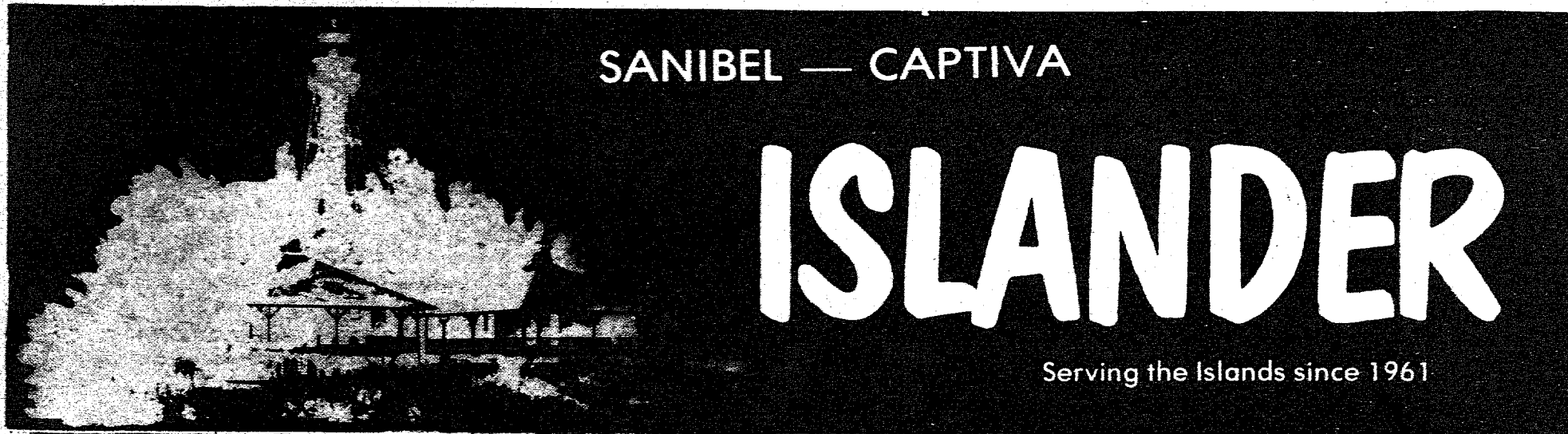


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Council grants first coastal setback variance

by rich arthurs

In somewhat of a precedent setting decision, the Sanibel City Council voted 3 to 2 last Tuesday afternoon to grant the first variance to the coastal construction setback line contained in the city's comprehensive land use plan.

For the council, their action represented a relaxation of one of the city's most cherished development standards within a year of the land use plan's adoption, while for Donald J. Anderson the decision culminated a six-year-long effort to erect his private residence on a long, slender, Gulf-front lot lying to the south of a small section of Gulf Drive in the Tradewinds Subdivision, located south of the westernmost S-curve on

the Sanibel-Captiva Road.

Anderson says that the first four years of his struggle were waged with the Tradewinds Property Owners Association for a waiver of the frontyard setback in the subdivision's deed restrictions, which he said he requested in order to build as far inland as possible on the property.

Since the city's incorporation in November, 1974, Anderson estimates that he has appeared for about 15 hearings before either the city's council or planning commission to plead for a variance from the city's coastal setback line. It falls so far inland on the narrow lot as to render the property useless without the desired

variance, Anderson has maintained throughout.

For what he vowed would be his final hearing last week, Anderson was accompanied by coastal engineer David Tackney, vice president of the Sub-Oceanics engineering firm of Naples, Florida.

Among other credentials, Tackney authored Lee County's new coastal construction codes for Captiva and Estero Island, and worked for the Florida Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in implementing the DNR's recommended coastal setback line, which, although never adopted by the state, was adopted as Sanibel

law in the comprehensive land use plan.

Tackney told the council that the DNR setback line was never intended to be an absolute seaward boundary beyond which no development should be permitted, but rather that it demarks the boundary between areas of varying degrees of vulnerability to destruction during tropical storms or hurricanes on the basis of projected wave action under test conditions.

He said that development seaward of the DNR line in conformance with extremely tight floodproofing standards such as those recently adopted for Captiva and Estero Island is appropriate.

White saying that he wholeheartedly supports the DNR line, Tackney pointed out that DNR has already granted over two hundred variances to the line itself, and that Anderson's case and construction plans would entitle him to the same variance.

Tackney assured the council that were they to grant the requested variance, Anderson could build on the lot without doing serious harm to the primary beach dune and its native vegetation.

After at least 15 hearings on the case and the failure of a number of alternate solutions to Anderson's problems, the council seemed reassured by Tackney's discourse.

"We've caused Mr. Anderson a lot of grief and time," said Councilman Duane White, "and I think the only way we can accommodate his right to build will be to grant an encroachment on the coastal setback line."

Mayor Porter Goss also argued that by denying the variance, the council would be denying Anderson the right to "a reasonable use" of his property.

Councilman White moved for the adoption of an ordinance specifically amending the plan, to wit:

—granting him a limited encroachment on the frontyard setback required in the plan;
—no impermeable surfaces other than pilings may be installed seaward of the setback line;

—all Australian pines of a certain size on the property must be topped, with all other Casuarina and Brazilian pepper to be removed and revegetated with native dune vegetation; and

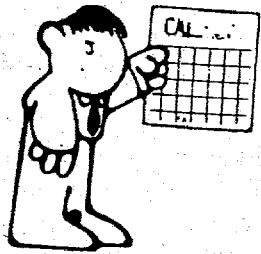
—all construction on the lot must conform to the most stringent provisions of the county's new coastal development codes for Captiva and Estero Island, which in many respects are tighter than the performance standards outlined in the city's land use plan.

Councilman Charles LeBuff seconded the motion, which was voted into law by a slim 3 to 2 margin of the council, with Councilman



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SANIBEL PLANNING COMMISSION meets the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Mondays of every month at Sanibel City Hall unless meetings are called. The public is invited.

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.

SANIBEL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the firehouse on Palm Ridge Road.

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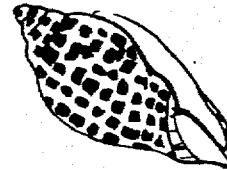
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Sawbridge property proposed for development

Sanibel Planning Director Carleton Ryffel said last week that he has been working with Sanibel landowner John Sawbridge on the proposed development of two large tracts of land on the Island under the clustering provisions outlined in the city's comprehensive land use plan.

Ryffel unveiled the development proposal during a workshop session of the Sanibel Planning Commission last Monday. Sawbridge, a resident of Scottsdale, Arizona, was present for the discussion.

According to Ryffel, Sawbridge wants to develop 12 single-family building lots on a parcel of about 30 acres in size in the Sanibel Highlands Subdivision north of Casa Ybel Road, as well as four additional lots on a 40-acre parcel of land south of Sanibel-Captiva Road across from the Sanibel

Elementary School.

Ryffel said that the proposed development conforms to the density allocated to the two parcels in the city's land use plan, although Sawbridge wants to cluster the units on 15,000 square-foot building lots while leaving the remainder of the two parcels in their natural state as open space.

This, Ryffel explained, would enable Sawbridge to donate between 15 and 20 acres along the Sanibel River in Sanibel Highlands to the city. Ryffel proposed that the value of this land could be used as matching funds to bring about the state purchase of the remaining 35 acres south of the elementary school under the state's environmentally endangered land acquisition program.

Sawbridge has also offered to deed six small lots in Sanibel Highlands to six adjacent property owners to

provide them with enough land to build homes in the area in compliance with the minimum lot size of 15,000 square feet required in the comprehensive land use plan, Ryffel added.

Sawbridge explained that he bought all but two of the roughly 400 small lots in Sanibel Highlands about ten years ago from the Jeffcott estate. He said the land was originally subdivided in 1926 during the Florida land boom into lots of about 50 by 100 feet—far too small to conform with the city's minimum lot size requirements.

Up until the land use plan's adoption, Sawbridge said, he had been selling the lots in groups of two or more, while retaining ownership of about 150 of the substandard lots which are slated for development in the proposal outlined by Ryffel.

Sawbridge has owned the tract

across from the school for almost four years, he said. At one time, the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation attempted to get the state to purchase the property under their endangered lands program, but the deal ultimately fell through.

The 40-acre parcel borders land owned by the Nature Conservancy, and lies just south of the federally owned J.N. (Ding) Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

Sawbridge's proposal calls for the four single-family lots to be created at the northernmost part of the parcel along Sanibel-Captiva Road, with the remaining interior wetlands to be preserved for possible state acquisition.

Ryffel said the next step in the process will be to enlist the assistance of the Conservation Foundation in assessing the "environmental value" of the land slated for dedication in Sanibel Highlands, to determine if it is of sufficient value to be offered as matching funds for the state's environmental land acquisition program.

He added that he has yet to check the legality of the proposal with the city attorney.

Although Sawbridge has yet to apply for a city development permit with which to effect his clustering proposal, the idea met with a favorable reaction from the city planning commission last week.

"I think this would be a very good solution to a very difficult problem," said commission Chairman Ann Winterbotham last Monday.

Water quality committee to meet

Officials of the Southwest Florida 208 Water Quality Management Program announced recently that they will be holding a series of four local advisory committee meetings this month.

The advisory committee for the Caloosahatchee River Basin will meet at

10:00 a.m. on June 20 at the Holiday Inn in Fort Myers.

Topics for discussion at the meeting will include water quality sampling results to date, possible changes in the water sampling program based on previous results, and future activities of the 208 program.

In addition, a status update of relevant 201 wastewater treatment projects will be provided.

The meeting will be open to the public.

Special school days

Tomorrow (Wednesday) is "Field Day" at the Sanibel Elementary School. Events include the crazy hat contest, high jumping, relay races, broad jumping and endurance contests as well as the fun softball game when the 5th graders and faculty take on the parents.

Activities will start at 10 a.m. The following day,

Thursday, June 16, at 9:30 a.m., has been designated as "Awards Day," when the students get special recognition. Those presenting awards include Ray Pottorf, Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Juanita Ellis, Director of Elementary Education, Porter Goss, Mayor of Sanibel, Don Whitehead, Elinore Dormer, Dick Muench and Dr. Harry Kair.

Parents, relatives and friends are invited to attend both days.

News Notes

Fireworks fund drive sparking along

Island businesses have donated \$815 thus far in the drive to pay for the Fourth of July fireworks display, which is being sponsored by the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce. Since the goal is \$2,815, the drive is now \$2,100 short.

Reed Toomey will be

conducting a door to door campaign to solicit the support of individuals, and Sue Pickens of Photo Sanibel has sent up an 80-slide display of the Islands' Bicentennial celebrations (with an appropriate donation jug next to the display) in the lobby of the

Bank of The Islands.

The fireworks will go off at dusk, Sunday, July 3, on the Causeway, and Jim Hermes, coordinator of the show, says that the "sis-BOOM-ahhhhs" will be bigger and better than ever.

If you wish to help the Islands have a memorable

display, send your contributions to: "Fireworks Display," P.O. Drawer X, c/o Bank of The Islands, Sanibel, FL 33957.

Other events celebrating the Fourth will be the traditional American Legion fish fry, to be held Sunday from noon to 4 p.m., and an old-fashioned Fourth of July picnic at the Dunes on Monday.

Preliminary plans have also been made to repeat the July 4 Sunrise Service on the Causeway. Included in the service will be group singing, prayer, scripture reading and speaker.

Last year's service drew both Islanders and visitors by the hundreds and indications are that this year's service will be equally well attended.

Youth camps offer enjoyable education

Learning will be fun this summer for hundreds of youngsters who take advantage of the Youth Conservation Camps operated by the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission.

Aside from traditional outdoor activities such as swimming, canoeing, fishing and hiking, youngsters who participate in the Youth Conservation Camp program will also

learn about nature and wildlife at one of two camps to be operated in Florida this summer.

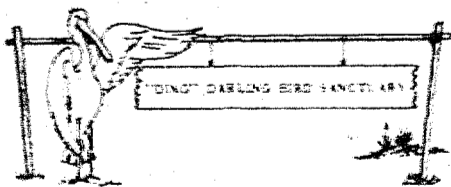
The camps are located in the Ocala National Forest and the Hungryland Slough near West Palm Beach.

The camping fee is \$60 per week, with opportunities available for campers who wish to stay longer to take part in advanced ex-

ploration. Two-week explorations cost \$120.

Islanders wishing more information about the camps or camp registration are urged to write any office of the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, or write directly to Everglades Youth Camp, 551 North Military Trail, West Palm Beach 33406, Or Ocala Youth Camp, 1239 S.W. 10th Street, Ocala 32670.

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Council defers road assessment decision again

The problem of how to go about making necessary improvements to a number of residential streets on Sanibel confronted the Sanibel City Council once again last week, and again staunch opposition from Island residents delayed the council's decision on a road assessment program proposed by City Manager Bill Nungester to fund long-overdue repairs to six Island roads.

The council's public hearing on Nungester's proposal last Tuesday seemed almost like a reenactment of their discussion early in May, when Nungester first unveiled his proposed road assessment program and met with bitter opposition from Islanders who live along the streets to be improved in the plan.

Originally, Nungester proposed that city taxpayers foot the bill for one-third of the cost of the needed repairs and improvements to Jamaica Drive, Tahiti Drive, Rocks Drive, Coquina Drive, Pectin Court and West Gulf Drive, with the remainder of the improvement funding to come from assessments against affected property owners in the Rocks and Tradewinds subdivisions, which are served by the six city roads.

Islanders residing along the affected streets voiced unanimous opposition to the proposed assessment program at the May hearing, and asked the council to fund the roadwork through ad valorem tax revenues.

Nungester reported last week that an Islandwide increase in property taxes of at least .78 mills would be required to raise the approximately \$97,500 which he estimates will be needed to effect the proposed road improvements.

As the city's traditional policy has been geared to having those who benefit from any service or improvement pay for it, Nungester last week presented a revised road assessment proposal for the council to consider.

The city manager's recent proposal calls for Sanibel taxpayers to fund roughly 49 per cent of the repairs to the six streets listed above, with the remainder of the improvement costs to be assessed against affected property owners to the tune of \$2 for each foot of their property fronting on the street to be repaired.

The improvements proposed by Nungester include the application of a sealcoat and asphaltic surface material to the six city roads, which city engineering consultants Howard, Needles, Tammen and Bergendoff claim will deteriorate completely if the resurfacing is not performed in the very near future, according to Nungester.

"If we don't resurface the roads now, we'll lose the whole project including the base material, and then the cost of repair will be much higher," Nungester told the council last week.

The city manager said that his proposal was the result of many complaints the city has received in recent months over the poor condition of certain residential streets on the Island. While recognizing the need to pave Island streets such as Bay Drive, Beach Road, Wulfert Point Road and

Island Inn Road, Nungester said that the cost of paving shell roads on Sanibel is far in excess of the roughly \$100,000 earmarked for road improvements in the city's current operating budget.

Thus, he added, the proposed road assessment is geared to the city's available resources and to the need to repair the six roads slated for inclusion in the program to save them from utter ruin.

The public reaction to Nungester's proposal last week was almost unanimously negative.

"Why do we have to rush into this now?" queried Islander John Cook, a resident of West Gulf Drive. Cook proposed that the city delay any residential road improvements on Sanibel until an Islandwide road maintenance and improvement program can be formulated, to be funded, once again, through increased taxes for all Sanibel property owners.

"I believe you will live to regret the day you do anything like this on a piecemeal basis," Cook told the council.

Speaking as a private citizen, Sanibel Planning Commissioner Don Marshall told the city fathers, "I don't believe in assessments programs. I'd rather pay a higher tax. The people on the Island as a whole should bear this expense." Marshall is also a resident of West Gulf Drive.

A number of other Islanders voiced similar concerns last Tuesday, and asked the council to fund residential road improvements either through increased property taxes or some source of outside funding assistance, such as Sanibel Causeway revenues.

"If we do get the Causeway money for road improvements on Sanibel, this exercise will have been unnecessary," replied Mayor Porter Goss. "However, we can no longer wait on that possibility or we're going to lose those roads."

Goss added that any money the city receives from the Causeway refinancing will be specifically earmarked for road projects such as the completion of Gulf Drive, the upgrading and widening of Sanibel-Captiva Road, and the improvement of the intersection of Donax Street and Periwinkle Way, among others, as mandated by the Florida Supreme Court's recent decision to remand the \$18-million Causeway bond issue to Lee County Circuit Court for consideration of a revised bond package.

Goss also revealed last week that the city has received a letter from the Tradewinds Property Owners Association opposing the use of an assessment program to improve the streets in their subdivision.

Goss said that his main concern was the equitability of the road assessment program proposed by Nungester.

"You're never going to make it 100 per cent equitable," commented Councilman Francis Bailey.

"I believe the way the city manager has outlined this is about as equitable as it can be," argued Councilman Duane White. "We are an infant city, we're short of funds and our roads are in deplorable shape."

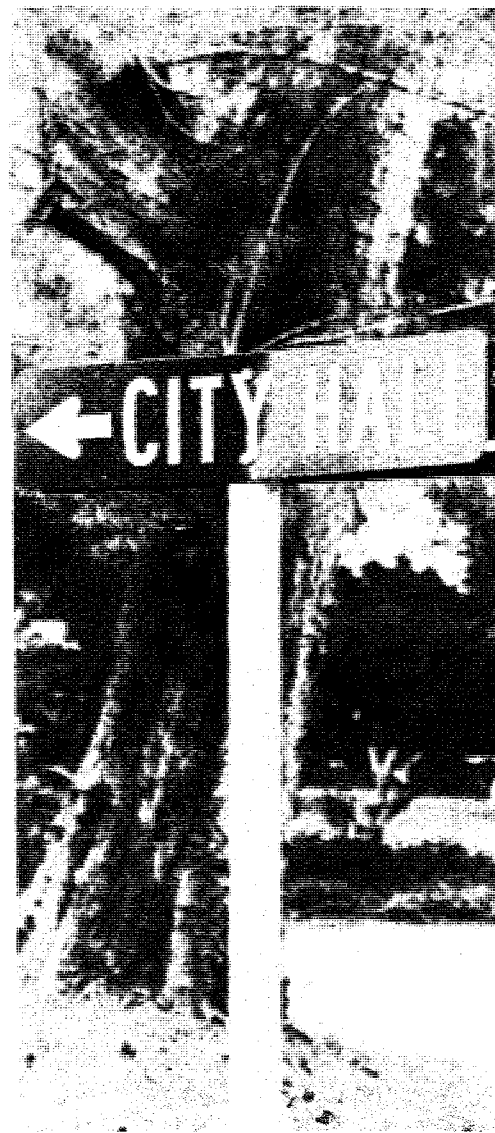
White moved to approve the road assessment program outlined by Nungester but his motion died for lack of a second.

Mayor Goss then asked the city manager how long it would take to prepare a comprehensive Islandwide program for the maintenance and improvement of city streets such as that suggested by John Cook and others.

Nungester responded that in light of the city's other priorities, the job of working up such a program for Sanibel would take his office until at least October to perfect—too late for next year's improvements to be reflected in the city's operating budget for the coming year, which must be prepared this summer.

"As a practical matter, we shouldn't delay it so long," Nungester said, citing rising construction costs and the necessity of competing with Interstate 75 for construction contracts as reasons for the city to proceed rapidly toward initiating some sort of road improvement program.

"I will continue to favor assessments for neighborhood road improvements," concluded Mayor Goss, while the council ultimately decided to defer action on the matter until their regular meeting to be held on July 5.



County joins city to clarify Bowman's Beach access

The Lee County Commission voted last Wednesday to accept an interlocal agreement with the City of Sanibel calling for the city and the county to join forces in court with regard to any litigation involving the county's claim to an easement to the wooden footbridge connecting Bowman's Beach Road with county owned Bowman's Beach.

The agreement, which was accepted by the Sanibel City Council in April, also calls for the city and county to work together in condemning about four acres of land north of the footbridge for the development of a parking facility at the site with up to \$250,000 in undistributed Sanibel Causeway revenues.

The agreement was proposed by City Attorney Neal Bowen and County Attorney Jim Humphrey as a solution to a number of legal issues clouding the county's claim to an easement providing public access to Bowman's Beach. The county's claim to ownership of a portion of the beach itself is also in litigation.

The crux of the problem stems from a 1973 agreement between the county and the Nationwide Realty Corporation, which resulted in Nationwide building the footbridge and promising to deed a public easement to the beach to Lee County in return for the county's permission to develop Nationwide's 208-acre Sanibel Bayous Subdivision adjacent to the disputed easement.

With the adoption of more stringent development standards for Sanibel Bayous contained in the Sanibel's comprehensive land use plan, Nationwide filed suit against the young city for a judicial waiver of the plan's provisions and has refused to relinquish the promised easement to county-owned Bowman's Beach.

The issue became murkier in recent weeks when the Sanibel Condominium Corporation filed suit against the city and county contending that Nationwide President William

Broeder conveyed a deed to the easement to them in 1975.

Thus, attorneys for the city and county proposed that the two governmental agencies join together in a legal action combining all of the issues and principals in the case in hopes of clarifying the whole matter once and for all.

Last week, the city council accepted City Attorney Boen's recommendation that the Chicago law firm of Ross, Hardies, Parsons, Babcock, O'Keefe et al be retained to assist with the city's defense of the recent Sanibel Condominium Corporation suit. The firm has also been active in the city's defense of the Nationwide suit over Sanibel Bayous.

In recent months, Nationwide has applied for a general amendment to the city's land use plan for Sanibel Bayous, after their lawsuit against the city was dismissed for the third time at the circuit court level because of Nationwide's failure to exhaust their administrative remedies within the city before turning to the courts for relief.

Bowen told the council last week that Nationwide attorney Steve Helgemo has requested that the city expedite the hearing process for their proposed general amendment, which is not slated for a final hearing by the council until September.

Bowen said that Helgemo has asked for a decision in the case within 45 days so that Nationwide's litigation can be actively resumed.

The council agreed last week to consider Helgemo's request once the city has met its legal requirements for processing general amendments as outlined in the state's Local and Government Comprehensive Planning Act.

Under state law, proposed general amendments must be reviewed by local, regional and state planning agencies before a decision can be made.

As of last week, the city had yet to receive the review comments of the Lee County Planning Department.

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Ecological zone clarification underway

The City of Sanibel recently hired landscape architect Gail Boorman and Islander Ty Symroski to begin the work of clarifying the ecological zones outlined in Sanibel's comprehensive land use plan.

According to city Planning Director Carleton Ryffel, the intent of the work is to adjust the boundaries of the ecological zones outlined in the plan to conform to the true ecological condition of land on the Island. Ryffel said that the ecological zones map contained in the plan will be amended upon the completion of the exercise.

Any change in the plan's ecological zone boundaries for Sanibel, one of the primary

"I think that one thing we're going to find is that there's a lot more filled land on this Island than we think," Ryffel said last week, "although I don't think the density allocations will change the day after the zones are corrected. It's a broader picture than that."

He said that considerations such as the availability of necessary public services, for instance, will have to be taken into account in an Islandwide revision of the plan's density allocations once the ecological zones map has been clarified.

He added that the revised ecological zones map will be on a much larger scale and so



Gail Boorman and Ty Symroski started working for the city last week in temporary office space the city has leased in the Legel Building on Periwinkle Way.

Their job will be to clarify the city's ecological zones map, one of the primary considerations used in allocating density in the Sanibel comprehensive land use plan.

considerations upon which density was allocated in the plan, could mean an adjustment in the development intensity allocated to land on Sanibel, Ryffel said.

In recent months, at least two Islanders have withdrawn their requests for city development permits to await the completion of the ecological zones clarification, which Ryffel estimates will take between three to six months. In both cases, the applicants have contended that their land, classified either interior wetlands or special Blind Pass zone in the city's land use plan, is in fact filled land, and should therefore entitle them to some increase in density for their respective properties.

more precise than the original, and that some new "transitional" ecological zones may be included in the revised map.

Ryffel said that Boorman and Symroski, who will be working under his direction, will begin the clarification at Sanibel's west end and work their way east. He said that the task will involve the correlation of on-site field inspections of all private property on Sanibel with new topographical maps and hopefully infra-red aerial maps of the Island which were not available to the city at the time the land use plan was formulated.

The two new city staffers will work out of a small office the city has leased in the Legel Building on Periwinkle Way.

Planners review site selection report

In a special workshop session last Monday, the Sanibel Planning Commission conducted a preliminary review of the report of the city's Site Selection Committee, which was created by the city council to consider offers of property the city received for a proposed municipal services office complex and make recommendations to the council as to which site the city should acquire.

Most of the discussion last week centered on the committee's recommendation that the city should acquire a 17.6-acre parcel of land in the Sanibel Gardens Subdivision south of Island Inn Road offered by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation for \$105,000.

Most commissioners voiced strong reservations last week about the predominantly wetland character of the Foundation's property, which borders the Sanibel River and the Bailey tract of the J.N. (Ding) Darling National Wildlife Refuge. The city's land use plan tends to discourage development in the Island's interior wetland regions, which comprises the majority of the Foundation's land proposed for the site of a new city hall.

"I'd hate to see city hall going up on land where we've refused to let anyone else build," said Commissioner Don Marshall.

"I have a real problem with building in the wetlands lowlands," agreed Commissioner Betty Robinson. It seems to me that this would be a real breach of the plan."

While recognizing that developing the site might present a "political problem" for the city, Site Selection Committee Chairman Fred Valtin, who was present for the discussion, said, "We weren't asked to make political decisions."

Valtin added that his committee had assumed that the Conservation Foundation had weighed the possible impact of developing a city hall on the site before offering the property to the city.

Valtin explained that the committee's recommendation was based on the asking price for the site, which was the lowest of any property offered for city acquisition, as well as on the accessibility of the Foundation's land from numerous existing roads on Sanibel.

Commissioner Twink Underhill and Chairman Ann Winterbotham pointed out that the amount of fill required to develop

the property would raise the cost of building a new city hall on the site considerably.

City Manager Bill Nungester informed the commission that the cost of fill dirt is currently running about \$20 per cubic yard, while adding that the city might be able to get the necessary fill at a lesser price from the adjacent Bailey tract with the permission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which manages the Refuge.

Valtin suggested that the problem of fill might be overcome if the proposed city hall were to be built on pilings.

City Planning Director Carleton Ryffel concurred with the observation and added that the proposed city hall will probably be designed as a cluster of "pod" buildings on pilings regardless of where it is constructed. The complex is slated to house the city's administrative offices, police department, and possibly fire department, which is operated as a separate entity by the special fire control district.

"I don't envision the new city hall as a monolith," Ryffel said.

The one positive comment on the committee's recommendation last week was offered by Commissioner George Tenney.

"I'm greatly in favor of the large site if it's possible to develop it," he said, "so we can concentrate all community services in one area."

The commission was to have continued their review of the matter and possibly come to a decision on their own recommendation to the city council at their regular meeting yesterday, June 13, in MacKenzie Hall.

In other action last Monday, the planning commission discussed ways in which the city might encourage Island developers to use solar heating and water saving devices as well as wooden walkways across the beach in building on Sanibel.

The commission also decided on a recommendation which was presented to the city council last Tuesday calling for the city to enlist the assistance of the U.S. Forestry Service in formulating a program of periodic controlled burning for large undeveloped tracts of conservation land on Sanibel.

At their meeting last Tuesday, the city council directed City Manager Bill Nungester to pursue the planning commission's proposal with Forestry Service officials.

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for full week's tv schedule, place left index finger here. . . ➔ turn page

weekdays - sign-on till 7 p.m.

6:00 20-Spanish Newscast	Fri: "Madigan's Millions," Dustin Hoffman. Mon:-June 13, Ch. 26 starts (apparently) a new show, "PTL Club"	2:00 26-\$20,000 Pyramid
6:04 20-Gulf Coast Today	11-Merv Griffin	2:30 11-The Guiding Light
6:08 20-The Lucy Show	20-Sanford & Son	20-The Doctors
6:38 20-Gulf Coast Today	10:30 20-Hollywood Squares	26-One Life To Live
6:45 11-Morning Devotions	10:57 20-NBC News Minute	20-NBC News Minute
6:48 11-Reports: Social Sec.; Dept. of Agriculture; Division of Forestry	11:00 20-Wheel of Fortune	11-All In The Family
6:51 11-WINK Infomcast	11:55 26-Happy Days	20-Another world
6:53 11-Spanish News	11:30 11-Love of Life	11-Match Game '77
7:00 11-CBS Morning News	11:57 20-NBC News Minute	26-General Hospital
20-Today	12 Noon 11-News Eleven	26-Edge of Night
26-Good Morning America	20-Shoot For The Stars	11-Mike Douglas Show
7:25 11-Local News	26-Second Chance	26-Dialing For Dollars:
20-Today in Florida	12:30 11-Search For Tomorrow	Tues: "1,001 Nights,"
7:30 11-CBS Morning News	20-Chico & The Man	Heff Cooper; Wed:
8:00 11-Captain Kangaroo	26-Ryan's Hope	"The Vengeance of
8:25 20-Today in Florida	12:57 20-NBC News Minute	Poncho Villa," John
9:00 11-Sesame Street	1:00 11-The Young & The Restless	Erickson; Thurs:
20-Donahue	20-The Gong Show	"Secret Door," Robert
26-Sunshine Showcase:	26-All My Children	Hulton; Fri: "The
Tues: "Eagle In A Cage," Sir John Gielgud; Wed: "Squeeze a Flower," Jack Albertson; Thurs: "The Hawk of A Castle," Jerry Cobb;	1:30 11-As The World Turns	Whole Truth."
	20-Days of Our Lives	5:00 20-Ironsides
		6:00 11-News Eleven
		20-Eyewitness News
		26-NewsScene
		6:30
		11-CBS News
		20-NBC News
		26-ABC News

tuesday - 7 p.m. till sign-off

7:00 11-Match Game P.M.	20-NBC News Update	nations in Belgrade
20-Adam 12	9:00 11-M.A.S.H.	Yugoslavia and a
26-The Commanders	20-Police Woman	review of developments
7:30 11-Andy Williams	26-Rich Man, Poor Man	since the signing of the
20-Hollywood Squares	9:30 11-One Day At A Time	Helsinki accord.
8:00 11-The Family Holvak	10:00 11-Kojak	11:00 11-News Eleven
20-Baa, Baa Black Sheep	20-NBC News Reports:	20-Eyewitness News
26-Happy Days	"The Struggle For Freedom," an examination of the human rights issues to be discussed at the June 15 conference of 35	26-NewsScene
8:30 26-Laverne & Shirley		11:30 11-CBS Late Movie
8:58 11-CBS Newsbreak		20-The Tonight Show
9:00 approx.		26-ABC Tuesday Movie: "Secret Night Caller" 1 a.m.
		20-The Tomorrow Show

wednesday - 7 p.m. till sign-off.

7:00 11-Wild Kingdom	bear.	26-Baretta
20-Adam 12	26-Donny & Marie	10:00 20-Kingston Confidential
26-To Tell The Truth	8:30	26-Charlie's Angels
7:30 11-Untamed World	11-The Marilyn McCoo & Billy Davis, Jr., Show	11:00 11-News Eleven
20-Gong!	8:58	20-Eyewitness News
26-Wild World of Animals	11-CBS Newsbreak	26-NewsScene
8:00 11-Good Times	9:00 approx.	11:30 11-CBS Late Show
20-The Life — Times of Grizzly Adams, the touching story of a mountain man who finds true happiness in the hills and dales with a	20-NBC News Update	20-The Tonight Show
	9:00	26-"The Rookies" & ABC Mystery of The Week: "Deadly Valley" 1 a.m.
	11-CBS Wednesday Movie: "Scarecrow," with Gene Hackman and Al Pacino	20-The Tomorrow Show
	20-Three Girls Three	

friday - 7 p.m. till sign-off

7:00 11-Hee-Haw	more civilized. (Begins with "a")	26-Baretta
20-Adam 12	20-Quincy	1 a.m. 20-The Midnight Special with Neil Sedaka
20-To Tell The Truth	11:00 11-News Eleven	26-Friday Night Theater (All Night Movies Till 7 a.m.) 1) "Marta," Stephen Boyd; 2) "Blood and The Black Ace," Cameron Mitchell; 3) "Sara T, Portrait of a Teenage Alcoholic," Linda Blair.
7:30 20-New Candid Camera	20-Eyewitness News	
26-Nashville On The Road	26-NewsScene	
8:00 11-"The Prince of Central Park," starring Ruth Gordon and T.H. Hargrave in a drama of a modern adventurer of all 12 years old, who builds an escape oasis for himself and his young sister in New York's Central Park.	11:30 11-CBS Late Show	
20-Sanford & Son	20-The Midnight Special	
26-ABC Double Feature Movies: "Star Spangled Girl" and "Jenny"	26-ABC Presents U.S. Open Golf	
8:30 20-The Rockford Files	12 Midnight	
9:00 approx. 20-NBC News Update		
9:28 11-CBS Newsbreak		
9:30 11-CBS Friday Movie: "Escape From The Planet of The Apes," with Roddy McDowell and Kim Hunter about apes and modern man and, possibly, who is		

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6:57 11-Morning Devotions	"Frankenstein Jr." 11:30	11-CBS Sports Spectacular 5:00
7:00 11-Music & The Word	20-Big John, Little John	20-"The Great English Garden Party," in which Peter Ustinov narrates a NBC Sports Special commemorating the centennial of Wimbledon Tennis Tournaments.
20-The Lucy Show	26-Super Friends 11:55	11-News Eleven 6:00
26-Insight	26-Schoolhouse Rock 12 Noon	20-Eyewitness News 6:30
7:30 11-Fury	11-Fat Albert & The Cosby Kids	11-Thirty Minutes 7:00
20-Little Rascals	20-Land Of The Lost	20-NBC Saturday News 7:00
26-Victory At Sea 8:00	26-Odd Ball Couple 12:25	11-Lawrence Welk 7:00
11-Sylvester & Tweety	26-Schoolhouse Rock 12:30	20-National Geographic Special on "The Amazon," narrated by Orson Welles, Alexander Scourby & Joseph Campanella.
20-Woody Woodpecker	11-Ark II	26-Peter Marshall Variety 8:00
26-"Tom & Jerry" and "Mumbly Show" 8:30	20-The Kids From C.A.P.E.R.	11-Mary Tyler Moore 8:00
11-Clue Club	26-American Bandstand 1:00	20-"Eco-Man," in which a paralyzed physicist who invents a special suit so he can move around to find his attacker.
20-Pink Panther Laugh and a Half Show	11-CBS Children's Film Festival	26-Wonder Woman 8:30
26-Jabber Jaw 8:55	20-Fla. Wrestling Champs 1:30	11-Bob Newhart 8:58
26-Schoolhouse Rock 9:00	26-To Tell The Truth 2:00	11-CBS Newsbreak 9:00 approx.
11-"Bugs Bunny" and "Roadrunner" Hour	11-WINK-End Movie: "Confidential Agent," starring Peter Lorre and Lauren Bacall. Something about Spain and England and murder and all.	20-NBC News Update 9:00
25-"Scooby Doo" & "Dynomut" 10:00	20-Grandstand	11-All In The Family
11-Tarzan, Lord of The Jungle	26-Bobby Vinton 2:15	26-Starsky & Hutch
20-Speed Buggy 10:25	20-Major League Baseball 2:30	
26-Schoolhouse Rock 10:30	26-ABC Wide World of Sports 4:00	
11-New Adventures of Batman	26-U.S. Open Golf 4:30	
20-Monster Squad		
26-Kroffts Supershow 11:00		
11-"Shazam" & "Isis" Hour		
20-"Space Ghost" and		

9:30 11-Alice	11-News Eleven 11:15
10:00 11-Carol Burnett	26-ABC Weekend News 11:15
20-56th Annual Photoplay Gold Medal Awards. Angie Dickenson and Elliott Gould host the olden awards presentation in films and live from Hollywood.	26-American Theater (All Night Movie Till 7 a.m.) 1) "Nevada Smith," Steve McQueen; 2) "Angel Baby," Burt Reynolds; 3) "Die, Die, My Darling," Stephanie Powers; 4) "The Wild Ones," Marlon Brando.
26-Feather & Father 11:00	11-Movie Classics:

Frederick March and Gene Lockhart in "One Foot In Heaven," the story of a minister and his wife who struggle to build a church in a small town and then have to start over in another town.
20-Eyewitness News
12 Midnight
20-NBC's Saturday Night for Fun, Fun, Fun!

sunday - all day

6:57 11-Morning Devotions	11-Rex Humbard 20-The Lucy Show 8:00	26-The Turney Family 9:00
7:00 11-The Christophers	20-Jimmy Swaggart Show 8:30	11-Old Time Gospel Hour with Jerry Falwell
7:15 20-Davey & Goliath 7:30	11-Oral Roberts 20-Norman Vincent Peale	20-Tony & Suzanne Alamo 26-Old Time Gospel Hour 9:30

Letters to

A copy of the following letter to Sanibel Mayor Porter Goss and City Manager William Nungester was given to the ISLANDER for publication:

The Sanibel Taxpayers Association, Inc., would like to request from the City of Sanibel an accounting of \$137,010.30 received from Sanibel Causeway surplus funds.

After several phone calls to the Clerk's office to ask how the funds had been spent or are being budgeted, we found that 1) the clerk was "not qualified" by her own words to give out that information on the phone; 2) that the budgeted items were "coded" according to her own words and 3) the clerk refused to give her name (but finally did so under duress) to a Sanibel taxpayer.

We feel that it is not in the practice or intent of the Sunshine Law to be deprived of this information.

The purpose of the inquiry was to point out that for a few dollars out citizens and visitors could be served through budgeting items such as benches for the elderly shellers and public toilet facilities along beach access points, if there is any of the \$137,000 remaining.

In an ecologically sound manner, the County of Lee has built several public restrooms at a minimal cost. The Blind Pass facility at Turner's Beach cost a mere \$1,500. The Punta Rassa facility cost \$1,000. The restrooms were built of frame walls, floors off the ground, as one would build a porch and one has no roof. Cleanup operations are minimal due to the building having a hose bib connection under the lavatory whereby the floors can be hosed down as needed. The lack of a roof allows the sun to do its job of disinfecting the fixtures.

We respectfully request for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and visitors that plans be drawn up for the construction of restroom facilities at the Beach Road public access, Tarpon Bay public beach and the public beach at the end of mid-Gulf Drive.

The total cost of the restroom facilities would only amount to \$4,500.

These public beaches are part of twelve publicly recorded beach accesses duly recorded and platted in the official records of Lee County.

We feel that the City of Sanibel has been derelict in its duties to its citizens and taxpayers as well as all who pay to cross the Causeway from where the monies are derived for the purpose of beach related projects.

-s-Paulette Burton,
Legislative Chairman,
The Sanibel Island Property
Taxpayers Association

institutions who have either given me pleasure or made me think.

The ISLANDER qualifies in both categories.

I even read Police Reports, though I haven't been on the Islands recently enough to guess who's who, and your unbiased reports from City Hall as well as news of social events are informative to a former visitor and prospective native.

I realized things must change, or else they will become static, but please don't try to ape the slick journalism that is so prevalent today in my part of the country. Keep that mixture of informality and humor that so typifies Island life. I guess just keep up the good work!

-s-Elsbeth (Mrs. H.G.) Swensen
New York, N.Y.

The last thing on earth I would do is to misinform our dear young people, our children. I can't let the reply to my letter by Dr. Benke printed in another newspaper stand without an answer.

All the things I stated in my letter are proven facts. I love all children too much to ever, ever deceive them.

And while I'm on the subject, my first three playmates were Benny with a withered hand, Nettie who was deaf and dumb, and Henry Weigman who was born without arms. When we played school, he held a pencil by his neck and jaw. (He later became a fine artist).

I am asking the president of the National Right to Life in Washington, D.C., Mildred Jefferson, first woman surgeon to graduate from Harvard Medical School, to write also.

I am amazed that Dr. Benke does not know in Florida it is possible to have an abortion up to the minute of birth, (See Action-Line Vol. 2- Issue 4, Naples, Florida, April, '76).

Scientists agree that a new life begins at conception, (See special issue of Life-Magazine "The Drama of Life Before Birth"). As the Chinese say, (This in my conversation with Birthright officials in Hong Kong) even if you were not sure of the minute life begins, you have no more right to kill what will be a human being, than you have to bury a man before you are sure he is dead."

A report in the Medical World News, June 8th, 1973 states:

"Dr. Peter Adams, Asst. Prof. of Pediatrics at Case-Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio carried out experiments on babies heads after they were cut off. Dr. Adams and associates cut off the heads of 12 live babies, aged 18-20 weeks of gestation, immediately after delivery by hysterectomy (Casesarean Section) and tied them into experimental equipment. Various chemicals were then pumped through the arteries and veins. (Right to Life-Cin. 7-73).

To the editor:

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Weather . . .

Last week's vital weather statistics for the Islands, as reported by Walter Klie of the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce weather station on Causeway Road at Sanibel's east end, were as follows:

DATE	HI	LO	RAINFALL
June 3	84	74	1.93
June 4	87	73	.08
June 5	no reading taken)		
June 6	86	73	.23
June 7	89	75	None
June 8	88	76	None
June 9	90	78	.1

Obituary . . .

Mable R. Deverick

Gladys Mae Maguire

A private family service was held for Mabel R. Deverick of Demere Lane, Sanibel, who died in Fort Myers Community Hospital Tuesday, June 7, after a short hospital stay.

Born in Punta Gorda, Florida, Mrs. Deverick lived in the area all of her life and had been a resident of Sanibel for many years.

She is survived by her daughter, Velna Ridge, her grandson, Gordon Tracy, and her sister, Mrs. Anna Mansburger, all of Sanibel.

Memorial donations, at the request of the family, may be made to the Humane Society.

Gladys Mae Maguire, 79, died Thursday, June 9. A private funeral service for the family was held.

A resident of Fort Myers Beach since 1973, Ms. Maguire was born in New Haven, Conn., went to school in Palmer, Mass., and lived in Hartford, Mass. and Pittsburg, Pa., before coming to Florida.

She is survived by two neices, June Henry of Castaways on Sanibel and Ruth Henry of Fort Myers Beach.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Summer library program

Some unique special events will add interest to the popular children's summer program at the Sanibel Public Library which starts June 22 and runs for six weeks, according to Ruth Clark, children's librarian.

The programs will be held each Wednesday morning from 10 to 11 and will be directed to two different age groups—4 to 7 years and 7 to 11 years.

Each age group will have its own storyteller—Sylvia Strong for the younger children and Caroline Beebe for the 7-11-year-olds. Betty Zajicek is assisting Mrs. Clark with the overall program.

The special events already scheduled include Peter Rabbit and Winnie The Pooh birthday parties for the younger children and a showing of African pictures filmed by the Beebes from their tour of that continent last winter. Exact dates for these features will be announced later.

All Sanibel children whether residents or summer visitors are welcomed to attend the Wednesday morning sessions. Resident children may take out books from the library if their registration cards are signed by a parent.

Non-resident youngsters may do the same provided a parent signs a card and makes the customary \$5 refundable deposit.

Islanders at work and play

Tonight Tuesday, June 14, is an important night. All Island families are invited to join to meet for a Share-A-

Topless dancers give local address

Shortly before midnight on Wednesday, June 8, several people were arrested at the Magic Mushroom, a Fort Myers club featuring topless dancers. This was the second raid within a week and charges filed included promoting or performing in obscene shows.

Two of the people charged during Wednesday's arrests gave Sanibel as their residence. In one of the two cases, this is apparently not the case.

Arrested in both raids was Candee J. Darby, who gave an address on Lighthouse Way, where she apparently does not reside. The current residents of the home have not seen her in over a year. To the best of their knowledge, Ms. Darby lives in Fort Myers.

The Sanibel address given by a second girl, 24-year-old Gerri Hejl, could neither be confirmed or denied at press time.

Dish dinner at 6:15 at the Community Association for their Family Night Dinner. The Dinner will be followed by a performance of the Sanibel-Captiva Gymnasts, led by Leigh Averill.

Islanders are asked to bring enough food to replace the quantity your group will consume, plus silverware.

For parents and youngsters alike, this will be an excellent opportunity to see the excellence of the instruction offered in gymnastics. There are plans to hold classes twice a week all summer if enough people are interested.

The classes are cosponsored by the YMCA and the Community Association. If you can't attend tonight, but would like more information about the summer gymnastic classes, call either the Fort Myers YMCA at 936-7666 or the Community Association at 472-2155.

Cabbage Key will never be the same again after the Sea Rocket hosted about-to-be married Jeff Shuff's bachelor party at that location. Jeff marries Robin Oswald on June 21 at the Community Church on Sanibel.

Ray Beardsley has

returned from a summer vacation to Mexico. Mexico? Is there any place warmer than Sanibel that must be it. He enjoyed himself however and the Island Bake Shop is again open for business.

Volleyball is coming, reports Dick Muench. The nets have been ordered and, while there has been a short delay, they are expected to be in and installed within the next few weeks. Watch the ISLANDER for details. There are hopes of starting up a summer volleyball league — perfect for those of us who can't tell a bat from a ball, but do remember something about a spike!

A special budget meeting of the Sanibel Fire Control District will be held at the Fire House on Palm Ridge Road, June 15th 1977 at 10 a.m. to finalize the budget for fiscal 1977-78. The public is invited to attend.

Karl Wightman has returned home after a stay at Lee Memorial Hospital following a car accident on Monday, May 30 when he suffered seven fractured ribs, a broken collarbone and other injuries. Glad to have you back on Captiva, Karl. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

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Island Living: where old meets new

Ambitious restoration underway for Mayer house on Bird Lane

Since late March, Doris Potts of Sanibel has been watching a dream slowly taking shape from her mobile home-command post parked by the old Mayer home at the end of Bird Lane overlooking San Carlos Bay.

Her dream—a complete restoration of the old house—was born early this year when Doris and her husband, Bob Potts, purchased the old Mayer homestead from Bob and Elinor Mayer Dormer of Sanibel.

One of five children born to Ross J. and Daisy A. Mayer, Elinor Dormer grew up in the old house, and for her as well as for Doris Potts, its weathered walls are rife with history.

According to Mrs. Dormer, one of the Islands' foremost historians, the unique Dutch Colonial house was erected on the property, formerly part of an old homestead, in 1924.

The house, said Mrs. Dormer, was one of two pre-fab Sears and Roebuck houses purchased by the Mayer brothers, Ross and Martin, at about that time and transported by train from Michigan to Punta Gorda, from whence they were barged to the old Bailey's dock on Sanibel.

Isiah Gavin, grandfather of Oscar Gavin, was one of a group of Islanders who helped to fill and prepare the lot prior to the arrival of the two houses, Mrs. Dormer recalls.

The other house was that of Mrs. Dormer's uncle, Martin Mayer, the father of Islander Isabel Kirkpatrick. The two houses were erected side-by-side overlooking the Bay, but not without some difficulty, as Mrs. Dormer tells it.

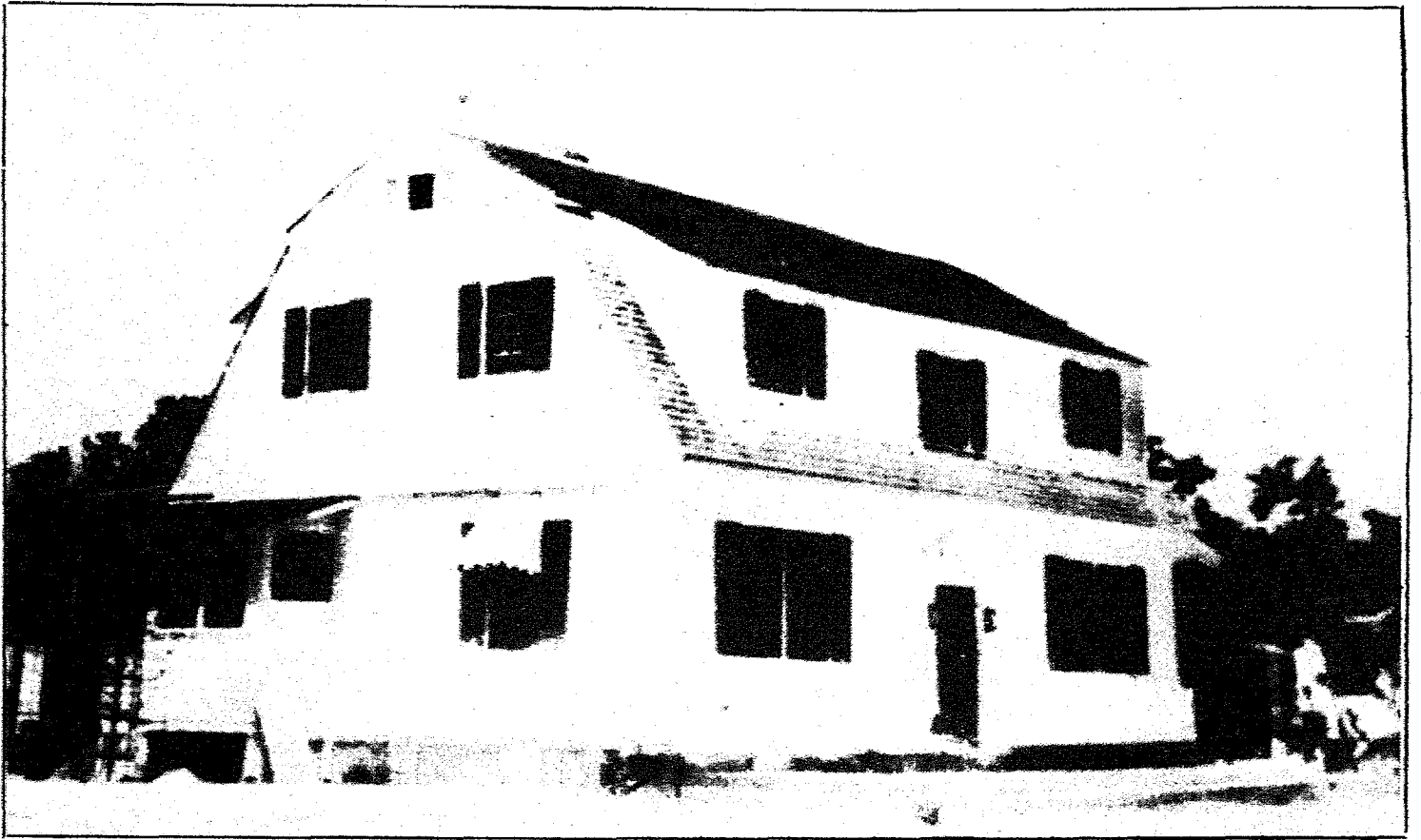
While the houses were being unloaded at Bailey's dock, she said, the barge's mooring ropes snapped and a part of the house in which Mrs. Dormer grew up slipped into the waters of the Bay.

With the assistance of legendary Islanders "Uncle Arthur" Gibson, "Uncle Clarence" Rutland and others, the house was recovered from the Bay and finally assembled on the site, where it has withstood the winds and waves of a number of major hurricanes right up to the present day.

During the early years of its history, the house served primarily as a winter residence for the Mayer family, Mrs. Dormer said.

Her sister, Grace Symroski, currently occupies the neighboring home of Martin Mayer, while Mrs. Dormer and her family live in a house they built on the other side of her childhood home.

Mrs. Dormer's childhood memories in-



An old photo of the Mayer homestead on Bird Lane, in which Islander Elinor Dormer and Grace Symroski grew up. New owners Bob and Doris Potts are working to restore the stately Dutch Colonial house to its former appearance.

dicating that the life of Island pioneers was by no means an easy one. At one time, the Mayer brothers installed an electric generator between their two houses to provide electric lighting for their families.

According to Mrs. Dormer, the generator was somehow damaged by sea water and never worked properly. Consequently, lighting in the Mayer homes continued to be provided by kerosene lamps, and the cooking was done over an old wood stove in the kitchen.

The Mayers' plumbing consisted originally of privies in the backyard, while their water was supplied initially by a cistern to collect rainwater and later by an artesian well.

The old cistern, although somewhat battered, still stands on the property, and according to Mrs. Dormer, the artesian well still flows.

The family's washing was done in a large copper pot in a lean-to laundry which stood beside the house.

Mrs. Dormer said that Bay Drive used to run between the old house and the Bay, until about 1966 when her mother paid to have it relocated to its current position and dedicated the road to Lee County.

Daisy Mayer was also the originator of the name, "Bird Lane," said Elinor Dormer. Mrs. Dormer said that her mother was asked time and again which bird she had in mind, to which Daisy Mayer invariably responded all of them and none of them. Mrs. Dormer reports that her mother simply liked the sound of the name, and that was that.

Although the house has stood vacant for about the past ten years since Daisy Mayer's death, the family had never relinquished ownership of the house and property until February of this year when it was sold to Bob and Doris Potts.

For Doris Potts, who has been restoring old homes professionally for years, the Mayer house on Bird Lane represents the fulfillment of a lifelong dream.

"I've always had my eye on this house," she said last week in the living room of the travel trailer she had installed at the same site from which to supervise the restoration, "but I never believed I'd be restoring a real Dutch Colonial home right here on Sanibel. It's a dream come true."

Doris' plans for the restoration of the old house are ambitious to say the least, and include the refurbishment of many antique fixtures in the building, such as the old gas fireplace in the living room and the natural wood floors throughout the house.

She also plans to illuminate the house with electric replicas of the Mayers' original kerosene lamps, and to equip her kitchen with an electric replica of the old cast iron wood-burning stove which sat in Daisy Mayer's kitchen.

"We're trying to maintain the original atmosphere of the house as much as possible," said Doris Potts, "although we've got to make it functional as well."

To this end, the house is being completely rewired and equipped with central heat and air conditioning by Island Aire, with entirely new plumbing being installed by Rip Gabaccia.

The weathered walls of the old structure are also being decked out with new cypress siding by a group of Island carpenters headed by Archie Cowan and including Ronnie Burns, Greg Noon, George Henry

On completion, the exterior will be painted in the original white with black shutters by Ja-Mac Painting and Paper Hanging of Captiva.

The original wooden windows in the house are being replaced by new windows of the same style, which Doris said were incredibly hard to come by in Southwest Florida, while French doors will replace two of the old doors facing the Bay.

The Potts' one major deviation from the former appearance of the house was the elimination of the old side-porch which was substantially decayed, and the addition of a roofed porch on the Bay side of the house where an open patio had been originally.

Doris said that a circular driveway will be cleared to the rear of the house from Bird Lane.

"What I had to do was play up the back of the house as if it were the front," Doris remarked, referring to the fact that the house was designed to face Bay Drive, which skirted the Bay until 1966.

The Potts' other major concession to practicality is the addition of a bathroom for the master bedroom.

Doris and Bob Potts plan to retain the antique character of the house even in its interior furnishings.

With a dreamy look in her eye as she ambled through the old building last week, chatting with her workmen and stopping every now and then to peel old paint from the walls, Doris said that the house will contain a mixture of Colonial and Victorian furnishings, including a number of antiques which she refinished herself.

Her restoration of the old Mayer home also calls for paddle fans in every room, and an old candy-striped carpet for the central hallway and stairs leading to the second floor.

"I'm just so thrilled with this place," she said ecstatically, while admitting that her favorite part of the house is a little nook off the kitchen, which she views as her future breakfast room to be decked out in proliferation with hanging plants.

"I love every inch of this house," Doris added. "Never in my life have I fallen in love with a home like I have with this one."

Doris estimates that her three bedroom, two and a-half bath Dutch Colonial dream house will be restored to its former elegance and ready for occupancy by late July.

Upon its completion, Doris and Bob Potts will move into a piece of living history on



Built in 1924, the old Mayer home overlooking San Carlos Bay has in recent months come in for an ambitious restoration—a long cherished dream of Sanibel resident Doris Potts.

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Whites building in tune with nature and the master plan

C. Duane and Charlotte Kinzie White have lived on Sanibel since 1968, although Charlotte's roots on the Island date back to the mid-thirties, when her father, Captain Andrew L. Kinzie, and brother, Ernest B. Kinzie, began operating the old ferry service which connected the Islands with the mainland until the completion of the Sanibel Causeway in 1963.

Throughout their life on Sanibel, the Whites, too, have worked toward the fulfillment of a dream—a dream of orderly, sensible growth for Sanibel which many feel was to a great extent insured by the adoption of Sanibel's comprehensive land use plan on July 19, 1976.

Duane White ranks among the key figures in the history of land use planning for Sanibel. Prior to the city's incorporation in November of 1974, he was active in the Sanibel-Captiva Planning Board and served as the Board's last president before its dissolution.

After the formation of the new city, Duane White continued to pursue his dream through his appointment to the Sanibel Planning Commission, of which he was soon elected the first chairman by his fellow commissioners. In his capacity as planning commission chairman, White was a dogged worker and prime mover in the preparation of the city's land use plan.

He resigned his post as planning commission chairman shortly after the plan's adoption last summer to run for a seat on the Sanibel City Council which was vacated at about that time by ailing Councilman Vernon MacKenzie. Duane White was elected to the council last November, and in his new role has continued to be a staunch opponent of improper development of Sanibel.

In recent months, he has taken the acid test himself and initiated construction of a private home on Sanibel under the development guidelines which he, as a member of the city planning commission, set out for all Islanders to follow in the comprehensive land use plan.

Work commenced on the Whites' new home overlooking San Carlos Bay at the end of privately-owned Ferry Road near the Kinzie's old ferry landing on April 24, following the issuance of city building and development permits in mid-March.

The house is the first to be built on a parcel of almost three acres in size between Periwinkle Way and the Bay which the Whites have owned for some time. Following the density of 2.2 units per acre allocated to



Sanibel City Councilman Duane White is building a home near the old Kinzie ferry landing at the end of Ferry Road on Sanibel.

Designed by White and his wife, Charlotte, the house is being constructed to specifications which exceed the letter of the city land use plan with respect to floodproofing and vegetation preservation.

the property in the city's master plan, the Whites are entitled to build about four units on the parcel, according to the councilman.

The land was originally part of a tract of about 20 acres acquired by the Kinzie family just prior to the initiation of the ferry service in 1936. The lot on which the Whites' house is being built measures about 165 by 230 feet, according to White, or a little less than one acre—far in excess of the minimum size required for the dwelling in the comprehensive land use plan.

Unlike many Islanders who have appeared in city hall over the past eleven months to quibble with the plan's provisions, Duane White maintains that building in accordance with the plan is no inconvenience, although he and Charlotte

revised their plans for the house five times before commencing with construction.

The Whites designed the house themselves, with assistance from architect Joe Blacker in drawing up the final working blueprints.

Councilman White said last week that he and Charlotte had originally hoped to build a two-story home on the lot, but finally decided that it would be too high up in the air for such a vulnerable piece of property after they elevated the first floor 13.5 feet above mean sea level to comply with the floodproofing requirements in the city's master plan.

Aside from elevating their new home the required minimum of 13.5 feet, the Whites

have designed the structure so as to be even more storm resistant than called for in the city land use plan.

Instead of the 8-inch pilings required by the city, the Whites' new home will sit on 10-inch pilings driven 14 feet into the ground, said the councilman. Every board, truss and piling in the structure will be secured with metal "hurricane anchors," while the walls, ceilings and roof are constructed entirely of pressure-treated lumber for added strength.

The house is being built primarily of pine, with a clear cedar exterior and natural oak floors in two of the rooms.

Additionally, a brick fireplace in the Whites' family room is supported by a steel reinforced concrete base anchored to four more pilings sunk 14 feet in the ground, while the entrance foyer at the ground level features breakaway paneling.

The bottom of the house will be sealed with stucco White reported, and utility wires will be run to the house through an underground conduit to minimize the threat of live wires during high winds and rain.

According to the Whites' contractor for the building, Broyles and Moore Bayside Homes of Cape Coral, the house will be so sturdy that it will only be affected by storm if the entire structure is pulled out of the ground and washed away. The firm has had twenty years of experience in waterfront construction on the Islands.

As further insurance against storm damage, the Whites' home is set back about 80 feet from the Bay as opposed to the 50-foot setback mandated by the land use plan.

In other respects, the house is being constructed to specifications that go beyond the land use plan's emphasis on vegetation and environmental preservation.

Councilman White explained that he was forced to angle the house and so his view of the Bay in order to preserve a stand of seagrape, sabal palm and lantana that rises just outside his bedroom window.

One Casuarina was the only vegetation removed in the process of construction, while a single sabla palm was relocated on the lot, which is covered with seagrape, gumbo limbo, wax myrtle and the rare Joewood, among other valuable native plants.

White said that the lot will be landscaped with only native vegetation, and that his lawn will consist of just the St. Augustine grass which is currently growing on the site.

Although the property is rapidly eroding, the councilman said that he will not install a seawall on the Bayfront for environmental reasons.

The house will be served by a septic tank installed on the landward side of the building.

Upon completion, the Whites' three bedroom, two bath home will contain 2,880 square feet of living space and 1,600 square feet of screened porch and wooden deck area. An eight-foot wide wooden walkway will slope downward from the house to a gameroom and swimming pool to be installed at the rear of the property.

Among other innovations, the house will contain a dumbwaiter to lift packages from the ground-level foyer to the kitchen and an intercom system with which to answer the front door, as well as the traditional and energy-saving paddle fans in many rooms.

The Whites' contractors estimated that their new home would be ready for occupancy by September 1.

"To me, the land use plan has done what it was intended to do," said White last week. "It hasn't stopped growth on this fragile barrier island, but it has caused people to build the way they ought to build by putting Sanibel's delicately balanced eco-system in its proper perspective."

"I think that the basic premises of the plan will remain intact for a long, long time," he concluded.

And so it seems will the Whites' new home overlooking the old ferry landing on San Carlos Bay.

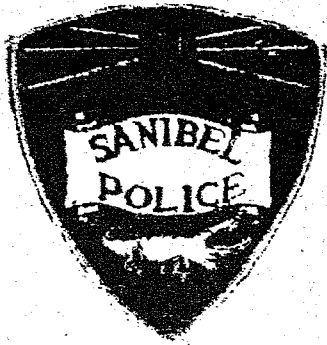
Different drummers, different dreams, both coming true



Doris in her breakfast nook



Duane and his view of the bay



police reports

During the past week that was, the alarms set a new record and broke a couple of old ones. "That" alarm was remarkably well behaved and went off only twice; however, three other contenders seemed to be vying for first place in that one of 'em went off six times, one five times, and another, three. With a spare one thrown in for good measure, the alarm total was 17.

The emergency call boxes were used four times, the EMTs called upon twice, seven large and-or heavy vehicles requested police escort, the Sanibel Police Department gave assistance of one sort or another 18 times, one traffic citation was written, as well as two for speeding, three dark house checks were intensified, all because of open doors this time, two cases of noisy motorcycles were reported, two wallets were brought into the SPD and returned to their rightful and happy owners, a bike, a pair of sun glasses and a set of keys were found, and another wallet was lost.

A boat was reported as sinking at a private dock because of heavy rains. Private marina said they'd take care of it.

An apartment B&E was accomplished — at least the "E" part was, since investigation showed a window pane had been broken (with the glass falling inside the place) but, while leaving a trail of sandy footprints, nothing had been

burglarized.

Two TV sets removed from rental premises, possibly on Memorial Day weekend. Theft not discovered till later, investigation pending.

Young maie missing. Returned home after extensive walk on beach.

Loud party keeping someone awake. Officer spoke to party people who agreed to keep the noise down.

Unnamed citizen reported possible illegal clearing of land and spilling of vegetative debris. Upon investigation, found legal clearing in process and no debris on road.

A call came in to report a parked alligator underneath a parked vehicle in a public parking lot not designed for reptiles. Called back 11 minutes later to report alligator had moved on, presumably into vegetation.

Another report of debris along road as a result of uncovered trucks hauling away vegetation from cleared land. Spoke to truck drivers, who said they'd be more careful.

A "staggering pedestrian" was reported as trying to hitchhike, after allegedly leaving car in middle of road intersection. Hitchhiker GOA; moved vehicle out of traffic lane.

A pair of males were selling merchandise at a very low price from a van. Since they did not have city permit, they went away.

Insurance salesman reported going door to door, also apparently without city license. City Hall asked that he be advised to go to City Hall if seen again.

Businessman reported an alligator in his parking lot (not same parking lot as earlier reptile report). Someone came along and shooed it back into the woods.

Call came in reporting very dead alligator near side of road near medical clinic. (Could it have been seeking help?) Alligator expert said he was only interested in live alligators. Wildlife agency said they'd check animal out.

Some one (or ones) has been trying to get into a place of business by removing the weather-stripping around the doors. Attempts apparently unsuccessful. SPD keeping close watch.

Island road had a cave-in, which was duly reported to the SPD. Also must have been reported to the city, because when officer arrived, city road department had filled in the hole and was resurfacing the area.

A young man was loaned a canoe, which he took out in the Gulf and was latter reported by at least one (and possibly more) people as being "alone and in trouble". Canoe and occupant returned to shore, where surprise was expressed that anyone was worried or disturbed.

Raccoon hit by car and was reported as "thrashing around." Officer dispatched to put animal out of its misery. On arrival, animal deceased.

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Flowing is the graduates' prayer recited by the 1977 Class which might interest many other June graduates.

"Give me courage to do what is hard,
Courage to Say 'no!' to sin,
Courage to hold off the quitter in me.
Give me a clean mind and clean speech,
Clean hands and eyes.
Let me cherish cleanness,
And recognize that it brings me happiness.
Let me appreciate that in purity all good things grow.

Give me a Gift for Kindness, so that I may never hurt another person.
Teach me to control my temper and my tongue,

So they do not become instruments of hurt. Sometimes I fail to see that others have importance, too.

Give me strength of spirit to defeat self-pity. If I am lonesome,

Lead me to the knowledge that to be loved, I must be loveable,

That I will have no real friends until I earn them.

Give me that bigness I need to be cheerfully obedient.

In the presence of all here today, I choose Mary as Mother and Guide.

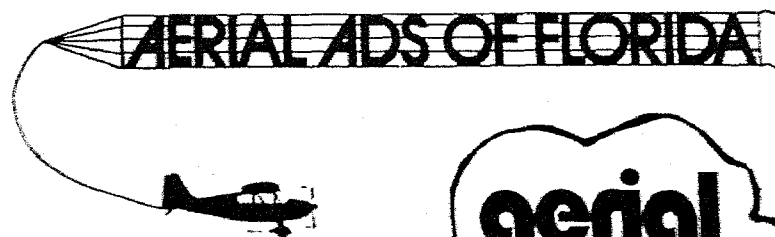
She is the Protectress of our school and the guide of our lives,

And I humbly ask Her to give me that zest for life and drive to conquer laziness.

Never let me feel that I can serve without serving or get without giving.

Let all who love me,
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May you always find me as a faithful Son of our loving Mother, Mary, Amen."



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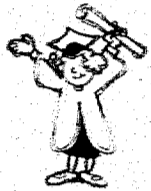
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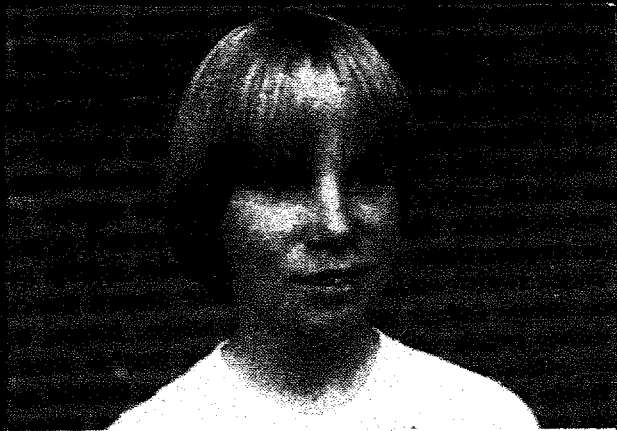
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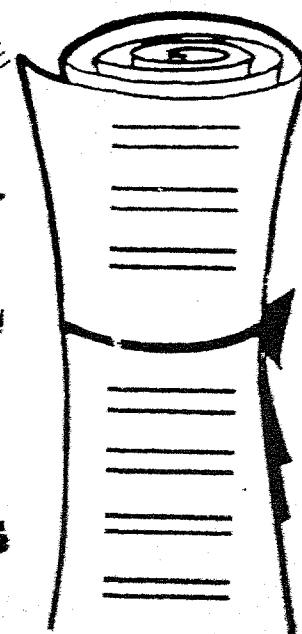
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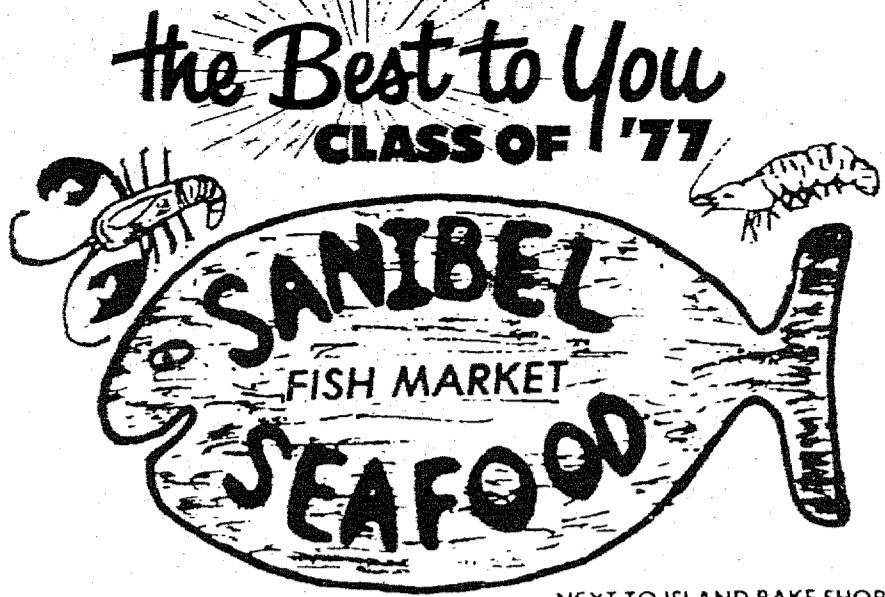
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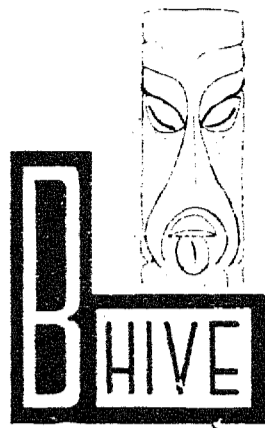
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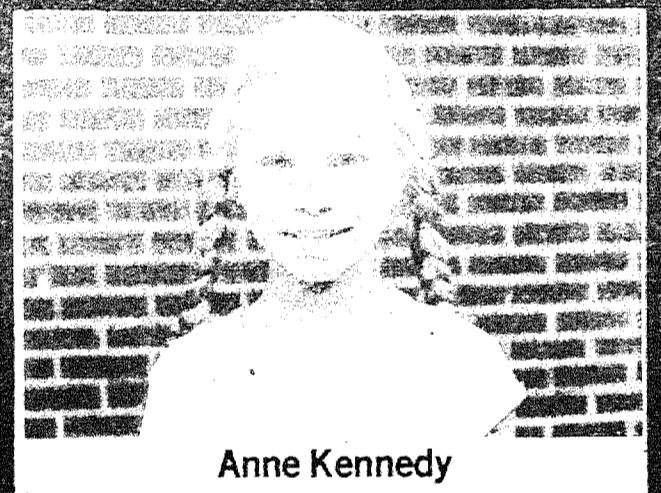
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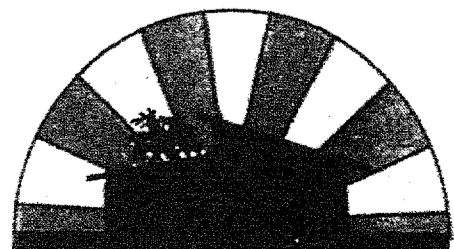


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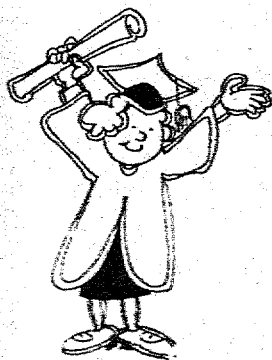


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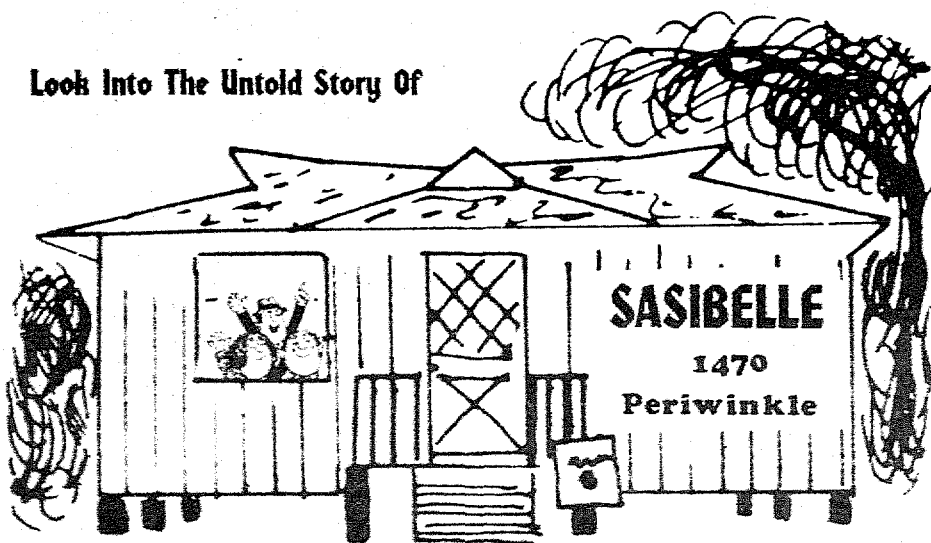
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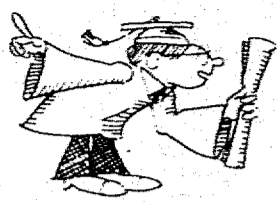
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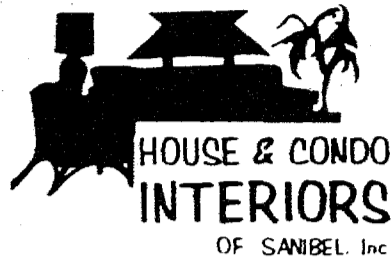
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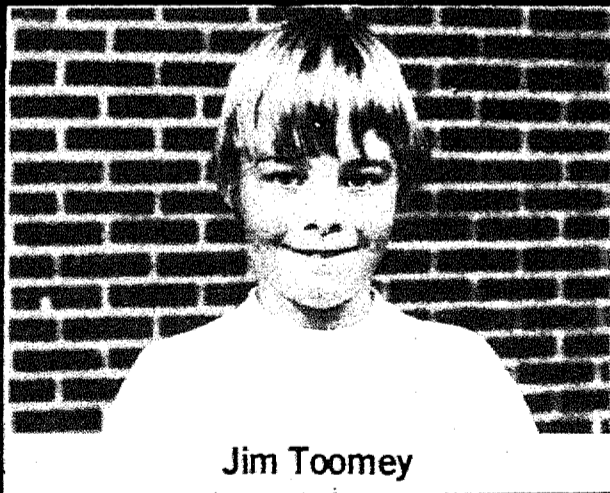
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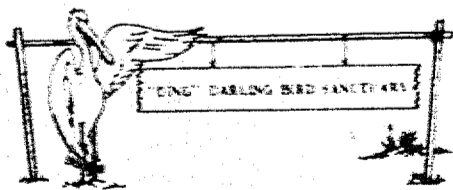
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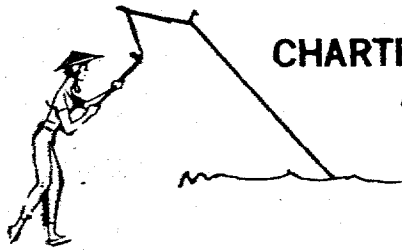
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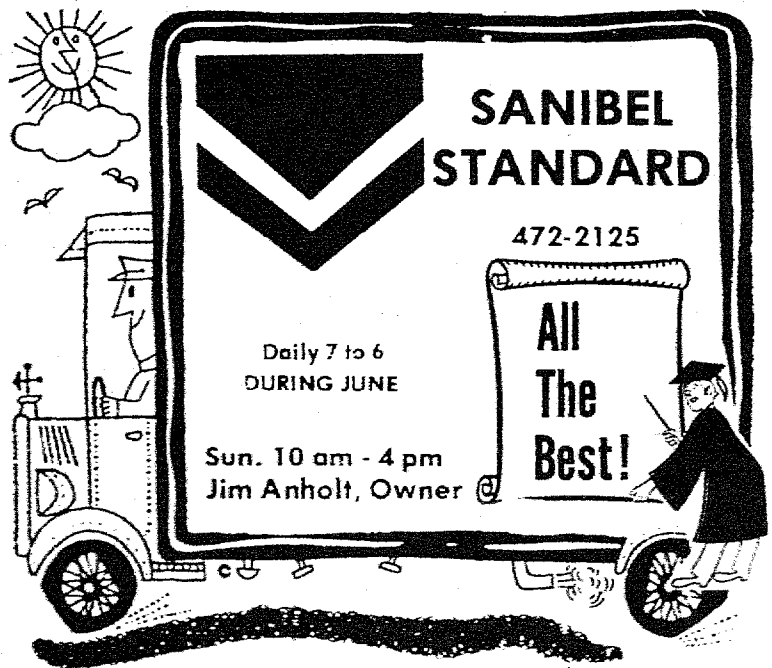
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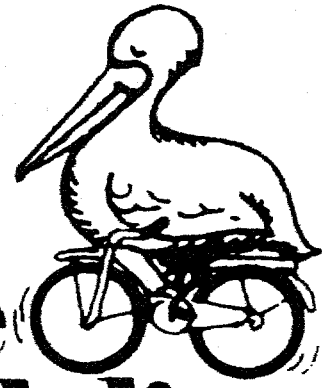
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Canada - candidly

by **lorraine ashford**

Well, Islanders, eat your hearts out! Summer has come to Canada! This past weekend, the temperature was 18 Celsius, so we dusted off the summer furniture and my husband revved up the power mower. While he cut the grass, I sunned and supervised and have the beginning of a great tan. Oh, after six months of winter, it's just great to get outdoors again.

My son and daughter-in-law spent a day with us on their way back to London, Ont., from Williamstown, Mass. Anyone down there from London? My family will be making a trip there shortly for our son's graduation from the law faculty of the University of Western Ontario. It's a lovely city. I lived there for three years during the war. My sister was born there and now my grandchild will be making his or her appearance there in early Dec. It's a city that holds a lot of fond memories for me so if anyone down there is interested, I will be happy to devote a column on the changes there after I return.

My daughter-in-law belongs to the "now" generation. She plans to take four months off from work after the baby and then

go back. She has a very interesting career as a counselor for the Immigration Dept. connected with Manpower. In fact, she won an award as the top counselor in Canada for work she did last year in connection with political refugees from Kurtisan. As a matter of fact, I was there when the refugees arrived and it was close to cloak-and-dagger stuff. No one knew when they were coming and their departure from their native country and arrival in Canada were closely guarded secrets.

I only know that my daughter-in-law certainly seemed to be moving mountains at the time. She met their bus at midnight and told us that just about all of them were in shock. How lucky we are in this country!

We have been asked by friends in the U.S. what the situation in Que. is like regarding Americans. These friends want to send their son to McGill University. McGill has gone down a lot as they just haven't been getting the educational grants they need so much.

All I know is that Americans, too, will be treated as immigrants and have to follow the new legislation—the kids will be

compelled to attend French schools. This would not be too bad if the quality of teaching was superior, but it isn't. The educational scene here is very bad. At last count, 104 head offices have moved out mostly because they just can't get staff to come here.

My two daughters work for the Canadian head office of an American firm and so far, it is standing pat. The parent company is in Kentucky. Sometimes I try and imagine a conversation between a Southerner and a French Canadian and it boggles the mind. My daughters tell me after talking to anyone in Kentucky for a period of time, it takes them an hour to drop the drawl. A French Canadian with a Southern accent would sure make for an interesting conversation.

In a moment of weakness, I subscribed to a French weekend paper. My paper boy speaks no English and I haven't enough French to tell him I don't want the paper anymore. I can see myself at ninety, still taking the paper because I don't know how to stop it!

My two dogs are now giving me the eagle eye to go out, since they, too, know it is Spring! So, I will leave you for now and talk to you again soon.

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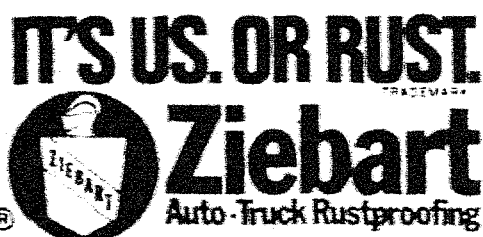
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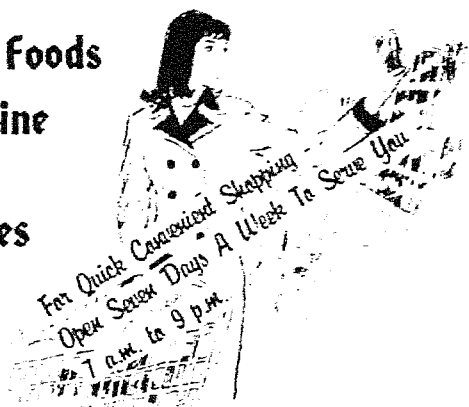


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Occupational license tax ordinance introduced

At their regular meeting last Tuesday in MacKenzie Hall, the Sanibel City Council heard a first reading of a new draft of the city's Occupational License Ordinance and accompanying fee schedule.

City Attorney Neal Bowen explained that the city's charge for occupational licenses on Sanibel is legally a privilege tax rather than a regulatory fee, and so the title of the new ordinance reflects the change.

Other changes in the new ordinance include requirements for all persons who engage in business on Sanibel to register with the city and pay a processing fee of \$10 and provisions giving the city council legal guidelines with which to judge the merits of applicants for city occupational licenses.

and so the power to grant or withhold the desired license in cases which the city manager deems questionable.

The fee schedule accompanying the new proposal contains only minor additions of new categories of businesses not envisioned in the city's former occupational license ordinance as well as proposed fee reductions for resident photographers and movie theaters.

Islander George Slay, chairman of the city's Code Compliance Committee, objected to the imposition of a \$10 registration fee on off-island contractors who are regulated by other city codes, and to other provisions pertaining to construction contractors working on Sanibel.

"I think there should be control, but I think the fees have to be applied fairly," Slay told the council.

Mayor Porter Goss revealed that the city has also received a letter of opposition to the proposed ordinance from the Five County Builders Association, contending that the proposed legislation violates the intent of state statutes governing occupational license taxes.

"The intent is to tax people for the privilege of doing business in the very fine business community of Sanibel," Goss explained.

"We have more people working here from off-island than ever before," reported

Deputy City Clerk Mildred Howze. "The word is getting around."

The council held a special workshop session to refine the proposed ordinance last Friday, and said they will conduct a public hearing on the proposal before moving for the adoption of the ordinance.

Mayor Goss said that the hearing will be held at 5 p.m. to accommodate the Island's (occasionally united in such matters) business community.

The Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce's Civic Affairs Committee is also slated to conduct a workshop session to brief Sanibel businessmen on the provisions of the proposed legislation, according to the Chamber's new president, Claire Walter.

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Casa Ybel now CasaBel — and open!

by gwen stevenson

CasaBel, formerly Casa Ybel, opened—not with a whimper, but a bang, to misquote Robert Frost. There were folks from the Islands all together in one spot who haven't been seen since last November. The crowds were fantastic, but don't let that scare you away. There will be many, many returnees, but probably not to the same extent as Thursday night.

For an opening night, everything ran pretty

smoothly due to the combined efforts of Mariner's food and beverage manager, Scott Siler, and CasaBel managers Tony Franchi and Earl Raen Raven. South Seas Plantation's head chef Alex Syamm was on hand to supervise the edibles, all delicious, according to reports.

And, it is reasonable. No, I didn't believe it either since Mariner Properties owns the place and South Seas Plantation is not the most inexpensive place to wine and dine, but CasaBel has a

totally different atmosphere. Not only is it "casual and tropical" in dress and atmosphere, but the prices are the most reasonable on the Islands for what you get.

Speaking, or writing, or, ah—what you get—here it is: For \$.60 you get a draft mug of Miller or Michelobe; for \$1.20 you can buy a mixed drink, and for \$1.40 you can get call brands.

These prices are in effect even while the band is playing—no cover charge and no minimum. And the

band is, we thought, pretty good for the 25 to 40 crowd. The most remarkable feature is their versatility—they can play anything from "Stardust" and "Birth of The Blues" to Fleetwood Mac's "Dreams."

The bar was a trifle disorganized, but we suspect that is due to growing pains—certainly, both bartenders kept their cool after what had to be a very trying day.

The food was excellent—by unanimous vote

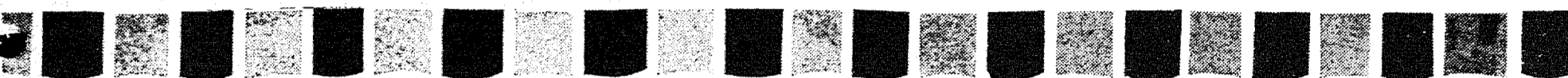
from everyone who was there and ate something. It's basically finger food—conch fritters, potato slices, deep-fried and salted (terrific with beer) to the all-you-can-eat plates of ribs or shrimp on Friday or Saturday nights.

Do try their special drinks. An angel's wings is similar to a pina colada but smoother; the shark's eye, a crabby appleton (with applejack brandy and fresh apple juice).

At the preview party, held the day before opening, the

most popular drink was the shark's eye—it is definitely a must for those who want tropical drinks to match the Islands—far more delicious than it sounds. The drink is composed basically of rum, triple sec and orange juice and is m-m-m-m good.

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26-Gilligan's Island
11:30
26-Animals, Animals, Animals!
12 Noon
11-Camera Three
20-Medix
26-Issues & Answers
12:30
11-Face The Nation
20-Meet The Press
26-A Psychic Called

Elizabeth
1:00
11-Untamed World
20-"The Loyal Opposition"
- Republicans respond to President Jimmy Carter
1:30
11-Bill Cosby Show
26-World Invitational Tennis
2:00
11-Sunday Afternoon Movie: "The Great Bank Robbery," with Zero Mostel, Kim Novak, Clint Walker and Claude Akins, in which three most bumbling and bungling gangs all try to rob the same bank—on the same day!
20-Sunday Film Festival'

"The Slender Thread," with Anne Bancroft and Sidney Poitier.
3:00
26-U.S. Open Golf
3:30
20-Ara Parseghian's Sports
4:00
11-CBS Sports Special: "PBA National Bowling Championship"
20-Music Hall America
5:00
20-"This Is My Son," a religious special about a family's struggle to accept their retarded child.
6:00
11-News Eleven
20-Last Of The Wild
6:30
11-CBS Evening News
20-NBC Sunday News
7:00

11-60 Minutes
20-Wonderful Disney
26-"Nancy Drew" and-or "The Hardy Boys" Mysteries
8:00
11-Rhoda
20-"The Magnificent Magical Magnet of Santa Mesa." A scientist wants to donate his invention, which solves the energy problem, to mankind, but the guys who work for him have different ideas.
26-The 6 Million \$ Man

8:30
11-Phyllis
8:58
11-CBS Newsbreak
9:00 approx.
20-NBC News Update
9:00
11-Switch
26-ABC Sunday Movie: "I Never Sang For My Father"
9:30
20-NBC Mystery Movie: Dennis Weaver as McCloud in "Bonnie & McCloud"
10:00
11-Who's Who

11:00
11-News Eleven
20-Eyewitness News
26-ABC Weekend News
11:15
26-Sunday Film Festival: "Caper of The Golden Bull," with Stephen Boyd
11:30
11-CBS Sunday News
20-NBC Sunday Late Movie: "Popi," starring Rita Moreno & Alan Arkin
11:45
11-"I Spy"

monday - 7 p.m.
till sign-off

7:00
11-Gunsmoke
20-Adam 12
26-To Tell The Truth
7:30
20-The \$128,000 Question
26-Treasure Hunt
8:00
11-The Jeffersons
20-Mulligan's Stew, or what happens when you take one small house and mix one set of parents, their three kids, their three suddenly orphaned nieces and nephews and a Vietnamese orphan.
26-ABC Monday Comedy Specials
8:30
11-Shields & Yarnell
26-Monday Night Baseball
8:58
11-CBS Newsbreak
9:00 approx.
20-NBC News Update
9:00
11-Maude

9:30
11-All's Fair
20-The Man From Atlantis
10:00
11-Sonny vs. Cher
11:00
11-News Eleven
20-Eyewitness News
26-NewsScene

11:30
11-Merv Griffin with guest star Robert (umm. Barreta) Blake!
20-The Tonight Show
26-Streets of San Francisco and Toma
1:00 a.m.
20-The Tomorrow Show

the editor:

And it is a fact... a 4 1/2 year study on 400 beaten and battered children conducted by Dr. Edward Lenoski, Professor of Pediatrics, University of Southern California demonstrated that 90 percent of these children resulted from planned and wanted pregnancies.

I repeat, babies, or if one prefers, fetuses, (that is human fetuses - not cat's or dog's - are executed in our beloved country at the rate of 3,500 per day - their crime—being alive! A research biologist (ABIO - Lamp-125 Heath Rd., Bebington, Ch) has this to say:

"I come into daily contact with the products of the Abortion Act and I never cease to wonder at the beauty of God's creation and the horror of man's action. Wrapping a recognizable human form in a paper bag and throwing it in the dustbin must be the most hideous act of our time!"

Sincerely,
-s-Ruth Hunter

annual event may continue to meet with increased success each year.

Good Fishing,
-s-Fritz Stoppelbein, Chairman

A copy of the following letter from Mrs. Lillian Carter to Mayor Porter Goss was given to the ISLANDER for publication:

"Dear Mr. Mayor and the citizens of Sanibel:

"Let me assure you of the pleasure in visiting your lovely city.

"The key is lovely and I'm honored to accept and keep it always.

"Please tell Mr. Sellers how much I like it and I loved his letter.

"I liked the newspaper also—and the piece about the nice young man who gave the necklace. Ray and my two sisters join me in thanks for your hospitality.

"I look forward to another visit.

"Sincerely, Lillian Carter.
"Plains, Georgia."

To the editor:

This is to acknowledge, with appreciation, your thorough news coverage of the 1977 Island Open Fishing Derby.

Those who originated the Derby a year ago had in mind providing an attraction for visitors during the normally slack period between the winter and summer seasons, with the ultimate goal of levelling off those peaks and their strain on island facilities and services, in favor of a longer, continuous season.

This year to inaugurate the Derby, the Blessing of the Fleet and Decorated Boat Parade was added. This event was well received by both local and neighboring communities, some of whom have indicated they plan an even greater participation in the event in the future.

It is hoped that each year the community can schedule additional events which will give encouragement to prospective visitors to plan their vacation for this season of the year.

In ending my service as chairman for the 1977 Derby, I have made two recommendations to the sponsors—

1) That they immediately undertake a study to determine how to improve the local marine environment for fishing and other water oriented activities.

2) That they determine what steps to take to provide more fishing accommodations for visitors, specifically by adding a T on the end of the existing fishing pier as a first suggestion.

It has been a privilege for me to serve the community as chairman for the 1977 Island Open Fishing Derby and I hope that this

To the editor:

After being on the Islands for some time, I find it now-a-days a little difficult to sleep some nights, because I keep wondering which politicians are counting my sheep.

-s-Dahl Ross of Djakarta, Indonesia

Editor's Note: Silly! You can't have any sheep of any variety on Sanibel (assuming that's where your politicians are) since the CLUP prohibits agricultural land use, among other things.

A copy of the following letter was submitted to the ISLANDER for publication:

Mr. & Mrs. Elmer E. Badger

P.O. Box 6

Ocoee, Fl. 32761

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Badger,

Congratulations on your grand prize redfish in our Island Open Fishing Derby!

As you requested in conversation with my secretary, I have arranged the week of July 16th to July 23, 1977 at Sanibel Beach Club. Your Sanibel Beach Club vacation prize, will be in unit 1B, which is Cackle Building.

Check in time is on Saturday, July 16th between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Should you arrive later, the key will be on the table inside the unit, and a name tag with your name so you will know you are in the correct unit.

We sincerely hope you will enjoy your Sanibel Beach Club Vacation prize and we are looking forward to meeting you at that time. Enclosed is some literature for your enjoyment and to familiarize you with Sanibel Beach Club.

-s-Keith W. Trowbridge
President, Sanibel Beach Club

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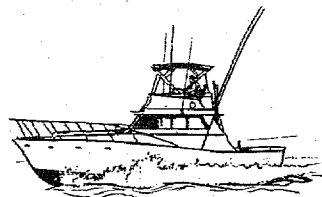
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Okay, you graduates and post grads, there is only one more exam before you are turned loose on the world to change it in one way or another. We have made up your final test and unlike most others, we encourage consultation (cheating), cross referencing (using the answers from the same test given last year), and authoritative counseling (taking a bribe from the person next to you for an

answer.)

There are 10 questions and you have 10 minutes to complete the exam. For you math majors, that's one minute per question. For you English majors, that's all your fingers, but not including your toes by the time the big hand moves from 12 to 2 on the clock. Get your pencils ready, and start.

Question One: If you

accidentally find a bale of marijuana floating in the Gulf and a Florida Marina Patrolman swoops down on you, you should: (a) smile, giggle and keep asking, "Hey man, what's happening?" (b) offer the man a joint and a can of beer, (c) say you don't know how the stuff got in your boat, (d) say the grass appeared as an act of God.

Question Two: there must be 50 ways to leave your lover, but only one sure-fire method of safely removing a catfish from the end of your line. That method requires the use of: (a) a shotgun, (b) a two-by-four, (c) causing a large rock to fall on said fish.

Question Three: The redfish is not really red unless embarrassed. When it is caught and made a fool of, naturally it gets embarrassed and blushes, which turns it red. The real color of the redfish is: (a) blue, (b) yellow tailed, (c) striped, (d), unknown, because no one ever saw a redfish which was not embarrassed.

Question Four: If your boat was sinking in Captiva Pass, but you had a 150-pound tarpon on the line, you would tell your wife to: (a) swim to shore, (b) bail like hell, (c) jump over once the fish came aboard, (d) not have married you in the first place if she didn't like to fish.

Question Five: With no gas stations on the open waters, a woman having to desperately find a rest station usually says she needs to: (a) buy more bait, (b) avoid a storm, (c) check on the kids, (d) find an island.

Question Six: If you were fishing from a bridge and all around you, everyone was catching large snook, how would you describe your chances of also getting a snook? (a) unbelievably low, (b) about a million to one, (c) ridiculous, (d) good, because you would take the other guy's fish when he wasn't looking and run like hell with it.

Question Seven: You are 100 miles offshore, the boat is sinking, there are five people on board and only one life jacket. You argue that you should get the jacket because: (a) it's your boat, (b) the others can't swim anyway, (c) you're holding the only gun.

Question Eight: If you wife never objects to your

frequent and long fishing trips, it's because: (a) she's got someone on the side (b) she hopes you've got someone on the side, (c) she knows you are a rotten fisherman and you need the practice, (d) all of the above.

Question Nine: Your two-year-old daughter has just eaten your last live shrimp as a 30-pound snook drifts under your boat. You should: (a) quickly get a couple of fingers down the kid's throat, (b) turn the kid upside down and use her like a salt shaker, (c) give her a big hook and tell her to swim slowly around the boat.

Question Ten: If the pull top on your last beer breaks and the can fails to open, you should: (a) chew a hole in the side of the can, (b) call the U.S. Coast Guard, (c) pray that you catch a fish with a can opener in its stomach.

That's it. If you misse more than three, we will be having summer school later this month. If you got them all, well, you are ready to really get out there and try and straighten out this world after we have been fouling things up over the years.

Congratulations to you from us.

(Mike Fuery is captain of Captive Winds Sailing Charters out of Tween Waters Marina, Captiva, Fla.)



Sea captain of all he can see...

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June

14th — Teams 9 - 10	15th — Teams 3 - 4
16th — Teams 11 - 12	17th — Teams 5 - 6
19th — Teams 7 - 8	19th — Teams 7 - 8
20th — Teams 10 - 12	

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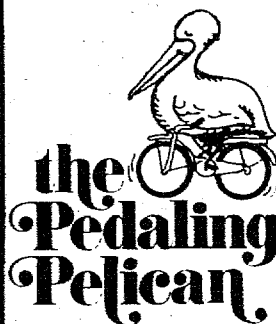
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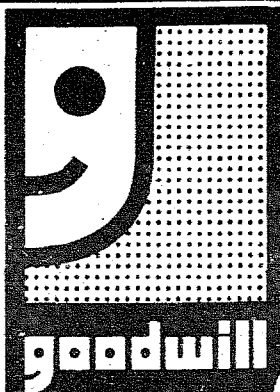
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Your astrological week

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Aries: Speculative events will go well once they get under way if you do not disclose your views prematurely. This is a favorable time for travel, romance, and legal matters.

Taurus: You can move to further some off-beat personal goals or desires at this time. This time is good for marital or other joint finances as well as for tax matters.

Gemini: This week is good for routine health checks or dentist. A private hang-up could cause you to be very unrealistic in cooperating with others. Those available could become engaged or get married.

Cancer: Schedule some time to get together with friends and loved ones for congenial entertainment. There will be some on-the-job opportunity you don't expect.

Leo: Domestic friction may be almost inevitable, but a good suggestion from a mature person enables you to see long-range values more objectively regarding affection.

Virgo: Don't voice strong opinions around in-laws, especially about home and property matters. Travel will be on the agenda for some of you, so look for ways to save money there.

Libra: This will be a busy time and in general a favorable one. Sidestep confrontations over money and love. Travel of any kind may be very disappointing.

Scorpio: Don't rock the boat in any partnerships or leave your possessions unprotected. Attention to work and family matters will pay dividends. A nice financial plum may come your way late in the week.

Sagittarius: Transits favor the launching of new financial ventures and bring excellent relationship rapport. Seek attention for personal aims and new projects.

Capricorn: Family tension is likely to surface, so avoid being too impulsive or tense as things are likely to backfire on you. Things may not turn out as planned where your regular routine is concerned.

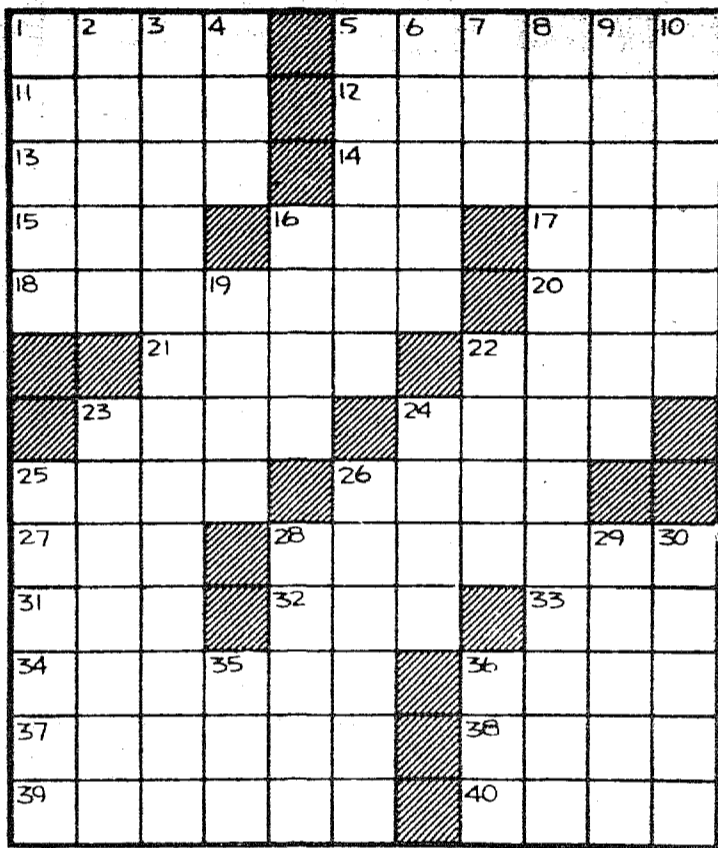
Aquarius: These will be enjoyable social days, with an overtone of romance for many of you. Your life will lack no variety, with the trend mostly on the up side.

Pisces: Don't push your luck regarding matters at a distance. Money matters could cause resentment. Try not to overreach credit or prestige. Friends will be helpful in meeting influential people.

crossword

by thomas joseph

- ACROSS**
- 1 Priest
 - 5 Sun-dried bricks
 - 11 Lahr was one
 - 12 Coaches' concern
 - 13 "Exodus" author
 - 14 Vote of approval
 - 15 Actor De Corsia
 - 16 Brooks of comedy
 - 17 Panama —
 - 18 They gape
 - 20 Opposite of WSW
 - 21 One and only
 - 22 Plum for gin
 - 23 Snakes
 - 24 God of thunder
 - 25 Pale
 - 26 Burn
 - 27 W.W. II area
 - 28 Warren Beatty film
 - 31 Tiff
 - 32 Stammer
 - 33 Timetable abbreviation
 - 34 Sports palaces
 - 36 Operatic treat
 - 37 Outburst
- DOWN**
- 1 Borders on
 - 2 Cap
 - 3 Premarital parties (2 wds.)
 - 4 Suffixes meaning "little"
 - 5 Electrical unit
 - 6 Best-selling toys
 - 7 Medieval money
 - 8 Premarital bash (2 wds.)
 - 9 Famous First Lady
 - 10 Sofa
 - 16 "... try — souls"
 - 19 Stringy
 - 22 Pretense
 - 23 Oregon city
 - 24 Defrost
 - 25 Supply with gas
 - 26 Hunter
 - 28 Specter
 - 29 Bay window
 - 30 Speechify
 - 35 Late Mr. Cole
 - 36 Solicit



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Wed	15	1:41 AM H	5:29 AM L	**11:37 AM H	8:01 PM L
Thu	16	2:16 AM H	5:54 AM L	**12:06 PM H	8:33 PM L
Fri	17	2:55 AM H	6:26 AM L	**12:41 PM H	9:07 PM L
Sat	18	3:20 AM H	7:05 AM L	** 1:16 PM H	9:41 PM L
Sun	19	3:52 AM H	7:51 AM L	** 1:55 PM H	10:16 PM L
Mon	20	4:27 AM H	8:47 AM L	** 2:37 PM H	10:48 PM L

Tides courtesy of Priscilla Murphy, Realtor, Inc.

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, 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.)

For Captiva Island, Gulf side, subtract 30 minutes from each high tide, and subtract 1 hour and 16 minutes for each low tide.

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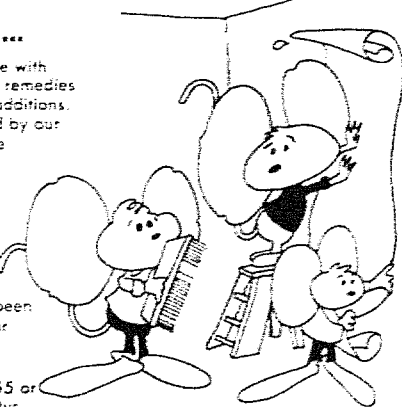
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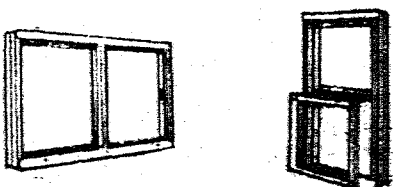
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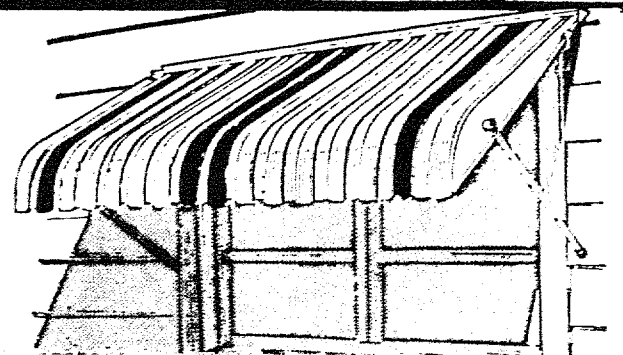
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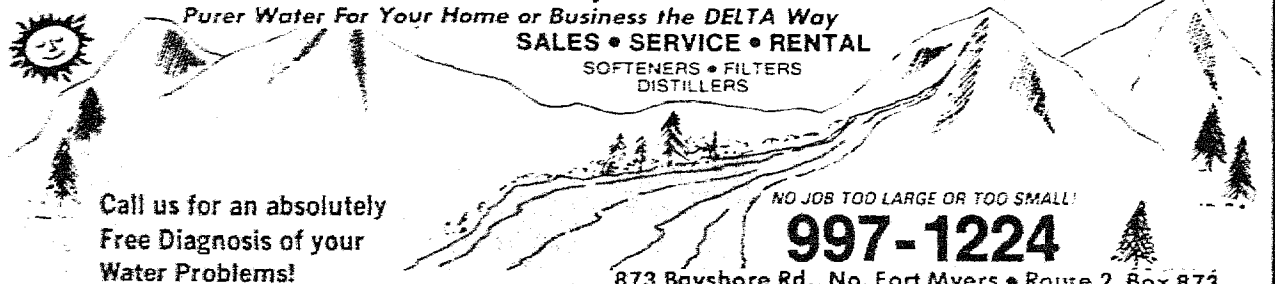
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In Iceland, the puffin is popularly called a "profastur," a word denoting a high ranking churchman, which the article attributes to the bird's rather dignified looks.

"Good Night, Mrs. Puffin," one of the Pirate Playhouse's offerings this past season, drew interested audiences from the Islands, and as the following letter attests, all over the world.

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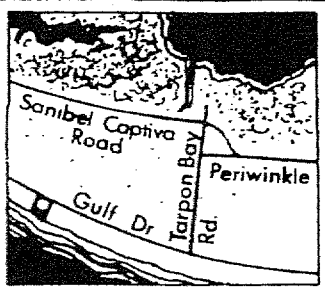
"Gail Carson (Mrs. Garry

When the puffin decides to go somewhere, it either flies faster than just about any known migrating bird, or it hitches a ride on a jet, as at least one instance disclosed that a puffin, which had been tagged in the Westman Islands off Iceland, had reached New Zealand a mere three weeks later!

As you can see, the puffin is a most unusually marvelous bird—which certainly makes it a fellow troupe member of the Playhouse and the Hunter who consistently turn out unusually marvelous theatrical fare for Islanders season after season!

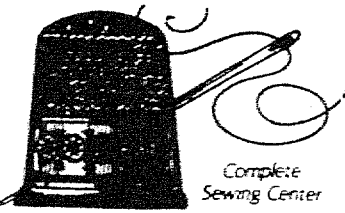
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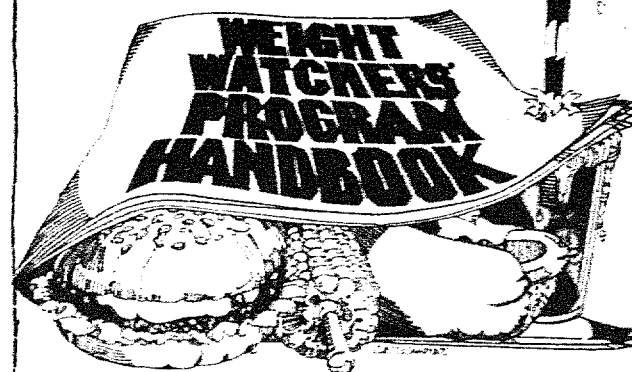
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Coastal setback

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Mayor Goss told his fellow councilmen that the decision might have the consequence of setting a legal precedent for other similarly affected Gulf-front lot owners on Sanibel, although Goss calculated that there are only about a half-dozen lots on

consequences only too clear. In recent months, he has often threatened to sue the city, and prior to last week's hearing Anderson told the ISLANDER that he had retained Fort Myers attorney Steve Helgemo to handle a quarter-million dollar damages suit he planned to file against the city in the event of a denial.



Anderson charts granted variance

After six years and more than a dozen hearings before the city, Donald J. Anderson earned the city council's permission last week to build his long-awaited home south of Gulf Drive in the Tradewinds Subdivision seaward of the coastal construction setback line contained in the city's comprehensive land use plan.

Anderson's case was the first in which the council agreed to relax the cherished coastal setback line.

the Island that truly parallel Anderson's dilemma with respect to the coastal setback line.

Had the council decided to deny the long-awaited variance, Anderson had made the

Carrying what he said amounted to \$62 worth of copies of minutes of his past hearings before the city, Anderson thanked the council somewhat amicably at the conclusion of his hearing last Tuesday.

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Immediately before Anderson's hearing last week, the council voted 4 to 1 to deny a specific amendment for a variance to the coastal setback line requested by Bud and Jo Ann Batsch to permit the enlargement of an existing unit at the Tropical Tradewinds Motel just up the street from Anderson's property.

Although Bud Batsch argued that he desperately needed to enlarge one of the six units at the motel to provide living quarters for his family, the council voted to deny his request for a variance on the grounds that he already has a reasonable use for his property, and that his need to enlarge a unit is not sufficient reason to grant him an exception to the coastal setback line when so many others have been denied similar requests over the past eleven months of implementing the land use plan:

The council also voted last Tuesday not to approve specific amendments to the plan proposed by:

—Gail Peak to permit the construction of four dwelling units on a 9.6-acre parcel of land east of Dixie Beach Boulevard;

—Wassef and Salma Mikhail to permit the construction of a duplex on a lot north of Gulf Drive in the Shell Harbor Subdivision;

—Ed Konrad and Roy Bazire to grant a full commercial designation to a 1.5-acre residentially-zoned parcel of land in the Sanibel Bayous Subdivision south of the intersection of Sanibel-Captiva and Wulfert Point Roads; and

—Nancy S. Frazier to permit the construction of a duplex on two contiguous lots in the Sanibel Center Subdivision near the intersection of Center Street and Dixie Beach Boulevard.

In other action last week, the council voted unanimously to approve the issuance of a temporary sign permit to David Herzog, enabling him to display a sign for his Herzog Construction Company in the 1633 Plaza on Periwinkle Way.

Sixteen enthusiastic senior citizens on a tour sponsored by the Salvation Army were greeted by Philip and Ruth Hunter at the Pirate Playhouse last Monday.

They enjoyed seeing the unique arena theater, originally the Sanibel School, as well as the new Museum of Ellie May. Philip played "Whispering Hope" on the Playhouse's organ, and one darling Lorna Bohan, danced with her aluminum walker when a Roaring Twenties record was played. The afternoon was a benefit for Life of Lee, Inc.

Senior citizens tour Pirate Playhouse

Among the guests were Margaret Pletz, Sadie Dupuy, Lester Pruyne, Eleanor Hoatland, Annie Goulais, Sam Patterson, Feliciano Gozalez (of South America), Margaret Smith, Francis Quin, Alice D. Brewer, Emily Pruyne, Nell Patterson, Rose King, Lillian Heslor and Pam Watts, who supervises the activities of the Salvation Army's Senior Citizens Service Center.

Besides admiring the costume collection, as well as parasols and hats (there is one Mayor Porter Goss wore when he appeared as Mercury in "Isle of Umbrellas" at the Playhouse), the group inspected the dressing rooms, backstage, etc., before meeting for punch and cookies in the Founder's Lounge.






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