 MPH, and probably with less space between cars than one car length per 10 MPH. All contribute to expediting evacuation.

Using the original population, number of automobiles, speeds, etc., but using 70 feet between cars, and using both lanes, the 9.5 hours can be reduced to but 54 minutes! Increasing the numbers of persons per automobile, assuming a reasonable number left early, and assuming a somewhat faster rate, with less distance between cars, that time would probably drop to a mere 30 minutes - not a sufficient traffic jam to be particularly worried about.

One thing might be done to help such an orderly evacuation - that is to install directional arrows displayed with lights on the lanes of the causeway, so that both lanes could be used in one direction with full control, such as is frequently done with a central lane in three lane roads in large cities. This could enable the reopening of a lane coming into the island for say 10 minutes out of each hour during an evacuation process, for those who must come onto the island to pick up family members, etc., or whatever.

Let's make this plan work, by keeping it factual, accurate, and reasonable. It should have been absolutely impossible for someone like me, to find such loopholes!

-s-Charles F. Wilkes
Bethesda, Md.

CPOOS asks for plan vote

The Concerned Property Owners of Sanibel met Wednesday night to discuss the land use plan. Several people attending the meeting were off-island property owners who were concerned about their land.

Carol Quillinan, tem-

porary chairman, explained the status of the plan and pointed out contradictions in the plan itself.

Mary Nix gave a short talk about horses on Sanibel, since the planners have planned a public park, garden and stables, in the Wulfert area. (See Letter to the Editor.)

A question was raised as to what would happen to taxes if the properties were reassessed. Mr. Cake said that he came from Long Beach, New Jersey, (also a booming tourist economy, which had a few years ago, imposed zoning regulations which did not allow him to do anything with his property beside "grow pretty flowers."

Cake said his taxes had gone from \$65 to \$300 because the assessed evaluation had risen while the millage went down. When asked how the tax

assessor justified raising the evaluation when the property was not usable for anything but flowers, Mr. Cake said that the assessor didn't have to justify anything and cautioned the group that the same thing could happen on Sanibel.

Bert Jenks said that the plan provided for the highest densities along the beach which was "nothing new," but asked what will happen to the people who had put their money in less desirable property on Sanibel... money that represented a life savings from school teachers, firemen who had dreams of retiring on the Island and who, under the plan, would not be able to build?

There were no real answers, but a lot more questions.

The group voted to ask for a referendum on the plan.



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The Plan- Day II

Several points of importance came to light during the Tuesday morning session of the planning commission. One, the allocation of units on the island was described to the audience.

Maxine Michl asked if a person must own the number of acres described by unit allocation before he could build.

Both Chairman White and Bill Roberts answered "yes." However, the full impact of the "yes," was not felt until Wednesday morning.

Roberts went through an extensive explanation of how the units were allocated, that the method used was a "cold, mathematical calculation and way, way in excess of what would normally be expected in a comprehensive land use plan."

Jim Nicholas, economic consultant, spoke

about the economics of the plan. State law 257 required three specific provisions, he said, which were 1: economic assumptions, 2: economic feasibility and 3: funding alternatives. He described the economic feasibility and 3: funding alternatives.

Building roads on the island would have to go through the County since the county acts as a dispersing agent for road funds. Nicholas said that the city should try to convince the county to put Sanibel's road program on a high priority list.

So ended the second morning.

The Tuesday afternoon session was continued by Nicholas who began by saying that there would be an increase in taxable value—A, residential values would increase by 1-3; 2, Personal property, (business inventory) increased by 2-3; and 3, Commercial property which was valued now at \$17 million would increase to \$41

million. There would be an actual "net" build-out figure of \$156,845,000, he said, and projected a "reasonable time of less than 20 years" to achieve his projections.

Joe McMurtry gave a historical rundown of the tax situation, saying that Sanibel started out with 3 mills, up to 4 and now 5 stating, "We're doing all this with only one more

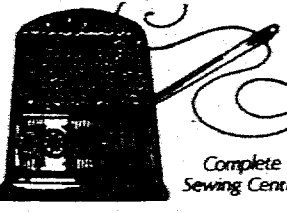
mill...it's peanuts!"

Wayne Miller of the Mosquito Control Board spoke of the plan and mosquito control. He said, the group that his agency had not been contacted and had no input toward the plan, other than a couple of task force members calling on the phone. He reminded the commission that the

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News and editorial notes

Thursday evening, a surprising number of people who obviously hadn't been over-planned turned out for Bill Robert's direct presentation to the public of the summary of WMRT's CLUP.

Everything he said had been said before, but this time it was directly to the public, and to a number of people who obviously had not been able to, or inclined to, attend the day-long sessions.

He ran into a bit of animosity when he was asked why low and moderate income housing was planned for, since "that is only necessary if we use federal funds!"

Roberts explained that the new State Law,

CH No. 257, not only required all areas of Florida have CLUPS, but that they must include in the plans low and moderate income housing.

When asked, he said his "gut feeling is that many elements have not been criticized and could be adopted as they stand."

We, while studying the faces of those who already built their Sanibel homes as contrasted to those who owned property but had not yet built, decided that building one's home on Sanibel was sheer luck, and that perhaps, since it was merely luck, the fairest thing might be to put slips of paper for every landowner, built or unbuilt, in one

big revolving barrel and then have each landowner draw a lot. If it happened to be already built on great, he could stay; otherwise, leave.

Well, Chairman White sort of grinned and said it might be fairest. Roberts didn't think "that even the federal government" would go along with it. Oh, well.

Judge Thomas Shands has set a hearing on a petition from Velna Ridge and Gordon Tracey for Dec. 15 in his chambers. The county issued them a permit for a 95 unit travel trailer park before incorporation; the permit has since been denied by the planning commission and city council, followed by city manager Dave Bretzke's statement late in November that permits could not be issued during the city's building moratorium. The petition requests that the County Circuit Court order the city to issue the building permits.

Guess we owe the bike paths a half a tree—Mayor Porter Goss got re-elected unanimously, but First Vice Mayor Vernon MacKenzie yielded his position to Zee Butler.

Council also decided not to get involved in CROW by rejecting a Conservation Foundation offer to provide the city an acre of land, which the city in turn would provide for CROW.

(CROW, in the meantime, is considering two offers of land from Pine Island and Fort Myers Beach.)

The City Council also extended the building moratorium to Jan. 2, with provision that it could be ended before that if the Plan were passed.

Don't forget the dinner-dance at South Seas Plantation for the benefit of the Children's Center on Dec. 13. Tickets are on sale at shops on both Islands or else call Judy Workman, 472-2840, for information.

The Sanibel Community Association meets tonight for their monthly covered dish dinner at the Community House at 6:30. Anyone living on either Island is eligible to join the association.

After the dinner, entertainment will be provided by "The Bell Ringers," followed by LeeRoy Friday leading the singing of Christmas Carols.

Mrs. John P. (Miss Willie) Glass of Sanibel is heading a campaign to obtain donations for residents of Harlem Heights through the Good Shepherd Mission. There is an immediate need for cash donations to purchase gifts for the children for the annual Christmas party and program.

In addition to cash donations, there is a need for food, clothing in good condition and home accessories for needy residents of Harlem Heights.

Donations will be picked up if calls are made to 472-1154. Items may be left at the Good Shepherd Mission on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Those who take items to the Mission should drive past the Child Care Center to the northwest corner behind the center to the Mission Store.

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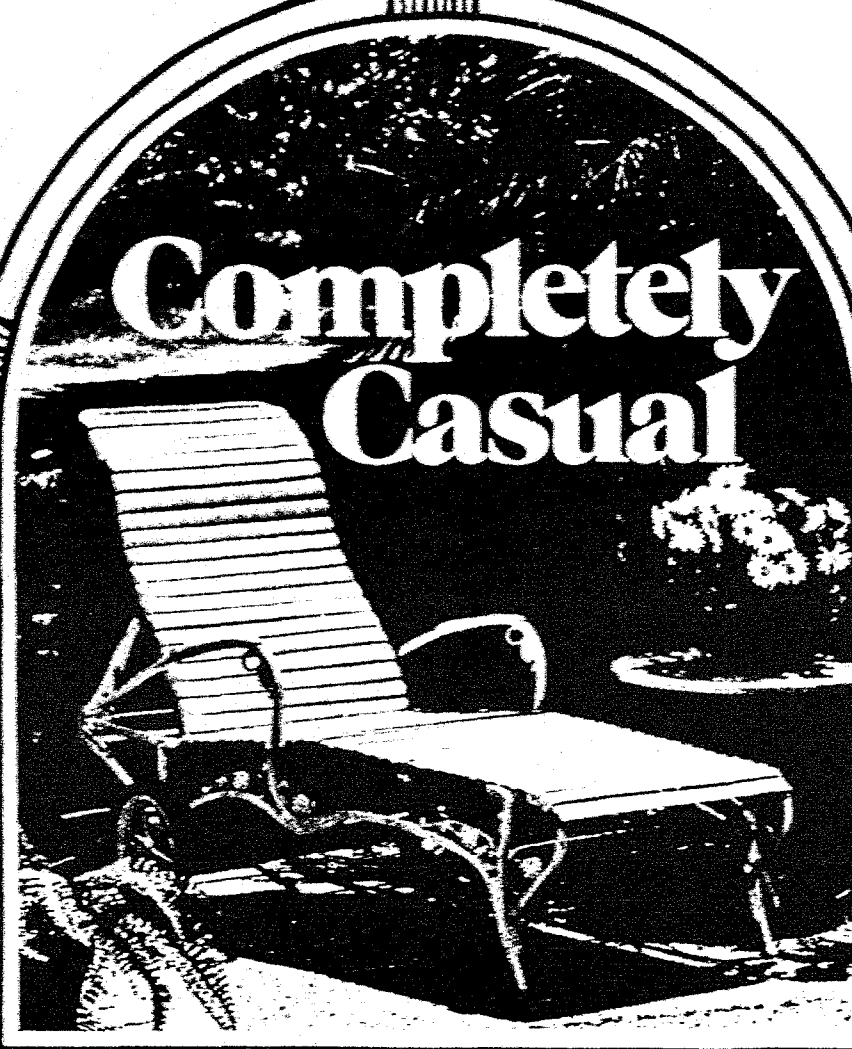
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Libra: Sign up for course of study, but watch a tendency to be overconfident or take benefic circumstances for granted. Avoid irregularities that could lead to severance of ties.

Capricorn: A change coming in connection to your job or health. Don't jump into making an agreement or compromise. Emphasis will also lie in the areas of romance and creativity.

Taurus: Use caution in handling things; careful in moving objects around. Opportunities in your job surroundings could include higher status or salary. This is not a good time to overreact or rebel.

Scorpio: Your partner needs your support to further a project. Keep secrets well. Steady application is needed in all your plans. You could attract favorable publicity.

Aquarius: Help a dependant with a menial task. Health could be jeopardized by certain excesses. Be solicitous of parents, especially if they are not feeling well.

Gemini: Important change coming, especially if an anniversary date is near. Travel, legal maneuvers, preparation of items for publication are also favored.

Sagittarius: Excellent time for making agreements and signing contracts. Check your insurance, it is good for you to have a large margin. Your trust could be badly misplaced.

Pisces: Changes ahead especially in connection with home, family, parental affairs, community. Accept a calculated risk. Your judgment could be a bit off, so take your time.

Cancer: You can become involved with a hospital, institution. You may be tempted to extravagance or miscue on a matter of judgment. An existing romantic relationship flourishes.

Leo: This is a fine time for holding meetings, conferences; especially where people are involved. Use more tact and patience than usual. Sympathy will be overbearing to you.

Virgo: More tension than usual. A good friend will need more attention than usual. Avoid being too pessimistic in present achievements. Finish up projects already started.



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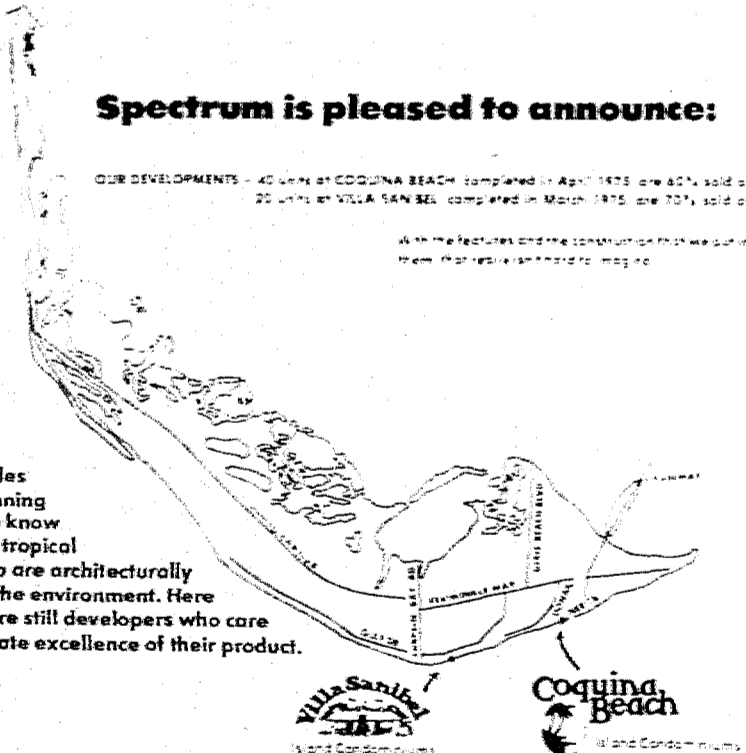


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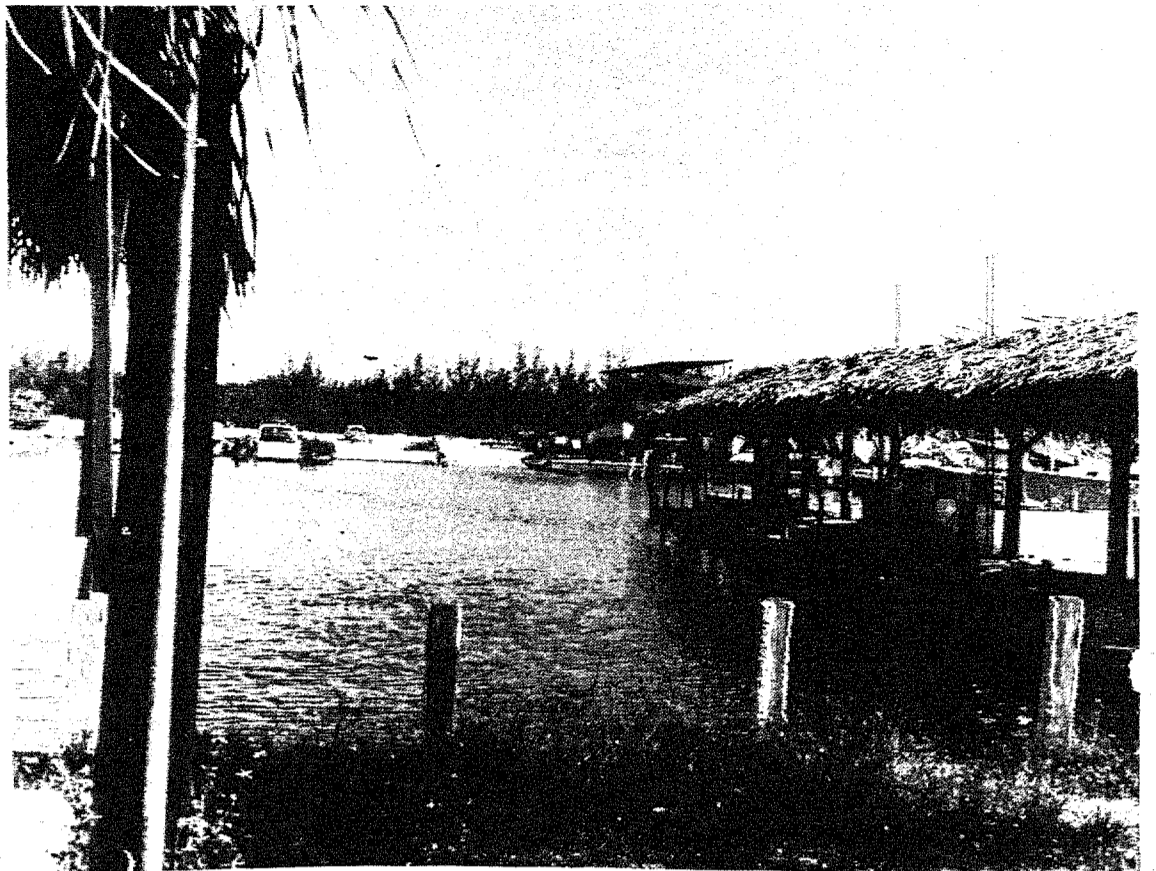
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It is necessary to call CDR Brown at 472-1395 to determine the time to bring your boat to the inspection area. This will facilitate the smooth handling of the inspection and keep waiting and traffic to a minimum. If your vessel is too large to fit under the main Periwinkle Way bridge, CDR Brown will make special arrangements for you.

however, you MUST call in advance.

It is an excellent idea to check all your switches to make sure they are operational, that your running lights are in working order, that you have Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices plus a flotation ring or cushion for throwing purposes and an approved fire extinguisher with tag attached showing inspection within the last year. You must also have your State of Florida Boat Registration aboard.

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Deaths. . .

Murrel J. Miller

Murrel J. Miller, 55, died suddenly on Nov. 24 in St. Louis, Mo. Miller, a 28 year employee of Anheuser Busch, planned to live on Sanibel when he retired.

He and his widow, Arline K. Miller, built a home on Taniti Drive and usually spent around two months on Sanibel during the year.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, he had received many decorations and medals for service in all theaters of World War II.

Funeral mass and burial were in St. Louis.

Elizabeth G. Zeiss

Elizabeth Griffen Zeiss, 40, died suddenly last Wednesday in her home on Gulf Drive.

Mrs. Zeiss, the former wife of Ralph Zeiss (who headed the Sanibel Home Rules Study Group) is survived by four children.

Jenny, Kate, Mike and Bill. She moved to Sanibel in 1973.

Mrs. Zeiss received her degree in psychology at the University of Florida and was doing graduate work in the same subject at MIT. She was well known locally and state wide for her artistic endeavours in water color and acrylic painting.

Funeral arrangements were pending at press time.

Harriet H. Sears

Harriet H. Sears, 87, the mother of Elizabeth Sears and Mrs. I.T. Billhimer, died here last Wednesday on a visit to the Islands from her home in Birmingham, Michigan.

She is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Louis Hascall, another daughter, Mrs. Robert L. Davis, both of Birmingham, seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Services and burial were held in Birmingham.

Friday from page 1



John Kontinos

amount of developable land against distance from fire station - "discriminatory."

Robert Shaeffer - "Unsound planning concept. Our clients must resist."

Lief Johnson - "Inconsistency and inequity in sector evaluation points - weighted values not realistic."

Arthur Hunter - "positive support of revision (of plan) to make it more equitable to hopefully satisfy aspirations."

William Kimball - "legally immoral situation when vested rights are interpreted as "anything goes!"

Joe Winterrode - "fully support the plan as presented"

Arthur Wycoff - "too early to support more people" . . . provide public services first.

Dr. Shaft - in favor of incorporation. "I even supported it, but I'm shocked to find that now I can't use my land."

Bob Vartdahl. "A plan that we can't understand is not a plan we can live with."

Wilbur Shannon - "I'm an expert but I don't recall being called. Are all the residents in accord with the experts. Experts can be wrong."

Carl Almas - "Every major financier in the country knows Sanibel - it's taboo - no point in looking for money."

Tom Maurey - "Object to proposed land use plan - one dwelling unit for 1.67 acres is obviously absurd."

Steve Tamanosha - "chain reaction..there will be an impact on all lending institutions."

Mr. Wykowski - "What will I tell my friends.."

Harold Wolf - "I feel slightly intimidated when chairman opens the meeting with a hammer..My family has already tangled with the federal government on 35 acres of land. They didn't want to pay us what we wanted. Two years later we won the case. The plan as shown is not acceptable."

Albert Evans - "If I can't build a house on

my lot and if you expect me to go to war to fight for you - I won't. No wonder the young people turn to drugs and alcohol."

Paulette Burton;s letter was read by Chm. White: "Hold up adopting a plan for 120 days...planners and zoning officials are meeting in Miami today to discuss Fla. Statute 257"...Cautioned regarding purchase of water company and sewage facilities; can be taxed up to 10 mills on revenue bonds with mandatory hook up of all septic tanks.

Carol Quillinan - "The plan should go to referendum of all property owners for their vote."

Rufus Dodrill - "Beg you to consider this plan you're saying goodbye to tourism."

And back to Jim Evans, who wound up his speech quoting Macbeth;

"Life is but a walking shadow
"A poor player who struts and frets
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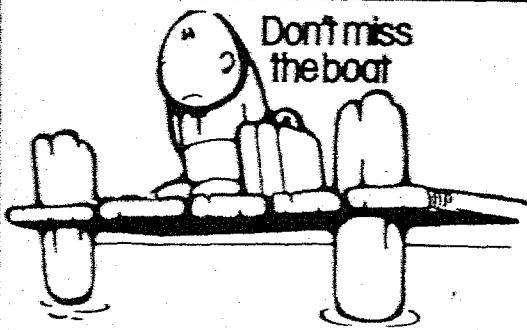


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Barbara Jones, Alice Rice, Dorothy Robinson, Frances Shaver, Mary Kelsey, Ruth Hunter and of course Peg who treated her guests to some delicious cookies she had made herself.

These bandages are sent to the Catholic Medical Mission Board (1 West 17th St. N.Y. City, for hospitals

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They are located in far away places such as this letter indicates: "Just yesterday a boat came into our little lagoon. Among other gifts of medical supplies from the C.M.M. Bd. it carried a very precious carton of bandages with all the precious soap hidden among them." (We like these bandages torn from the sheets—much better than gauze). Because of you, we were able to give a present to all our maternity patients (14 at present), delivered and in-waiting. Each received a nice little bar of baby soap. Your other generous supply of soap has been stored away for shower and laundry use at the hospital."

Christmas party Dec. 16

The annual Christmas program for the Islands' children sponsored by the Kiwanis and the Sanibel PTA will be held at the community house at 7 p.m. Dec. 16. The Christmas tree ceremony will be at 8 p.m.

elementary school students; Community Church Choir; St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church Choir; St. Isabele; the Brownies, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and the First Baptist Church Choir.

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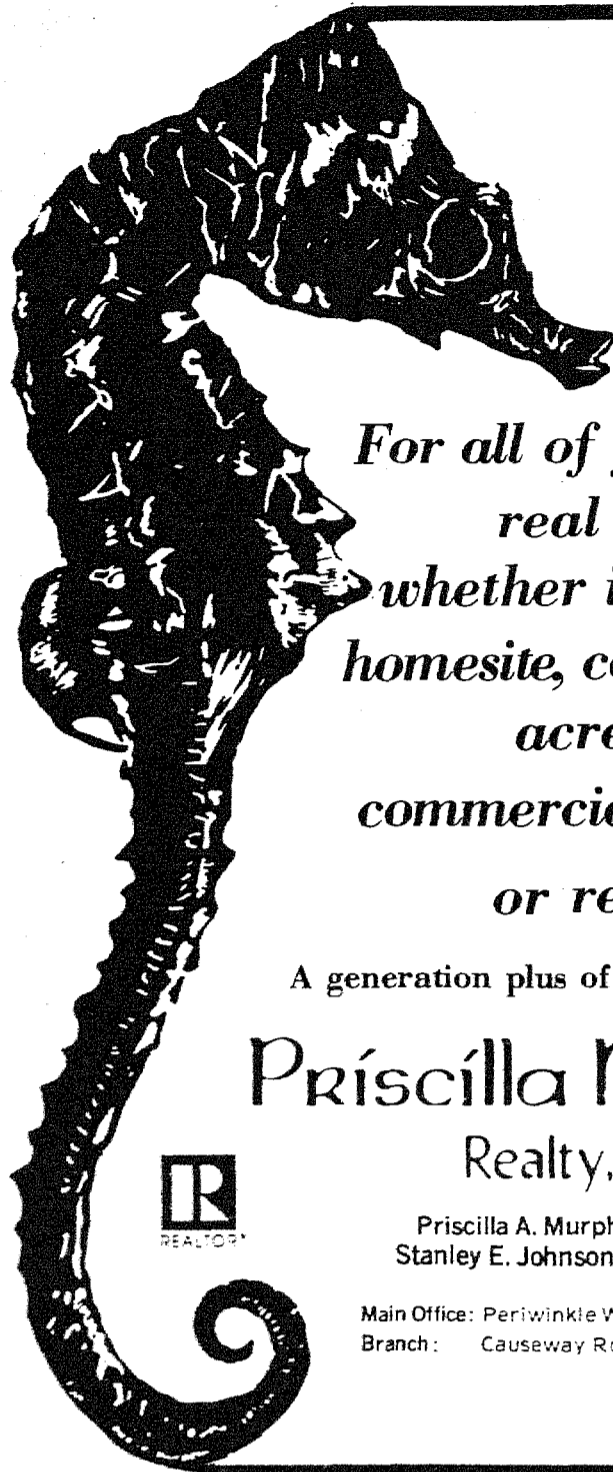
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