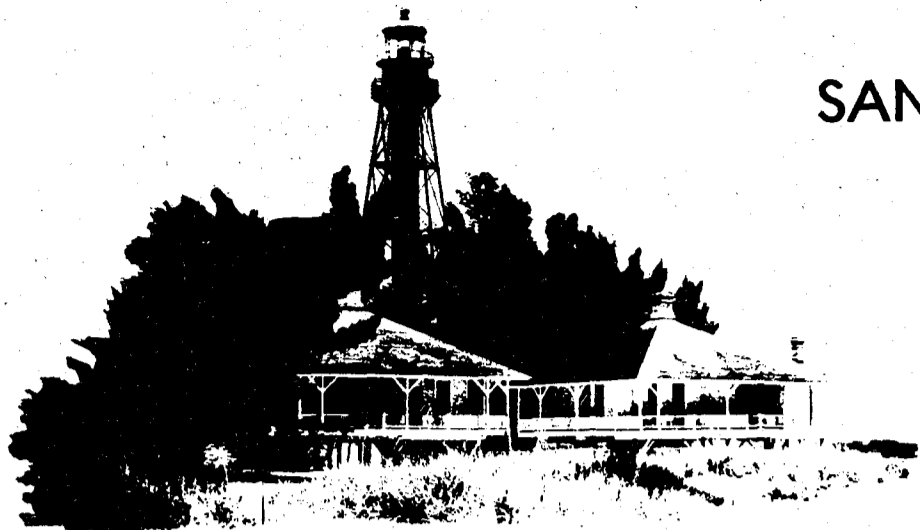


TV, tides, crossword, etc., inside!



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Dissenting at Monday Commission meeting (as usual)



Well, the Plan's on its way to Tallahassee where it will be read and recommended on (and only changed if it violates Florida law) and then sent back here. Hopefully, by next week we shall be able to present you with most of it -- the planning commission got an inch and a half sheaf of changes as late as Friday morning, about an hour before the city council sent it upstate.

Plan sent upstate

The loyal minority in an audience of nine applauded enthusiastically after the City Council voted unanimously to "send The Plan to Tallahassee," Friday morning in a special meeting.

The council, in its further deliberation of the CLUP, decided to accept the recommendations of the planning commission, which met earlier on Friday morning in a special meeting.

The mayor said that he was anxious to get the thing off to Tallahassee to Duane White after White had asked

the council not to make any decisions on the density change along the Gulf Beach Ridge until further information came from WMRT concerning the acreages involved.

White then said that he expected that there would be "insignificant changes" as there might be an allocation of 1 put on the lands seaward of the DNR setback line and a 5 on the uplands of the Gulf Beach Ridge which would not change the significance of the six units per acre on the upland portions as now designated. However, he added, that whatever

foruma WMRT came up with to revise the Gulf Beach Ridge east of Tarpon Bay would also have to be used on the Gulf Beach Ridge west of Tarpon Bay and that there would be absolutely no building seaward of the DNR setback line.

After some discussion, the council felt that it was better to send the plan along for the review process and plug in revisions along the way.

Councilman Zee Butler motioned to send Sanibel's Comprehensive Land Use Plan to Tallahassee.

"You are trying to take away the rights of Americans to use their property," Joe Kucharski told the Planning Commission yesterday in a valiant thirteenth-hour effort to gain approval of a restricted area on Periwinkle and Yachtsman Drive. The property has been zoned restricted commercial under the land-use plan to last week when it was rezoned to residential.

Kucharski said that he had been before the Planning Commission three times, once on an RU-3 zoning which the Planning Commission didn't like, duplex zoning, which was also not liked, and then under the plan which provided for the commercial area and then revised at the "eleventh-and-three-quarter hour."

"I am wondering about the legality of this and the conscientiousness of this body," he said. In referring to the ecological aspects of the plan, he said that everyone who had built in the past had disturbed the ecology in some respect and if all people were true ecologists, "they would be living with the alligators and birds, instead of air conditioning and tile bathrooms."

"You have absolutely defiled my rights as an American citizen. If you don't want me to build, buy my property."

He said that he thought the philosophy of the Planning Commission was to reduce the density so that no one could live here and that the intent was to "make us crawl on our knees and we're not going to do it."

At this point many in the crowded room clapped, bringing down the chairman's gavel.

"The criteria of the plan is ridiculous," he charged. "Anyone who says that there isn't any water on an island surrounded with water is like someone trying to sell ice boxes to Eskimos."

Several in the audience spoke for the project; several spoke against.

William Brodeur, attorney for Kucharski, said that the problem will not be solved by facing it, and asked for favorable consideration in light of several petitions and letters in favor of the business district at the east end of the island.

Joe McMurtry motioned to recommend denial of the petition. Chairman White said

that he was very sorry that Kucharski had suffered heartbreak and expense but that the Planning Commission had to do things that they didn't necessarily want to do and at no time in the planning process did they feel they could not retreat from previous decisions if they had additional supporting data to do so.

Emily Underhill echoed White's statement, said that she fully expected to see two fine houses go up on Kucharski's land.

Kucharski then asked her to justify \$80,000 for land costs for two houses and asked why someone didn't go to his bank and pay his interest. "You're going to drive people off the Island and whether you think you need us now or not, you will later. I've been a builder all my life and proud of my work. The neighborhood is volatile and fragmented," he said, and added, "I don't think you were mandated by 726 people. You have not been fair and equitable in arriving at a land use plan."

The motion was passed unanimously to recommend to city council to deny the petition.

In talking to Kucharski later he said, "You tell them as an addendum 'we'll see you in court, cause that's where we're going'."

In other respite business, the commission denied another commercial request across the street from Periwinkle Place by Dale Beatty, continued a request by Robert Potts for an addition to the Huxter Market for 1,500 square feet package liquor store space. Potts changed his petition at the meeting to remove a lounge area and reduce the square footage previously requested. The continuation of the petition will allow for changes to be made on the plans.

Robert Hollopeter and David Thompson's request to subdivide land off Casa Ybel on Camino del Mar near Ocean's Reach Condominium was denied. A petition was read in agreement with the project, signed by 10 condominium owners.

The Island Water Association request to build a storage shed on IWA main office property was approved.

The Planning Commission considered the density allocation along the Gulf Beach Ridge during the afternoon session.

What's happening today at city hall

CITY COUNCIL MEETING March 16, 1976

9:00 a.m.—1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance (Bailey). 2. Approval of Minutes of previous meetings, (February 17 and 24, March 2, 1976). 3. Correspondence.

9:15 a.m.—4. Planning Commission Report.

9:30 a.m.—5. Consider request by Dorothy K. Putnam to construct a single-family dwelling on Lots 4 and 5, Block 20, Tarpon Bay Subdivision (Sanibel-Captiva Rd.), Sanibel, Lee County, Florida.

9:45 a.m.—6. Consider request by John Oster, Jr. on behalf of Deltrol Corporation to subdivide a parcel of land lying in G. Lot 6, Section 11, Township 46 South, Range 21 East, Sanibel, Lee County, Florida.

10:15 a.m.—7. Consider request by Robert Taylor,

President, Mariner Properties, Inc. to complete construction of the Mariner Pointe Condominium project (25 additional units), Sanibel, Lee County, Florida.

10:45 a.m.—8. Consider emergency ordinance prohibiting the operation and parking of motor vehicles upon paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles and providing for regulations concerning the operation of bicycles.

11:00—9. Continuation of discussion regarding approval of Sanibel Causeway Resolution.

11:30 a.m.—10. Consider approval of a resolution requesting the Florida Department of Transportation to make improvements at Miner's Plaza Intersection.

12:00 Noon—Lunch.

1:30—11. Consider request by Raymond K. Jensen and Don P. Lazenby to construct two duplexes (four units) on Sand Castle Road, The Dunes Subdivision, Lots 3 and 4,

Sanibel, Lee County, Florida and in addition, approval to construct a tennis court and a 16' x 32' commercial swimming pool.

2:00 p.m.—12. Consider request by Mr. and Mrs. Donald McElligott to construct a single-family dwelling on Lot 4, Leisure Acres in G. Lot 5, Section 18, Township 46 South, Range 22 East (Sanibel-Captiva Road), Sanibel, Lee County, Florida.

2:15 p.m.—14. Report and preliminary discussion on proposed fire hydrant installation on Sanibel.

3:00 p.m.—15. Discussion of Condominium Interval Ownership concept.

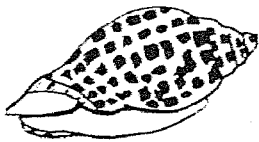
3:30 p.m.—16. Attorney's Report.

3:45 p.m.—17. City Manager's Report.

4:00 p.m.—18. Mayor and Councilman Reports.

4:15 p.m.—19. Public Comments and Inquiries.

Adjournment.



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things to do

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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 second Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. at the new firehouse, on Palm Ridge Road. The public is invited to attend.

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how to get there

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South Seas Plantation Conference Room
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Evening Services 7:00 p.m.
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Holy Days 10:00 a.m.
Vigil 7:30 p.m.
Confession before each Mass.

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Morning Worship,
2nd & 4th Sundays 9:30 a.m.

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by georgie mankin



Don Lemon to have show Sunday

The Artisan Shop in Nutmeg Village will have an exclusive showing of oil paintings created by Dr. Don Lemon on Sunday, March 21, from 1 to 5 o'clock. Dr. Lemon, who is represented by Merrill Chase Galleries in Chicago and the Brown Country Art Gallery in Nashville, Indiana, has won countless awards in juried and invitational art shows throughout the United States. His work is regularly exhibited at the Longboat Key Art Center, where he is a member.

Everyone is cordially invited to stop by the Artisan Shop Sunday afternoon, view Dr. Lemon's art and meet the artist himself.

The beautiful weather and the uniqueness of the Islands has brought us an abundance of visitors---the season seems much heavier than usual this year!

Most of the visitors still are enamored with the Island but many of the comments which I've heard this past week are running in the vein of "Sanibel isn't the same as it used to be. We are thinking of finding a new place where there is less commercialism." Four years ago, one would not have heard this comment.

Incorporation was supposed to keep this from happening but something still seems amiss. Hopefully, the growth will be slowed down--while still allowing those retired folks who bought land to build their retirement homes.

Another comment which especially provoked thoughts was, "The people here just aren't the same, they used to be friendly." When I pursued this further, the person said, "There seems to be a snobbish element here now and not a friendly one." Hopefully, those of who truly do like people will do all we can to dispel this impression.

Returning to Blind Pass Cottages after a two week vacation in Costa Rica are Mr. and Mrs. A.R.J. Friedmann of Troy, Ohio.

Other guests at Blind Pass Cottages this week are Mr. and Mrs. Paul White and Edie McGuire of New York City; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Young of Crystal Lake, Ill.; Mrs. Kitty W. Drescher and

family of St. Louis, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Imster of St. Louis, Mo.; and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Williams and sons of Groton, Mass.

Mr. Williams is headmaster of Lawrence Academy of Groton, Mass.

Blanche and Harvey Campbell of Stanhope (National Park), Prince Edward Island, Canada, are spending two weeks at Zic Zac Cottages. Also at Zic Zac Cottages are Janey and George Shelfoon, neighbors of the Campbells.

The Shelfoons are spending the months from January through April here. Janey says, "We like the island but wish they'd do something about the traffic."

I had a very pleasant time chatting with Mr. and Mrs. George Kellett of Doylestown, Pa. They are staying at the Villa Capri on Sanibel. Their trip down here was through much snow and they left a lot of bad weather behind them. You'd never know it now though because they both are sporting beautiful tans.

Larry, Carol, Matthew and Michael Loeffler of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, are staying at the Tween Waters Inn on Captiva Island. Larry is a professor of chemistry at Chapel Hill and Carol is a church secretary. This is the Loefflers second visit to the islands and they love it here.

Mark E. Muench, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Muench of Sanibel, entered the

United States Air Force on active duty on March 3, under the Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program (DEP).

Aireman Muench has successfully completed a series of tests which qualified him to enter the Aerospace Ground Equipment Repairman training, after completing six weeks of basic at Lackland AFB, Texas.

Ruth and Philip Hunter will give a performance of "Table for Two" on March 17 at South Seas Plantation at 10 p.m.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Schultz have recently retired to the Islands and are living next door to the Castaways in the former Schnelle home.

Dr. Schultz served for twenty years with the U.S. Navy, and, after his retirement from the service, served as Training Director for the Florida State Board of Health and as County Health Officer in Butte, Montana, Liberty, Missouri and elsewhere.

Mrs. Schultz formerly worked with Castaways' co-owner Betty Gardiner in public health service in St. Petersburg.

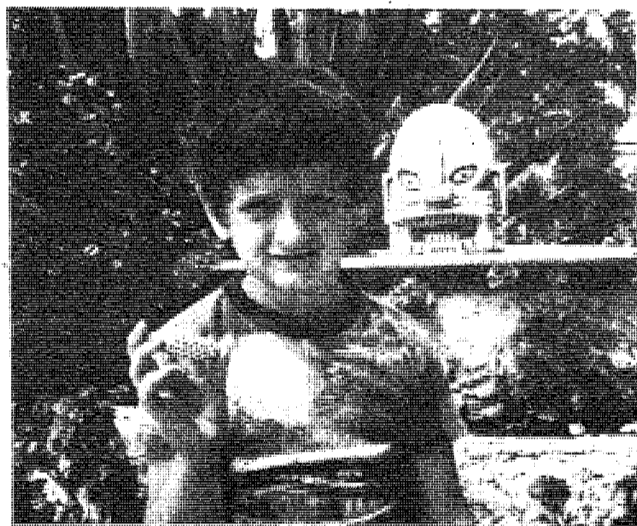
Both of the Schultzes love the Islands and are in-

terested in keeping them as near as possible to their first impressions--as are June and Betty of the Castaways, of course.

Dr. and Mrs. Graham Martin, formerly of South Africa and now of Cleveland, say that upper Sanibel is exactly "What we were looking for... it reminds us of home!" (South Africa rather than Cleveland, ye editor presumes.) The Martins are staying at the Castaways Resorts on the western tip of Sanibel.

Newcomers to the resort are Mr. and Mrs. John M. Beach of Dayton, Ohio, who have added a lot to the fun and happiness of others around them. They are always laughing and smiling--even when bent over in the mud flats. Mrs. Beach (who once owned a motel on the East Coast) hasn't had quite the luck of some of the other recent guests, but she's very proud of her HALF a junonia!

Annual returnees include: Mr. and Mrs. S.M. Jones, Decatur, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mansell, Williamsport, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Herr, Modesto, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Y. Tennis and the Frank Cluverius of Richmond, Virginia.



Steve Gandy, 6, is justly proud of his junonia he found while staying at the Castaways with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James T. Gandy of Memphis, Tenn. His parents, while they didn't find the BIG one, are proud not only of Steve's unusual find, but also of the alphabet cone found by Steve's older brother, Jim, who is all of seven!

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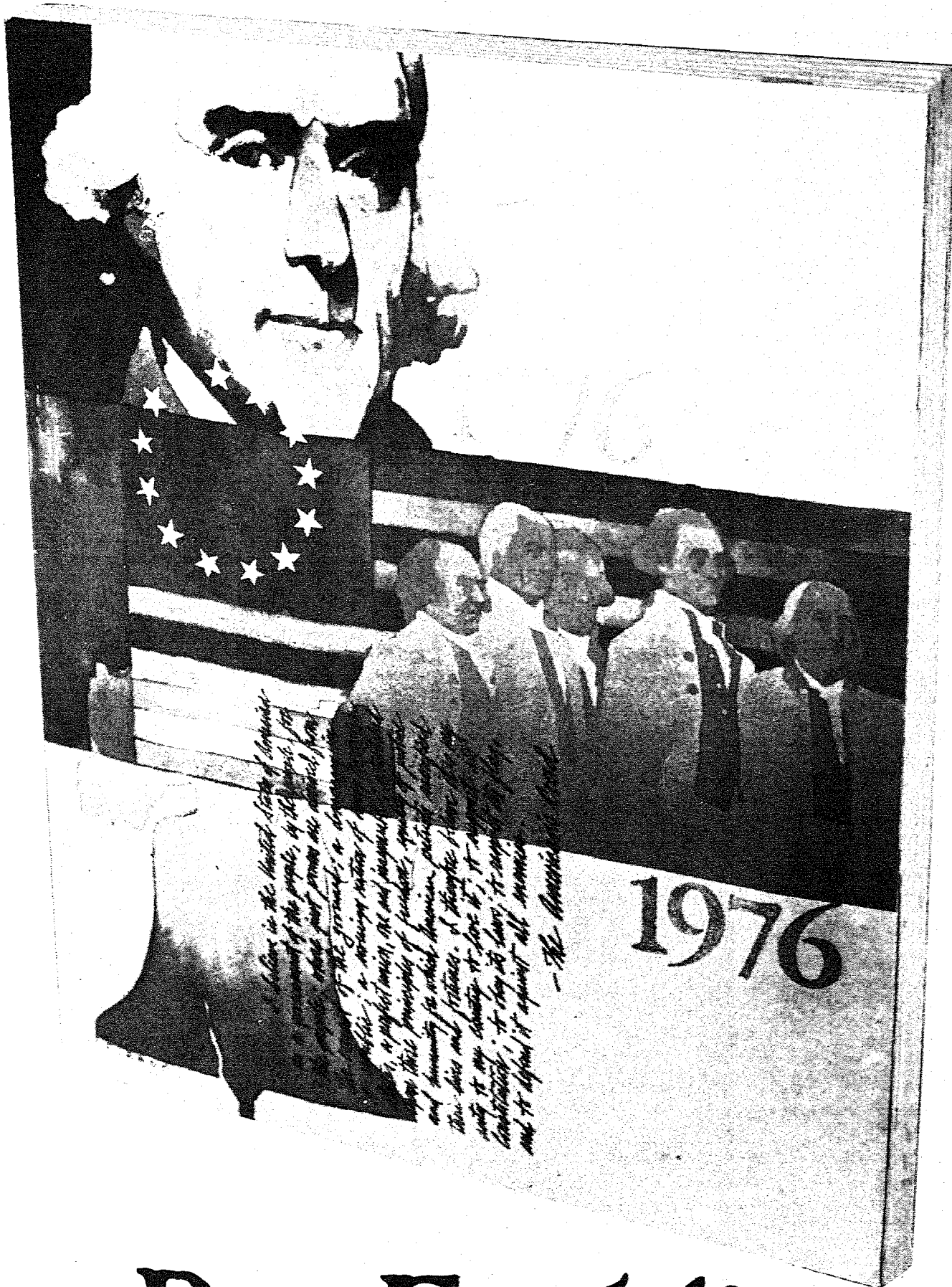
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Mrs. Jim Corace, Pa: "The employees are fine, but I sure don't like the lines. They should have both windows open at the same time to take care of everyone."



Jack Dyer, New Jersey: "Very good, but it takes a long time for forwarding mail from New York and Chicago which isn't the fault of this post office."



Mrs. C.M. Stanley, Iowa: "The employees are very courteous and nice; the service is just great."



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Donald Corace, Pa: "I don't know because I just came down yesterday."

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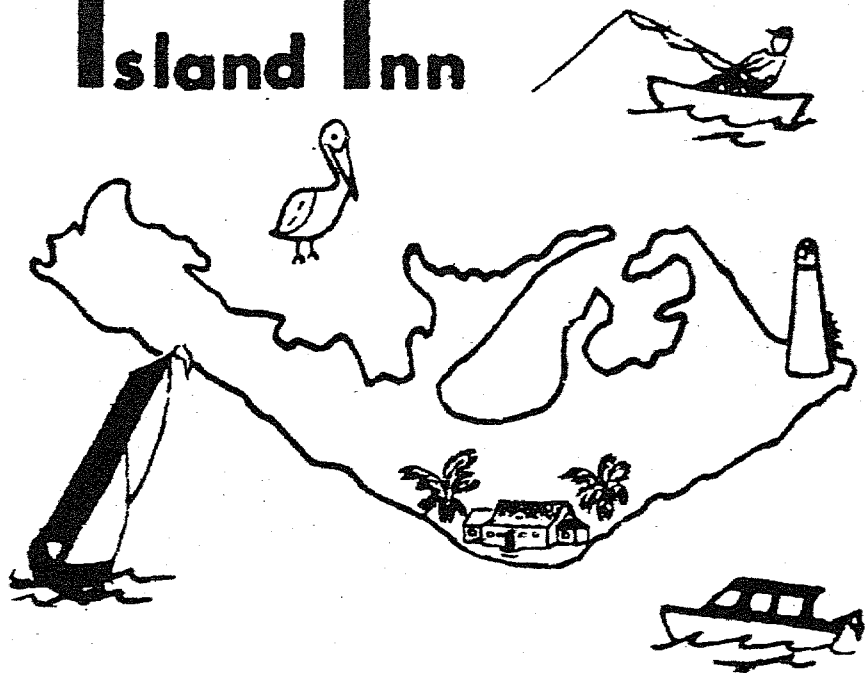
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Late news department

Since our staff is SO extensive (all four of us) we find that frequently the advertising staff is doing something for editorial and vice versa. One of the nicest things that happened lately was when no one else could get in to Fort Myers to see the President, (of the U.S.A., Gerald Ford, the most recent winner we know) when he arrived at Page Field and made a tour of the town, ending up with a cocktail party, Kathie, our senior advertising sales person, volunteered.

Suppose the point of the story is that she got to shake his hand and say hello even

though everyone said that if she didn't have credentials down to her knee caps she couldn't get near him, but she did. Those of you who have met her, probably know that yes, she did wash her hand afterwards, and no, she didn't need the credentials. She even talked Carl Leubsdorf of the Baltimore Sun, who is attached to the presidential press corps, into sending her clippings of Ford's Florida Tour.

She's still not sure who she's going to vote for, though.

Death

CLARA C. TUTTLE

Funeral services and burial were held in Marion, Ohio, last week for Clara C.

Tuttle, 83, of 3057 Gulf Drive, Sanibel, who died here Monday, March 8. She had been a resident of Sanibel for the past six years.

She is survived by two daughters, Dorothy McCombs of Sanibel and Patricia McLain; a brother,

Raymond Dutt of Marion, Ohio; three sisters, Ella J. Parry of Harpster, Ohio, Pearl Foss and Mae Kinney of San Jose, California, and six grandchildren.

Mrs. Tuttle was a member of the United Church of Christ in Marion, Ohio.

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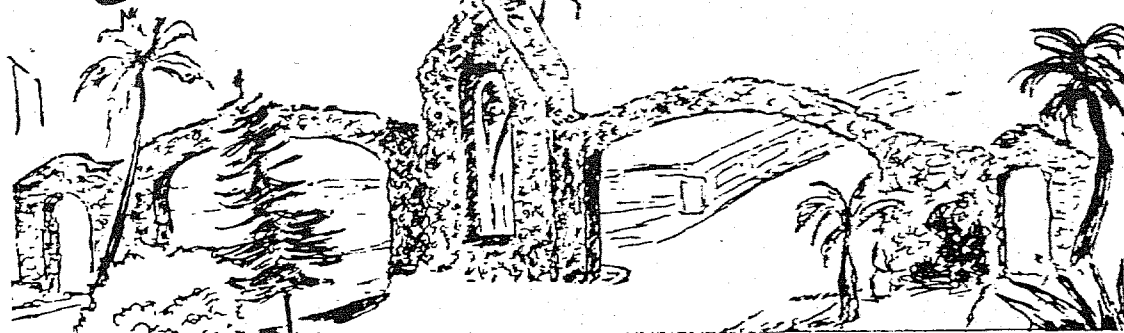
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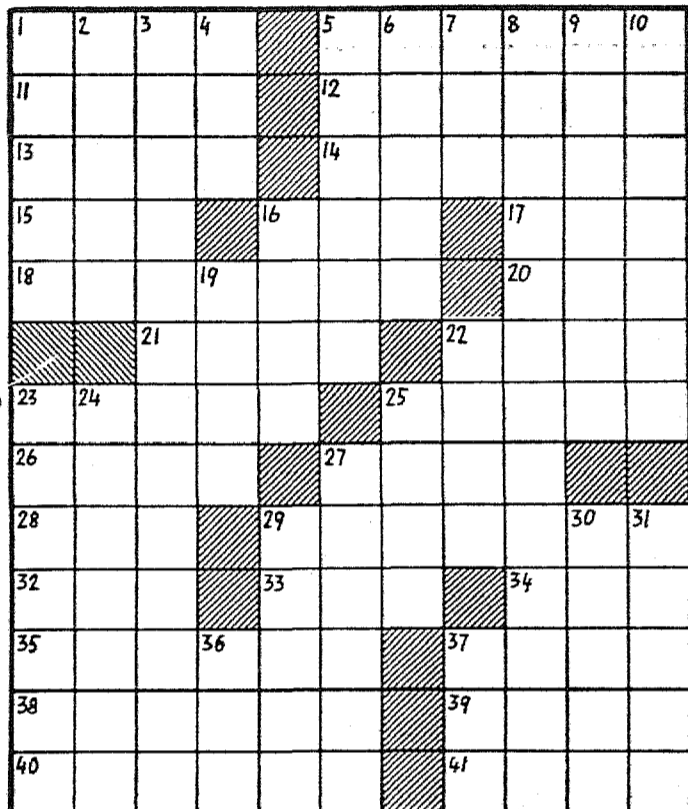
Crossword

by thomas joseph


- ACROSS**
 1 Shoot skyward
 5 Drug-scene character
 11 Factual
 12 Warble; vocalize
 13 Seaweed
 14 Military command
 15 Caddoan Indian
 16 Do a Killy
 17 Earth
 18 Budding movie queen
 20 Bela's son
 21 Fastidious
 22 "Picnic" playwright
 23 Offensive
 25 Beer
 26 Being (Sp.)
 27 Name for Aqueduct racetrack (2 wds.)
 28 One day — time (2 wds.)
 29 Gentlemen of Spain
 32 Burglarize
 33 Got you!
 34 Cereal grain
 35 Tighten a corset
 37 Meditate
 38 — Leone
 39 City of Manasseh

- DOWN**
 1 Izar and Azha
 2 Heraldic wreath
 3 Hercules cleansed them (2 wds.)
 4 Turmeric
 5 Protester
 6 Safe
 7 Subway stop (abbr.)
 8 Playing boisterously (2 wds.)
 9 Glut
 10 Frailer
 16 Do in
 19 Network
 22 False friend
 23 Least remote
 24 Cather's "My —"

Answer to crossword on page 23



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The Colony's Florida guests this week include Col. Neal E. Norton and Party of Deltona; Mr. Bryan

Eastman of Delray Beach; Mr. William J. Mack and family of Tarpon Springs; Mr. and Mrs. John McEvoy and party of Pompano Beach.

Pro life notes

Anyone who would like to learn more about Pro-Life is invited to the Pirate Playhouse on the third Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. for some interesting conversation, a cup of tea and some free booklets and circulars about how to save the life of a most precious heritage, babies. Phone 472-2121 so's to be sure there is enough water in the kettle. This month the third Wednesday is March 17th.

Letter to The ISLANDER...

To the ISLANDER:

Of late we have heard a lot of expert testimony by engineers and those who profess knowledge of ways by which the sea can be controlled to prevent erosion on Captiva beaches.

There is a point, however, at which engineering expertise leaves off and common sense takes over.

We have had examples of engineering skills at work in all parts of the world; few, if any of the recommended remedies for control have been successful. The record books are replete with engineering failures in attempts to stop the natural processes from prevailing.

Even on Captiva there are several examples of engineering installations; bulkhead on the inside of Red Fish Pass, revetment just south of Palm Avenue on the Gulf, seawalls installed at the south end of the Island, not to mention the quarter million dollar dog bone groins. All properly engineered, either partial or total failures.

This brings us to the point of wondering whether there has been too much engineering and not enough common sense employed on this subject.

It is now proposed that a rock groin be installed on the south side of Red Fish Pass on the Gulf. The engineer, who has spoken on many occasions in support of this project, professes faith in his conclusion. But, when pressed for guarantees, he admitted that it is impossible to predict with absolute certainty that this installation would not adversely effect contiguous areas of the beach.

Let us look at the need for such an installation. Many homes and apartments were erected on the north end of the Island. Certainly, the promoters of this development must have known this is one of the most vulnerable areas on Captiva. It has been so labeled by the engineering study conducted by the Captiva Erosion District.

In fact the contract of purchase contains this warning, "that said property is located within an area as having Special Flood Hazards." If it were not necessary to protect these properties from a severe tropical storm, it is doubted that the question of installing this groin at this time would be so compelling. This is not to imply that these property owners are not entitled to some relief from this danger. However, in relieving our situation, consideration should be given to other property owners who could very likely be adversely affected.

Erosion problems are the responsibility of the Captiva Erosion Prevention District. The district commissioners are appointed by the Governor at Tallahassee. There is now a proposal in the hands of our State Representatives. One way by which we can bring a measure of common sense to our erosion problems is to write to these Representatives requesting that they support a bill to allow voters on Captiva to elect their own Erosion Commissioners. This should be done without delay, otherwise we can look to further costly errors in judgment on this question.

-s Joseph Green
Captiva

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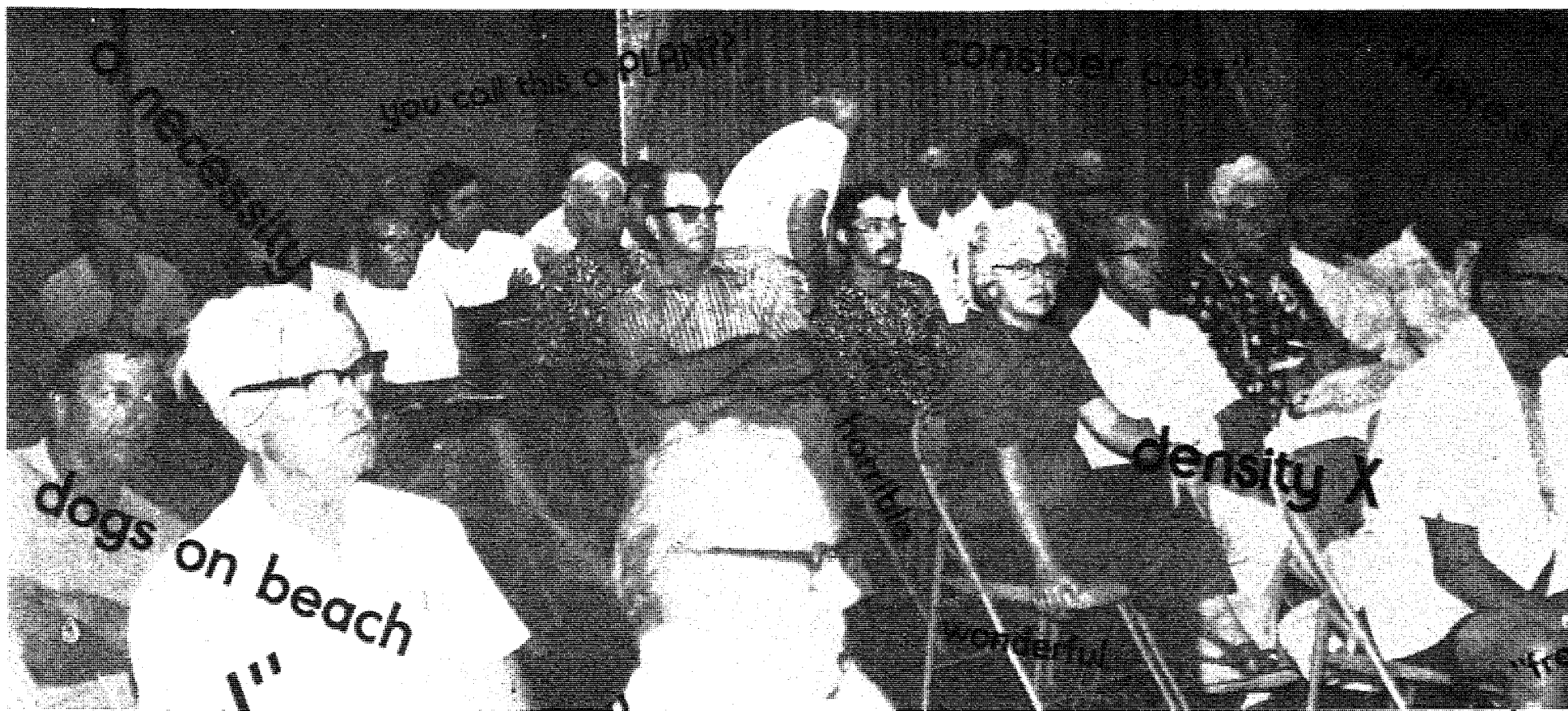
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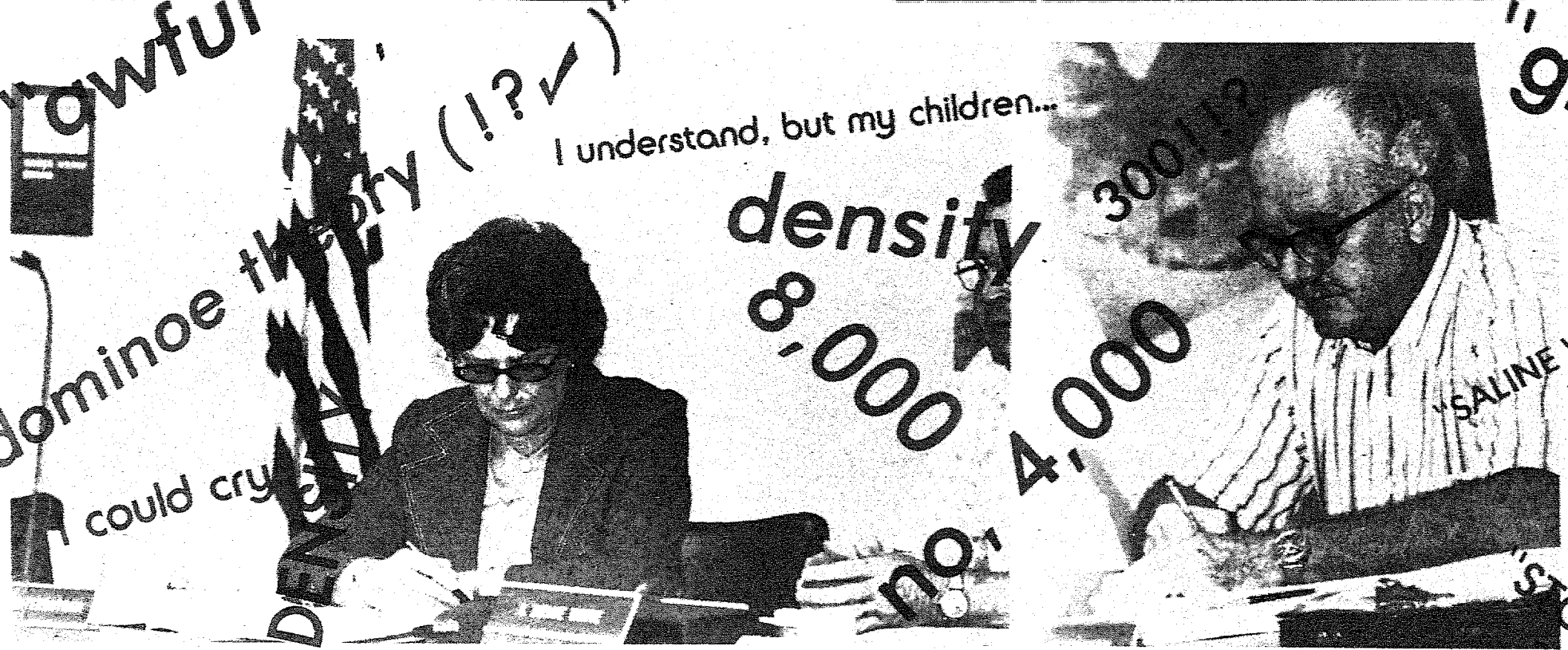
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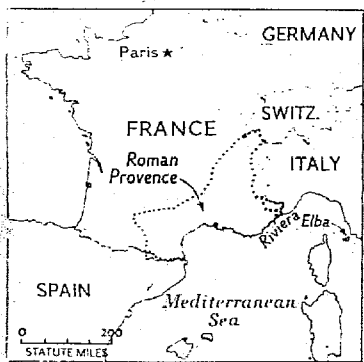
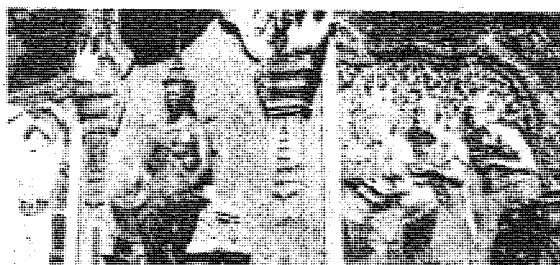


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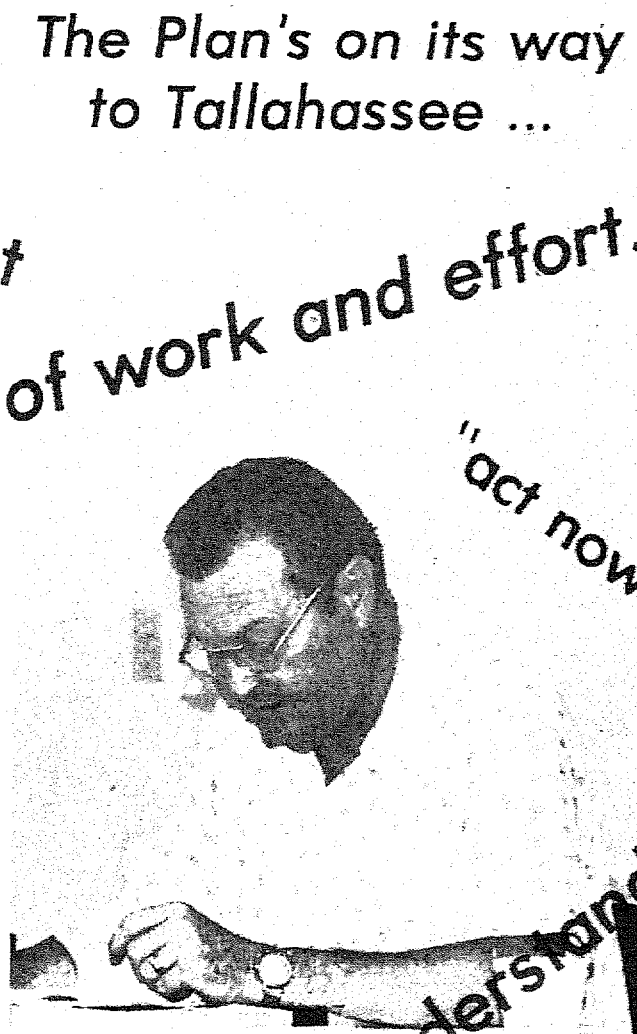
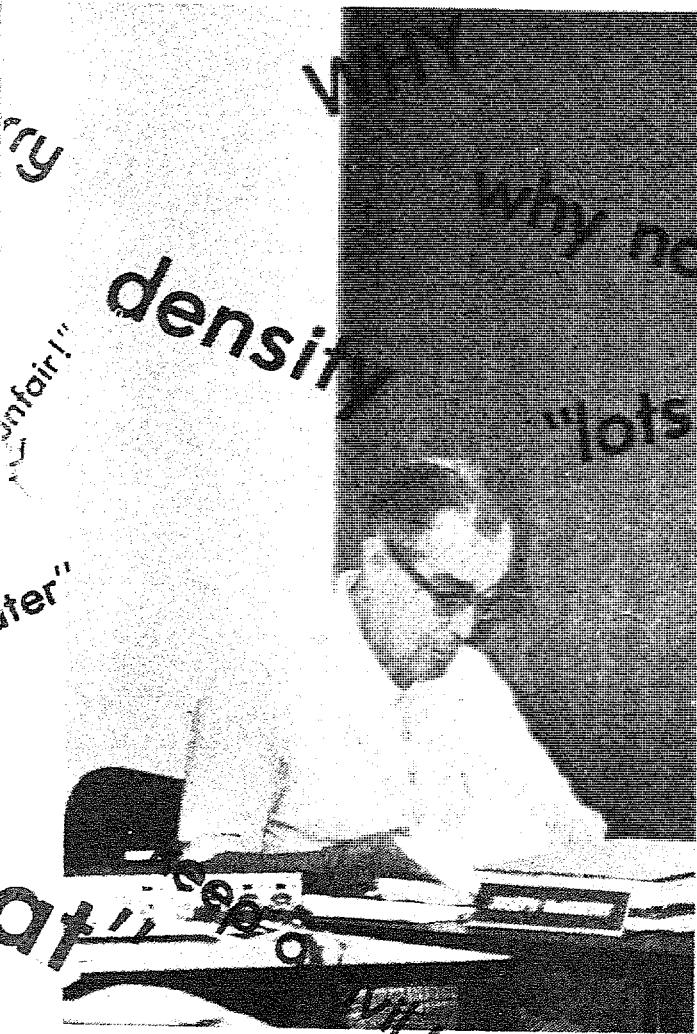
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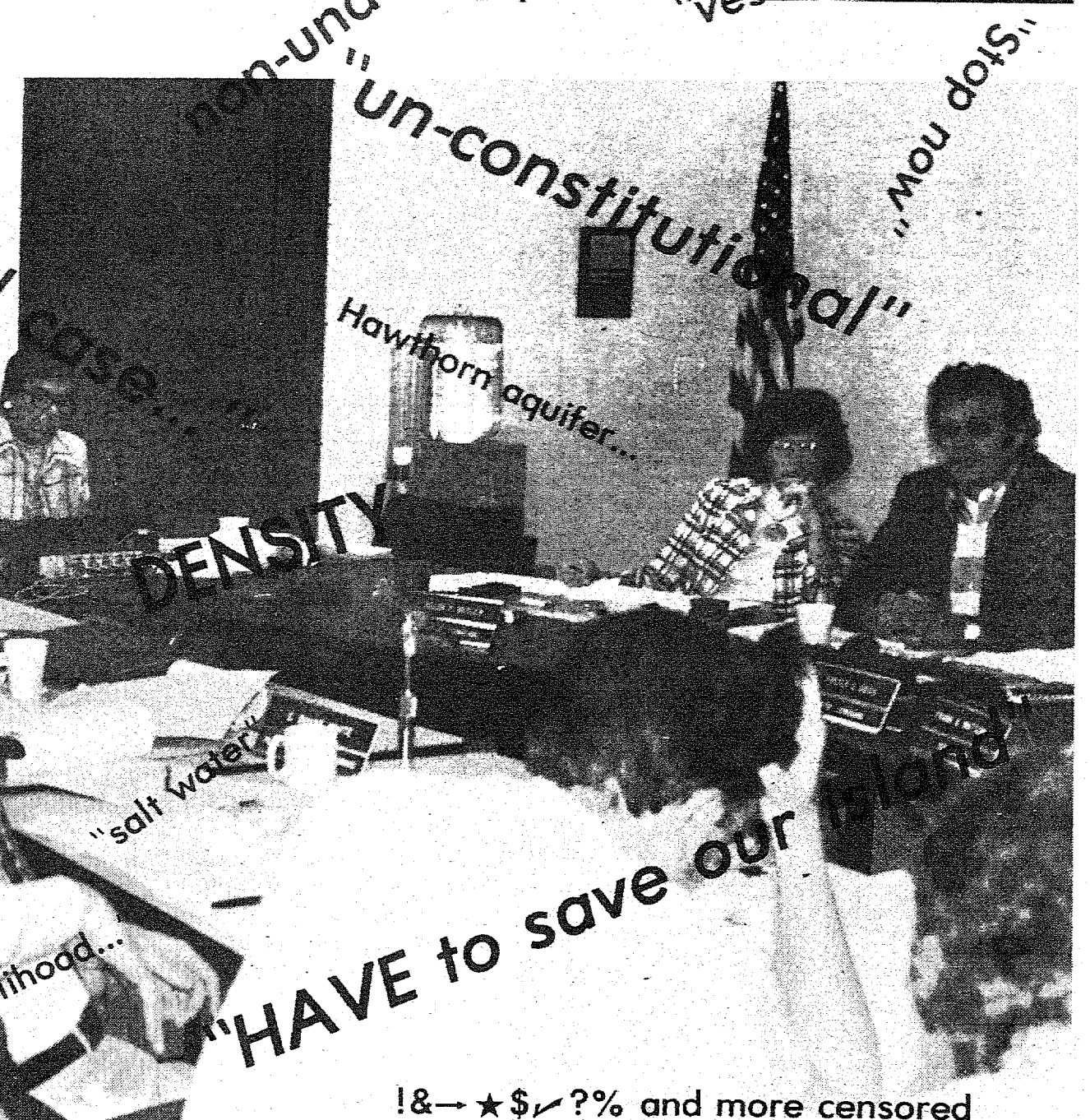
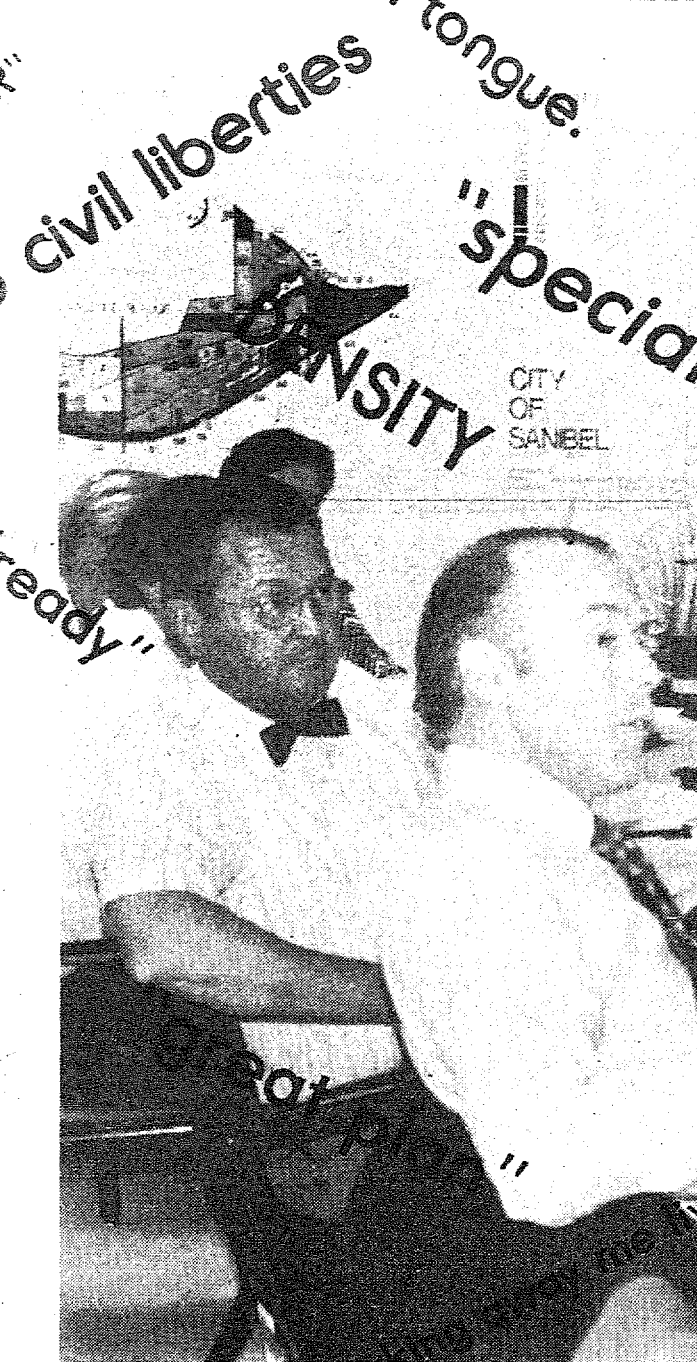
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A week of decisions ...

The Plan's on its way to Tallahassee ...



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 "lots of work and effort..."
 "act now"
 "love"
 "hate"
 "great police"
 "density"
 "unfair!"
 "after"



non-understanding:
 "vested interests"
 "civil liberties"
 "tongue."
 "special"
 "un-constitutional"
 "Mou dots"
 "Hawthorn aquifer..."
 "salt water"
 "HAVE to save our"
 "Mithood..."

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Ed Underhill; Not a perfect plan but good
Clarke Newcombe; Preserve unique and natural characteristics.

Wm. Webb; How are professional planners going to look at the high density along the Gulf? "Aha! that's the unique part of Sanibel."

Charles Smith; Land perks too well.
Arthur Hunter; "Fortitude to see it through."

Carl Almas; Can't afford to build at six units per acre.
Ti Symroski; Approve and get going.

Ruth Hunter; I've been going up to your house for 23 years to swim, Porter. ...
David Davenport; Now is the time for action; pass plan.

Edna Russel; City council has been too patient for too long.

Pate Bertram; Against the plan.
Frank Vellake; Consider architectural review board; esthetic control over future building.

Committee of the Islands
Wm. Kimball; For the plan "Do not give away our birthright"

Nancy Bruce; What worries me is "land use."

Don Bissell "a lot of questions" Cost of plan, conflict of interest reflected on the density allocation map, population statistics.

Ann Hoffman; Not logical to zone property along major arterie, residential.

Guy Amason; On record for CPOOS "sacred right of land use."

Mike Dormer; Plan is for today, not for the future; consider the intelligence of man to solve water, sewer and transportation problems.

Richard Workman; in general agreement with ecologic zones and performance standards.

Robert Houser; Tell me about the plan...I'm totally ignorant...are you saying that one person who owns 1 lot of 10,000 feet and I own two lots of 20,000, we can both build one house?

Bob Vartdahl; Setback requirements will "make for a very funny looking home; I have to have cocktails and my pool in my front yard...If I get rowdy I have to do it in

my front yard."
Don Whitehead; Is there an opportunity for revision during the review process?

Philip Hunter; Why do we want to build more roads to encourage growth when the plan says discourage growth?

Bissell; Plan not acceptable to me—irreparable financial damage to too many people.

Bob Vartdahl; Motels not carrying fair share of tax dollars...Shouldn't ask private property owners to spend \$2,000 to \$3,000 to move a tree from one side of lot to the other.

Robert Houser; No way residences on this island can support the tax base without motels.



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Theater notes...

"You Can't Take It With You," the hilariously funny comedy by Moss Hart and George Kaufman can be seen and enjoyed again on Saturday and Sunday at the Pirate Playhouse on Periwinkle Way.

According to Philip Hunter, who directed and appears as Grandpa Martin Vanderhof, this comedy is the perfect example of his opinion that a play should exalt the spirit of man. Only in this way, he observed, can we mortals be inspired to try to lift ourselves up by our bootstraps out of the realities of life, which sometimes can be pretty grim, and to put us in a frame of mind to do some of the things that so badly need to be done for ourselves and our neighbors to bring us all a wee step closer to the ideal

of life that we all have stored away somewhere in our subconscious.

That "You Can't Take It With You" has achieved that objective has been attested to by the tremendous reception given it by Pirate Playhouse audiences all winter long.

The Hunters want to give high praise for the success the play has had to the splendid cast which has given such consistently fine performances. Bonnie Wegrin, Mozella Jordan, Jack Stormer, Frank Herndon, Robert Krepin, Wyman Atkins, Patricia Slater, Jerry McWilliams, Brian Webb, Rob Alberts, Zelma Herndon, William Krueger, Sam Mayeron, Margaret Krueger, and, of course, Stephanie Webb backstage.



Stephanie and Brian Webb in YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU At The Pirate Playhouse



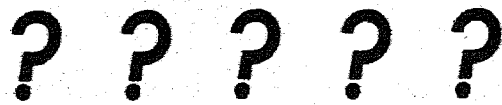
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It's a girl!

Well, Gene Kontinos Loughney finally did it -- she produced a beautiful bouncing 9 lb. 7 oz. girl around 2 a.m. Thursday, March 11. (Due in late February, ye editor had already arrived at the conclusion the young one HAD to be a girl-- for who

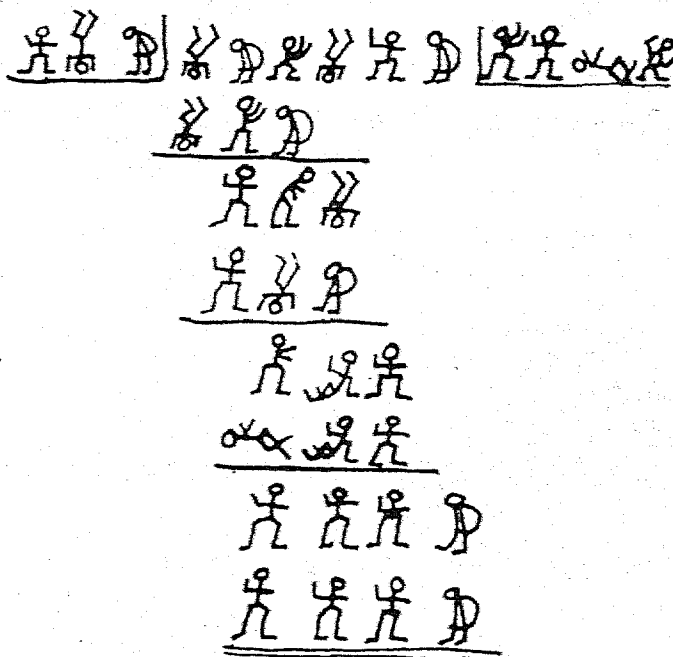
else but a female would keep everyone waiting this long?) Anyhow, Athanasia Loughney is more than welcome! At last report, the 22 inch long baby was fine. Mama Gene was delighted and Daddy Tom MAY recover if we give him a chance!



The strange configurations below happen to be a puzzle in math—and a puzzle to us in more ways than one. The problem turned up when a member of the family was cleaning out some old boxes and came across a number of letters written back and forth between members of the Brown family and brothers and sisters. The following was written in 1932, when, we're told, there was an Egyptian craze going on anyway—but what we can't figure out HOW one arrives at the answer.

At least in a puzzle using words, one starts with the assumption that the most frequently repeated symbol is an "e" but how in the world does one even START to figure out which symbol represents which number. . . and why? If any of our more mathematically inclined readers can tell us, we'd surely like to know.

We're printing the answer below. . . but we're still mystified as to how the answer is arrived at.



The above are theoretically heiroglyphics found in an Egyptian Tomb, and are supposed to represent an example in long division from the school room of a young Pharaoh. Can you substitute Arabic numerals?

Answer: 145 divided into 453415 equals 3127 which, by the by, happens to check out correctly according to our handy dandy little calculator. The numbers, in case it happens to make the "how" of the answer any easier to arrive at are arranged thusly:

$$\begin{array}{r} 145 \overline{) 453415} \quad (3127 \\ \underline{435} \\ 184 \\ \underline{145} \\ 391 \\ \underline{290} \\ 1015 \\ \underline{1015} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

So there. We'd truly be most happy if someone can tell us the "how."

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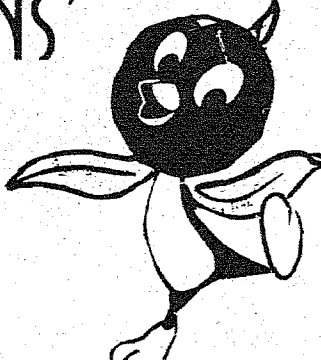
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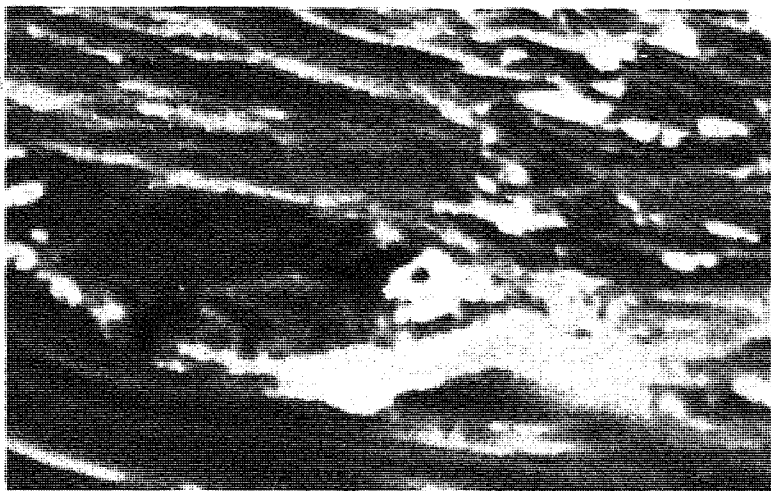
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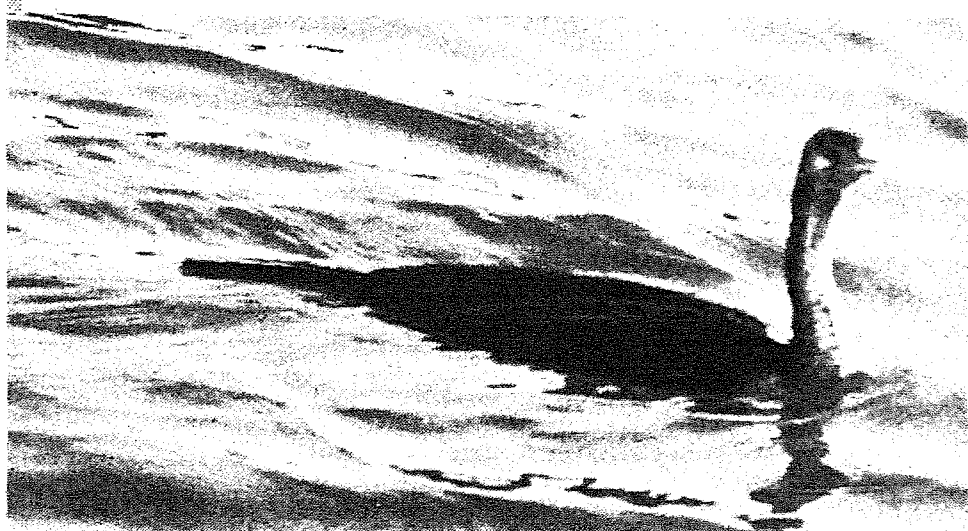


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Legalized gambling?

The Floridians for State Controlled Casinos (FSCC) sent us the petitions printed on this page with a plea that the ISLANDER print them. Again, in the interest of fair play all around (no pun intended) we are doing so.

The ISLANDER is neither taking a stand for state casinos, nor are we against them, in their proper place (which would probably be Dade County) but, as the petitions state, if you sign and send them in, you will

merely be expressing your opinion that the voters of Florida should be able to vote by referendum as to whether or not they wish to consider the legality of gambling county by county.

As the covering letter, signed by Jay E. Kashuk, state coordinator of FSCC emphasizes, "the issue is not whether you oppose casino gambling or are for it; the issue is letting the people of Florida decide whether they want to vote for state-controlled casino gambling on the ballot in

November."

We've heard it said for a number of years by some pretty savvy people that casinos are the only thing which will keep the tourist business in Miami and Miami Beach alive (which point may or may not be debatable) but from a purely selfish point of view,

if a Florida tourist really comes to the state rather aimlessly, basically drawn here by the climate, and decides that playing dice in Miami is The Thing To Do, that is probably one less day tourist we get on Sanibel, which, as things are going, may end up being A Good Thing.

Return Petition To:
Floridians For State-Controlled Casinos, Inc.

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PETITION FORM

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

PETITION PURSUANT TO
ARTICLE XI, SECTION 3, INITIATIVE

TO: Secretary of State
State of Florida

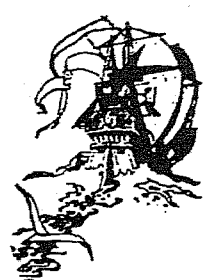
We, the undersigned registered voters of the above County of the State of Florida, do hereby petition the Secretary of State, for the State of Florida, under the provisions of Article XI, Section 3, of the Florida Constitution to place before the electors on the ballot in the general election to be held November 2, 1976, the following Amendment to the Florida Constitution:

Article VIII, Section 7 is hereby created and the present Article X, Section 7 is hereby amended to read:

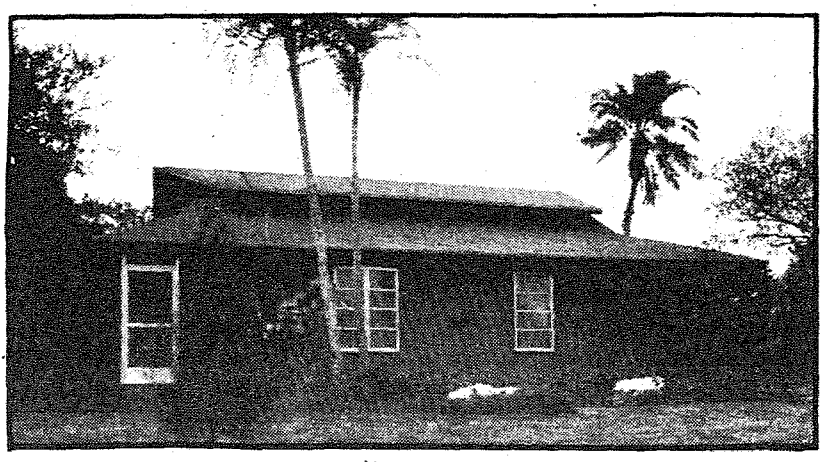
Article VIII LOCAL GOVERNMENT Section 7. -- Local option: gambling establishments -- Local option on the legality or prohibition of state-regulated gambling establishments, other than the types of pari-mutuel pools authorized by law as of the effective date of this Constitution, shall be preserved to each county. The status of a county with respect thereto shall be changed only by vote of the electors in a special election called upon the petition of 10% of the electors of the county, and not sooner than two years after an earlier election on the same question. Where legal, such establishment shall be regulated by law.

Article X MISCELLANEOUS Section 7. Lotteries -- Lotteries, other than the types of pari-mutuel pools authorized by law as of the effective date of this Constitution and state-regulated gambling establishments authorized under the provisions of Article VIII, Section 7 of this Constitution, are hereby prohibited in this State.

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Sail ho (a sailing column)

Tuning Your Rigging
by Paul Taylor

One of the biggest keys to winning a race is in tuning your mast properly. I have found that the best place to start, is to take all the tension off the shrouds. The next thing to do is put a heavy object, (such as a wrench or hammer) to your main halyard. Pull the halyard up until the object is even with the bottom black band on the mast. Let the boat settle down, then

measure the distance between the object on the halyard and the band on the mast. I prefer to start with the mast perpendicular. Once it is perpendicular, tighten the shrouds so it will stay in that position, and take it out for a sail. If the boats helm is neutral, you know you are close to having it right. With every boat you should have a little bit of weather helm. So keeping that in mind move the mast aft about 2 or 3 inches. Tighten the shrouds up

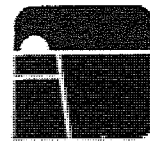
again. Take the boat out, and if it shows a little weather helm you should leave the rigging there.

Once you get the mast in the proper position, you must then work on the sails to get the full effectiveness out of the mast and the sail together.

Next week I will discuss the fairlead placement for the different jibs, and the traveler and boomvang settings for the main.

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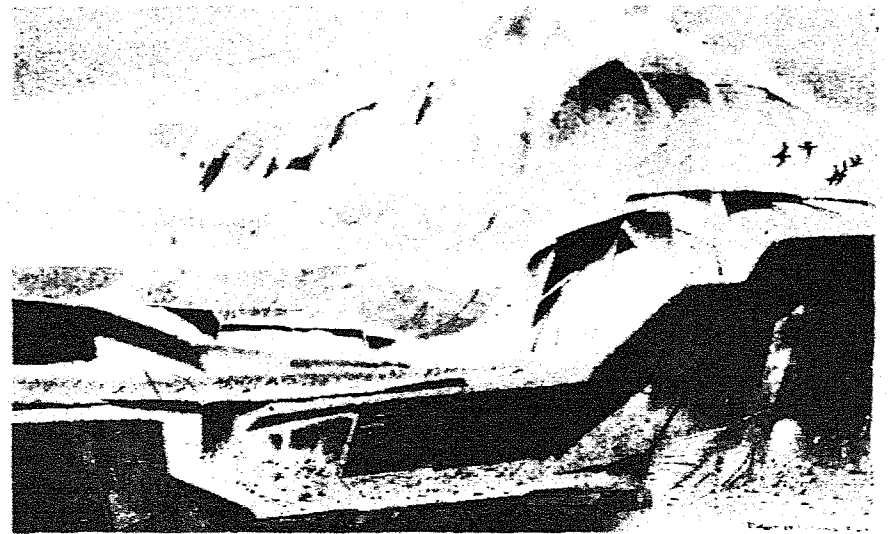
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Remembering...

Had a chance (in between looking for Comet West or Comet Koozle, depending on whose account you believed first) we had a chance to look over some old issues this week (and have to remember to correct a big "oops" from the last remembering column later on on) with these results:

The two page one stories on March 21, 1962, were reports on an "excellent talk" given by Lawrence B. Chapman of Princeton, Mass., to the Audubon Society, who spoke mostly of New England Birds, but showed a few slides of some Sanibel birds he had taken while visiting here, and the continuing efforts of the Jay (Ding) Darling Memorial committee to get going on "one of the largest projects ever undertaken on Sanibel Island."

The committee, which met twice, once on the 12th and once on the 16th at the Cocnut Grove, authorized Paul Simonds to call ex-senator J.A. Franklin of the Fort Myers law firm to represent the committee and to seek aid from the State, the Federal Government and Gov. Farris Bryant, whose recreational development committee chairman, William R. Kidd, had recently reported that "Our indigenous bird population may virtually disappear unless adequate sanctuaries are provided. More and More lands which have provided the habitat for these creatures are being lost to development." (Wonder what he'd report now?)

In other news of the week, Mr. and Mrs. B.A. Lynch were occupying the William Stevenson home on Captiva during their annual visit here, Mrs. Schaffer lost a paper sack with shotgun parts near the ferry landing, Golden Sands was asking people to watch for their grand opening, and a column called "Wildlife Notes" said that many people have commented on the "critical" water levels in the Islands' sloughs and canals, and the adverse affect this was having on native wildlife. "Nature's famous balance can never work again," mourned the article, and "if the land were as it was 200 years ago, the loss...would be negligible... (but) at present, the blame must be placed on man's actions, and we must realize that our wildlife faces even greater danger in the future."

At a Saint Patrick's Day Dance, Francis Bailey outdid everyone in all age brackets and walked off with the "Twist King" crown and Betty's Hawaiian Village ("unspoiled by civilization") was advertising shelling and dredging trips to the largest live shell beds in the western hemisphere.

Moving forward to March 11, 1965, Dr. R. Tucker Abbott was photographed holding the Shell Fair "Shell of the Show," a giant lemon brown cockle which was found live near Tulipa Way by J.H. Happel on Feb. 27 of that year. Dr. Abbott observed that "less than a dozen of this color are known to have been found."

Mr. and Mrs. E. Flynn Ford of Fort Lauderdale and St. Louis were shown with their much admired "unclassified" exhibit, in which they had a specially ordered Stubens crystal plate etched with a shell and a matching real shell displayed below, which took a first place, and Mrs. Hugh O'Donnell of Bethlehem, Pa., won the shell table.

A 95 x 140 ft. canal lot was offered for \$2,800 with terms; Harry Schooley, Tax Assessor, was urging those who were eligible to file for homestead exemption, it was announced that the date for the Shell Fair "WAS" determined by the tides, since it was held on the first neap tide in March or the last once in February. All that, of course, went out with the advent of the causeway two years before.

"Neap" tides, for those who wish to amaze your guests without playing the piano at your next party, are caused by the sun and the moon being on opposite sides of the earth, so the tides are sort of evened off, and are neither extremely high or extremely low.

We were on an epigram kick that week, and threw out such gems as "A king without identification is only another peasant" and "What you think of others is probably close to what they think of you." Hmmmm, indeed, especially on that last one!

Chuck Nave celebrated his 15th birthday by scoring 12 points for Cypress Lake in a basketball game, which, most unfortunately, the school lost by 30 points. His father rolled the high three game series with a 567 in the Sunday night mixed doubles at the Beach Bowl, and Bill Way at Sanibel Marina was advertising such diverse things

as live bait, new Evinrude motors, fresh made sandwiches and keys made to order!

Jumping forward to 1971 (and catching up with our "oops") last time we wrote this column we stated the Mary Cunningham Memorial trophy was started in 1971. 'Twasn't. It was first awarded in 1968 (to Julia Woodring) but it was still the NEWEST trophy in 1971. (That's what one gets from jumping to conclusions.)

Anyhow, that year, Jo and Rusty Bennet won the duPont Trophy for the most outstanding exhibit in show with their Florida display, any source. There were 143 separate exhibits that year in the Community House; the judges decided who won which of the 22 awards in the scientific division in three and a half hours, and more people attended the fair than ever before. Marshall Tabacchi counted more than 800 cars the first day alone.

E.H. Hartman, as a "future resident of Sanibel" warned against development on Sanibel such as was taking place at that time in Venice, Florida, where "condominium residents are able to outvote the house owners...and all the water in the bays and rivers are now polluted."

George Tenney joined the cast of "Apple of His Eye" at the Pirate Playhouse, with fellow thespians being Bill Bates, Karen Kemle, Yvonne Nave, Ted Fonda, Ruth Hunter, Elaine Patton and Duane White. The Camera Club held its first meeting ever, the Mary Cunningham Award, which at that time was awarded to the "best self collected Sanibel Captiva Shell of the Show" by an elementary school student went to Kevin Vellake, and the shell table was won by Mrs. T.C. Denmark of Chatanooga with a ticket sold her by Ruth Anderson. At Bailey's, eggs were 29 cents a dozen, Starkist Tuna, 39 cents a can, ground coffee, 89 cents a pound, and Picnic hams, 39 cents a pound.

United Telephone announced that Sanibel and Captiva could now call Fort Myers, Cape Coral, North Fort Myers, Alva and Fort Myers Beach (which they could do before anyway) tollfree, and "QB.VII" and "The Greening of America" topped the best seller list at MacIntoshes book shop.

by Ruth Hunter

Yankee Doodle came to town
A riding on a pony,
Stuck a feather in his cape
And called it macaroni.

Yankee doodle keep it up,
Yankee doodle Dandy,
Mind the music and the step
And with the girls be handy.



At the time just prior to the American Revolution there was a fad of "dandyism" in Merry Old England, whereby the non-working gentry wore outlandish Italian style clothing and stuck feathers (macaroni) in their caps. When British fighting men came to the colonies they found the yokels in the new world emulating this snob attire of the home country. So they ridiculed the colonists with the words of Yankee Doodle, set to the music of a drinking song. The active revolutionaries seized upon this and made it a rallying point to gain more support. What started as a joke turned against the British.

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Sanibel is national news . . .

An Editorial
by Virginia N. Brown

Sanibel and The Plan are making headlines all over the place - Sports Illustrated, the New York Times, and, the most recent we know of, the March, 1976, "Audubon" magazine devoted almost three full pages to Sanibel.

A copy of the article was sent to the ISLANDER by Noel J. MacCarry of New City, New York, who said that as a reader of the ISLANDER and soon-to-be resident of Sanibel, he and his wife thought we'd be interested in reading it. Thank you, sir - we are.

The article is headed "Will Sanibel dreams thwart get-rich schemes?" and starts off with an allegorical take off of Genesis, to wit: "In the beginning Man discovered Sanibel Island. And the island was without plan, and devoid of subdivision; and stillness was upon the face of the deep. But the Spirit of Man moved upon the face of the waters. . ."

The allegory continued with an explanation of business growth and the building of houses and subdivisions on Sanibel, and ended up with the creation of the causeway. . . "And the comings and the goings were the second problem."

And, unto that point, we agree with Gary Soucie, the author of the article. The comings and goings certainly are a problem. In an early morning discussion with an old time Islander and a friend (whose name we shall not disclose), the friend said "You know, there are two things which ruined Sanibel."

"Okay," said we. "The causeway and what else?"

"The water Association," quoth he.

"The WHAT?" we cried.

"Stop to think a minute."

We did.

"If there were not an available supply of water, and people had to rely upon cisterns (those are those things which were filled with rain water, hopefully) and wells, which," he continued, "would almost always go salt in the dry season anyway, we'd never have had anyone who'd invest large amounts of money on the Islands to draw large amounts of people here. . . and presto, no people. . . no problems!"

Once again, we had to agree. Without people, we would have no problems, except of course, me and thee, and me's not so sure about thee. (That was supposed to be a joke.)

Of course, the problem is. . . we do have people. In pre-causeway days, the ferry very efficiently kept even the tourist proliferation down, and there were only a few hundred people living here. Then came the causeway, and the people who had been planning to retire here anyway, and the ones who just stopped over for a day (a rare occurrence with the ferry, since it cost \$1 for the car and 50 cents per person EACH way) and their friends, and friends of friends, and guess what we have? A LOT of people.

But getting back to the article, which quotes Dick Workman as well as the Conservation Foundation (both local and national) extensively, there is one thing

about it which bothers us a great deal. It only presents one side of the problem of planning, or, to be more specific, The Plan as drawn up by Wallace, McHarg, Roberts and Todd (WMRT), which it depicts as ideal.

It accepts absolutely the figures used by WMRT as to population; it states that the local attitude seems to be "Let's protect natural systems, but not at my expense" and, even worse (in our eyes) does not even hint that some of The Plan's critics could possibly be anything except "pot-shotters."

The hue and cry by the city fathers and others who support the plan that Sanibel is being sold down the river by developers and fast buck artists is as a nursery tale told to a querulous child at bedtime compared to the efforts now going on in national magazines, TV and newspapers of other cities to sell Sanibel's land use plan across the country. Thousands, and possibly millions, of more people are now aware of Sanibel through these efforts than through the most extensive advertising campaign by any developer in the past.

According to The Plan's proponents, to even question The Plan is the vilest heresy. As with any question which has more than one side, the fringe minority of both sides contain over zealous persons who attack vitriolically any who disagree with them—but this is certainly not to say that we believe any who question the plan are automatically in the wrong, just as those who are for the plan are not automatically right.

There are major flaws in The Plan—for instance, the rewarding of those who have overbuilt "and can build more because that's where the services are."

Why should the property owner who owns 20 acres of land west of Tarpon Bay who has refrained, for one reason or another, from any development so far not be now allowed to build the same structures as a man who owns 20 acres east of Tarpon Bay developed years ago?

"Because the services are east of Tarpon Bay." The Plan might as logically say, "Because then the Island would sink."

We certainly would not be so foolish as to say that everyone who opposes the Plan does so completely altruistically on constitutional grounds - - we're quite sure there are those who look at the Plan and see dollars disappearing down the drain.

But we are certainly NOT about to state that all those in favor of the Plan are angels who have nothing at heart but conservation and ecology.

To begin with, if The Plan goes through, the price of any already built upon or buildable upon land will skyrocket; the market price of the "unbuildable land" will correspondingly drop - - and we're sure that there are a number of people lurking in the background who have the money, time and patience to buy out those who can't hold out.

And just where does this leave us? Waiting for someone to blow up the bridge, while the IWA springs an enormous gout of liquid and we get hit by a force three hurricane all at the same time.

By the by - - the word "ecology" is based on the Greek word for house - - and "house" does surely imply people.

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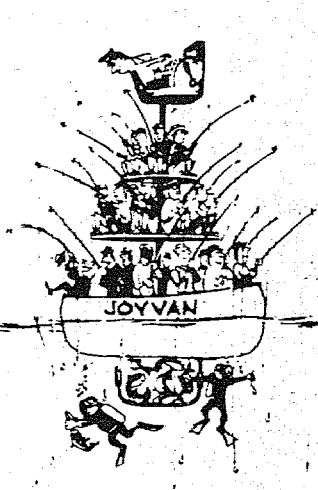
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Real eel tips . . .

By Skip Purdy
Almost everyone likes to fish if everything is going his way. Watch out for a disappointment when that good expensive reel you bought a few months back breaks down. It's generally due to neglect and lack of regular maintenance.

Carry your reels in cases or in your tackle box until ready to use. Never put them down in sand or dirt that will ruin them.

After each fishing day give the reel a good check-over. Place them in a basin of warm water, using a washcloth to remove any dirt or salt deposits. Next step is to allow them to dry and spray them with a moisture removing spray, I recommend LPS. Loosen the drag; a drag kept tight will deform the washers and maybe ruin them.

Most reels should get a light oiling at the roller, reciprocating shaft, rotating cup, handle shaft, handle

and the two bearings at either end of the bail. It's best to follow the manufacturer's instructions for oiling and greasing.

After a long fishing trip remember to check reel screws, loose parts or any stiffness. Make sure everything is tight.

At the end of each season your fishing reel should be checked and dismantled.

For the spinning reel, which is the most popular in our area, remove the side plate (held by several screws and check the grease. If all is clean, and not worn, replace the plate. Check the bail and roller for grooves. Also make sure the roller is rolling properly.

If your reel has dirty grease inside then clean them thoroughly in a pan of solvent. Soak each reel part except plastic parts. Dry the parts, replace them and grease each part as it says in the reel instruction booklet.

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Albuquerque wy	61	23	New York sy	47	34
Anchorage cy	21	13	.04	Okla City cy	63	29
Asheville r	58	29	Omaha cy	46	24
Atlanta r	57	38	Philadelphia sy	49	31
Baltimore pc	53	33	Phoenix f	78	43
Birmingham pc	61	42	Pittsburgh pc	43	28
Boston f	50	34	Portland Me. cy	41	29
Charlton S.C. th	53	48	.07	Portland Ore. f	51	40	.67
Charlotte N.C. r	52	33	Providence f	45	33
Chicago pc	46	32	St. Louis cy	59	25
Cleveland cy	49	26	Salt Lake City f	47	38	.04
Columbus cy	48	22	San Diego sy	60	49
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El Paso f	72	25	Tampa pc	92	66
Hartford f	50	31	Washington pc	55	34
Honolulu f	78	57	Wichita cy	59	24
Houston cy	51	46	.07				
Indianapolis pc	51	21				
Jackson Miss. r	57	41	.23	c-clear			
Jacksonville pc	68	52	cl-clearing			
Kansas City cy	52	30	cy-cloudy			
Las Vegas f	71	37	dr-drizzle			
Little Rock cy	58	38	.35	fg-fog			
Los Angeles sy	73	45	m-missing			
Louisville pc	57	25	pc-partly cloudy			
Memphis pc	62	44	.01	r-rain			
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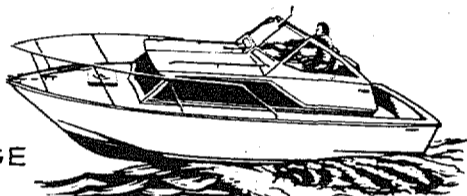
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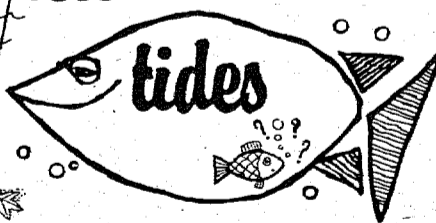
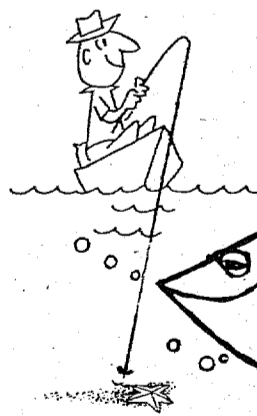
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Conversion table: The above tides are for the lighthouse point of Sanibel only. To convert for Redfish Pass (north tip of Captiva), add 55 minutes to the time shown for every hi tide, and subtract two (2) minutes for every low tide. (NO, we don't know why, but it works. Instructions following are even less sense-sical but, as we stated, they do work.)

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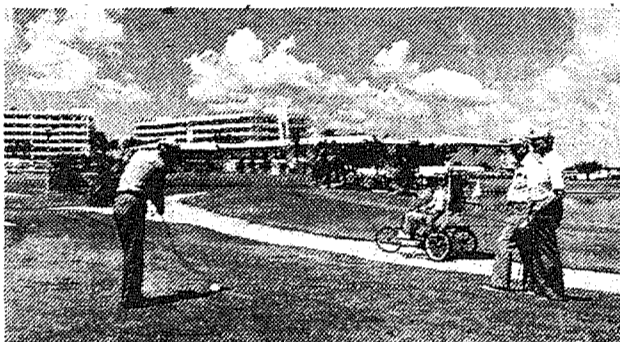
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TAURUS: Emphasis will be in the areas of career,

business today. Those of you with parents will be concerned with their health. An interesting influence on your social or romantic life.

GEMINI: Be careful in lifting, especially while playing. Conflict ahead between professional aspirations and home or

family responsibilities. Don't take safety for granted.

CANCER: Relatives or in-laws will bring you good news which is likely to throw some light on your plans for the future. Walk on by a chance to advance your career by dubious means.

LEO: Use care in dealing with your own property, or that of others. Guard against theft or loss, if possible. You are going to get off on a slow start if traveling, so take it easy.

VIRGO: More than the usual amount of buying and selling going on now. People around you are a little edgy or quick to back out of an agreement.

LIBRA: Changes coming with regard to your work, or employment and health. Take advantage of public and private privileges not available. Put nothing past a competitor.

SCORPIO: Invest conservatively, if at all. Good time to look over environmental conditions and matters related to basic security, such as insurance, real estate. Good time to get together with the family.

SAGITTARIUS: Social life will be a joy, and some publicity is likely. Guests are likely to overstay or drop in unexpectedly. Don't ignore orders that come from authority.

CAPRICORN: Now is a good time to sign up for a study course, as parents may be extra amenable to favors and grant important requests. Communication from a distance.

AQUARIUS: Some robbing Peter to pay Paul going on where finances are concerned. You can promote changes that will benefit you personally. Confer with mate or partner to ease payments.

PISCES: Pay extra attention to pets, but aspects are good for accepting an invitation for a change of scene. This is not the time to mix into office arguments.

City council and the causeway

In other business Friday morning, the council voted to approve a resolution concerning the refinancing of the Sanibel Causeway, after deleting Section 4, the rate covenant section and repealing an amendment to the interlocal agreement with the intent to insert new language.

Robert Fipinger, attorney with the firm of Hawkins, Delafield and Wood who are Bond Counsellors to the City of Sanibel, told the council that a \$12M bonding program with an additional \$6M in 1978 was a "good looking package" because of lower interest rates. The total bonding of \$18M as originally proposed for the refinancing of the Causeway was not as saleable as the 2 stage financing.

Fipinger very carefully outlined the total costs and revenues coming to the city: 1.3 percent of \$12M for placing the bonds.

\$360,000. He explained that if the bonds were sold on a private bid there might be a lower percentage rate for the underwriter, however for the purposes of discussion 3 percent was used.

2. 8 percent for required Reserve account, \$960,000. 3. \$200,000 for renewal and replacement. 4. \$150,000 for the cost of issuance. After subtracting the costs \$10,333,000 is net and of that figure Sanibel's share of 26 percent would amount to \$2,685,800 instead of the 4.2M as originally expected from the refiancing of the Causeway.

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Caretta Research, Inc., was formed in 1968 by a group of citizens who were determined, as far as they were able, to prevent the extinction of the loggerhead sea turtle which, at that time, was being seriously threatened by development.

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Planning Commission

by Carol Quillinan

Two were denied, one was approved and one continued Monday, March 15, at the planning commission morning session. Don Marshall was absent due to illness.

Bill Frey represented two potential home builders, one, Richard Brashler, who won approval on a 5 to 1 one, to build in Gulf Pines even though it was not clear to anyone but the chairman that Gulf Pines was now on the approved subdivision list after the subject having been bandied about for a while.

White explained that he had talked to the planning firm and that it was their decision to allow building in Gulf Pines as platted. After that, Ann Winterbotham motioned to recommend approval to city council.

A recommendation of denial went to Warner P. Heinstein who was requesting to build a home in Sanibel Highlands. Frey presented a septic tank permit from the Lee County Health Department and a copy of a drainage plan for the 7,673.629 square foot lot. The septic tank permit was handed back to Frey.

Frey then explained that the petitioner could not purchase more land, because his lot was in between two existing homes and that Heinstein had vested rights through his deed. After not too much council comment a motion was made to deny recommendation for relief primarily because of the non-conforming lot size.

The Jensen and Lazenby duo came before the commission on a continuation of their request to build two duplexes in the Dunes. They were sent back to the drawing board to revise the setbacks of one of the buildings and also to see if more land could not be purchased so they would conform to the density allocation requirements. They managed to take out an option to purchase more land, albeit 480 square feet less than the required 40,000 but the commission was not bothered as much by that as the tennis court which put the 20 percent lot coverage of impermeable surfaces over that percentage. Emily Underhill said that "the tennis court is your problem."

White asked if they would continue the hearing again to revise the plan deleting the tennis court. The petitioners said "no." A motion was made and passed to deny recommendation. The commissioners also didn't like the placement of the tennis courts being on the property line because they considered, as George Tenney said, the land use plan considers that a fence is a structure. Jensen asked if fences had to conform with the building set back in which case there would be a "20 foot line easement between properties." There was no comment about that.

Dave Holtzman was back after being directed by city council to return to the commission. White read a new definition of motels which had come from the new revised land use plan Saturday. A motel area could comprise from 12 to 200 units at 500 square feet per unit and at a density of 6 units per acre. Holtzman said that he had gotten a formula from Mayor Goss which had been handed down from Vernon Kenzie so that property not included in the existing zoning areas could be counted at 6 units per acre. He proved out by numbers and history that his request of 42 units came close to the density requirements since he had 6.6 acres left over and at 6 units per acre he would have 39 total.

White said that the formula was not an official council action.

Holtzman kept trying but to no avail. At the time I built I had the right to build as many units as would cover 1/2 the land. I should not be penalized because I didn't over develop, waited for the plan and so on. He said the intent of the plan was not to grow "let's face up to it." He said he would argue

with Bosselman and Roberts that it would be economically feasible to build a motel at 6 units per acre. "It's doubletalk to call for more motel units and then not make it economically feasible to build them." It doesn't make sense."

There was public comment pro and con. Ray Fenton, architect for the project, said that 300 units spread out along the beach would take up 7,250 feet which promoted the "axwall," that there would be \$22,500 per unit in land costs alone and that 6 units per acre was not economically feasible, and that the 300 units were added by the economists to provide more tax dollars.

Lee Roy Friday wanted to know what would happen if the planning commission ignored the Nicholas economic report in which 300 units were recommended?

Maxene Michl agreed to the points mentioned by Friday and Fenton, and objected to the "casual way we're treating the economic thing." Tourism is our economy and that the simple finance of anything is predicated on making a return.

She asked that the planning commission look at the practical side and questioned who had privy to the analytical information that went into the economic assumptions. "Apparently the machinations that go into this kind of calculation are known only to those who put the punch card in the computer."

She said that 2 condo units on 3,000 square feet of land and 6 motel units on 3,000 square feet of land both figured at 6 units per acre didn't make much sense.

White took exception to the chinese wall philosophy. "Nobody is looking for a wall along the beach but insisted that "one" of anything has a tremendous impact on everything on Sanibel. McMurtry motioned with approval from Holtzman, to continue the case, in order to hear the planning firm's opinion later this week.

White announced the meeting schedule and then said that the city had hired a city planner, Sam Shannon, who will be aboard the fifth of April.

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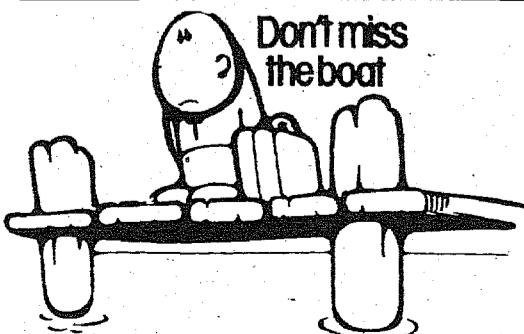
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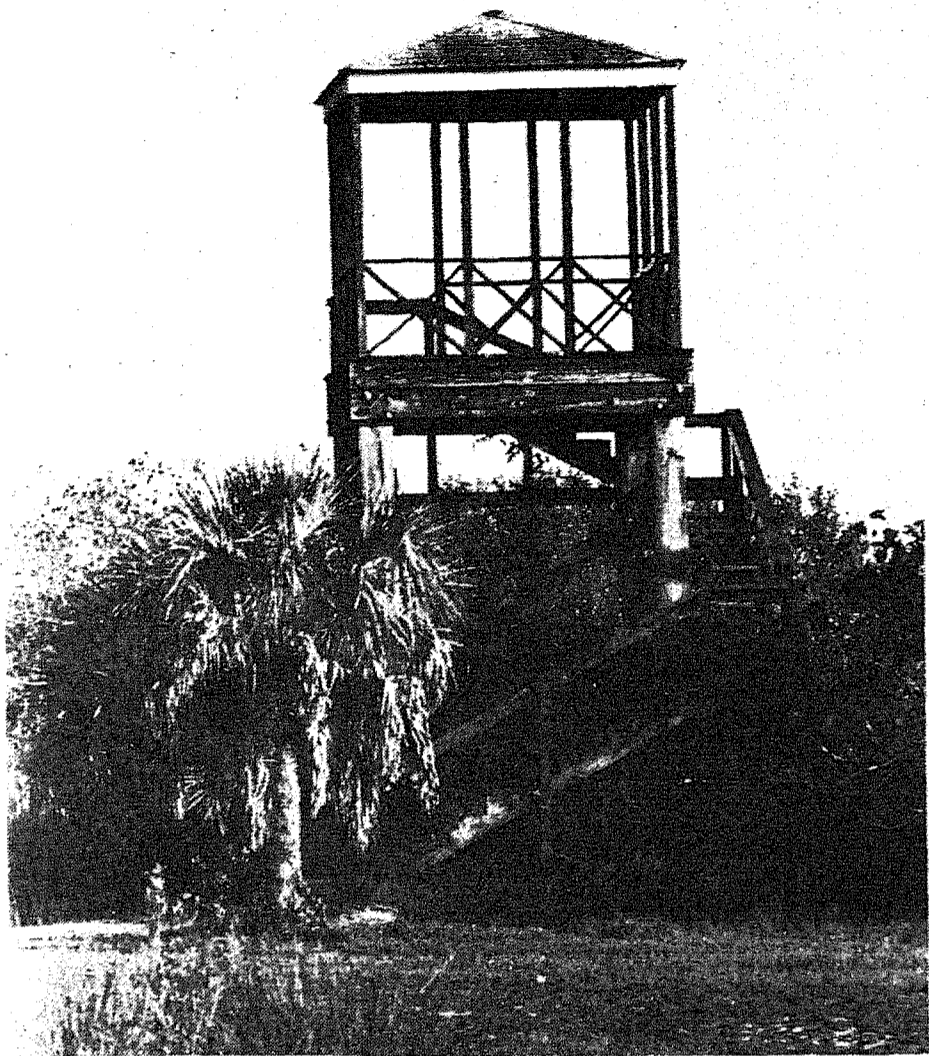


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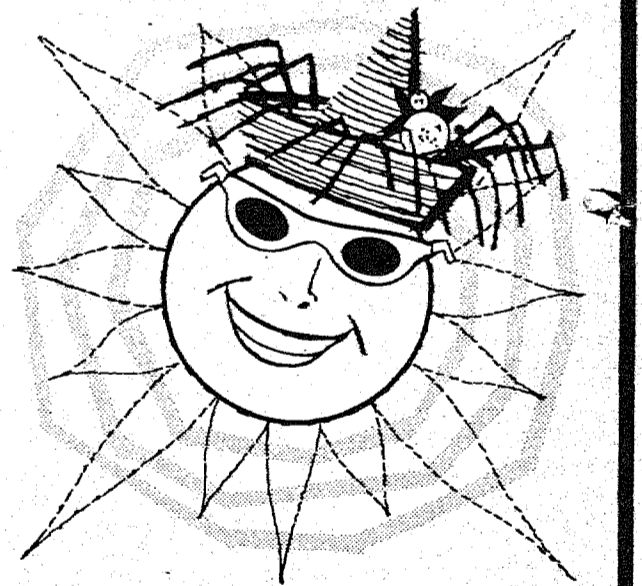
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