

Water report causes major IWA rethinking

by gwen stevenson

The major premise upon which the Island Water Association has been operating since its inception was demolished during a public report by the hydrological consulting firm of Geraghty and Miller, hired by the IWA to evaluate the condition of present and future water sources for Sanibel and Captiva Islands.

The report was delivered last Wednesday to a standing-room-only crowd of city officials and interested citizens.

"Ever since the IWA was formed," said General Manager Larry Snell later in the week, "we have been operating under the assumption that there was an unlimited flow of water moving through a continuous limestone layer (called the Lower Hawthorne Aquifer) running south from the Orlando area through Cape Coral and under Sanibel." The general presumption was that once the water

left Sanibel it flowed into the Gulf of Mexico.

"Instead," said Louis Motz, Ph.D., P.E., senior hydrologist for Geraghty and Miller, "there is virtually no flow coming from the mainland. The source of Sanibel water is the Lower Hawthorne Aquifer, but the water lies in a large basin or sink under Sanibel—a basin created millions of years ago." This large basin of water holds treatable brackish water, the IWA Board was told, but the amount of water it contains is limited. It is replenished, not as previously thought from a steady flow coming from the mainland, but through leakage from above and below the limestone layer.

"There are many other sources of water available," Motz said at the meeting, "but as the salt content of the water increases, the cost of converting the water into a consumptive product also increases."

The consulting firm based its recommendations on finding both an affordable short-term supply of water for the Islands and addressing the long-term problem of enough water to supply the Islands' growing population.

Motz recommended several courses of action that included improving the casings on some existing wells to prevent possible leakage of saltier water in to these wells, as well as monitoring and adjusting the flow rates on existing wells to avoid pumping them dry to a suggestion to consider using treated sewage water for irrigation.

Although drilling one or more wells in the area east of the water treatment plant where the IWA is currently getting its best water, Motz advised the Board to "leave well enough alone." Rather than jeopardizing the currently productive wells in that area, Motz recommended that a better test and

possibly production area for new wells lies west along Sanibel-Captiva Road.

In a meeting last Friday, the IWA Board of Directors decided, in view of this latest and surprising information, they would take the following steps:

The IWA will commit approximately \$70,000 for a test well on the west end of the Island near the Sanibel Elementary School. If the results from the test well are positive, then a production well will follow in the same spot.

"Drilling a test well does require permission from the South Florida Water Management District (SF-WMD)," said Snell, "but since the information now required by the SF-WMD would be provided in part, by the test well, I am hopeful about obtaining the necessary permits." (The SFWMD recently refused the IWA permission to drill new wells pending receipt of further data.)

"The land involved belongs to the Federal Wildlife Refuge so an environmental impact study is necessary," Snell said, "but assuming the study is favorable and the required permissions are granted, the well could be in by October 15."

If the test results from the well are positive, then a production well would be drilled shortly thereafter.

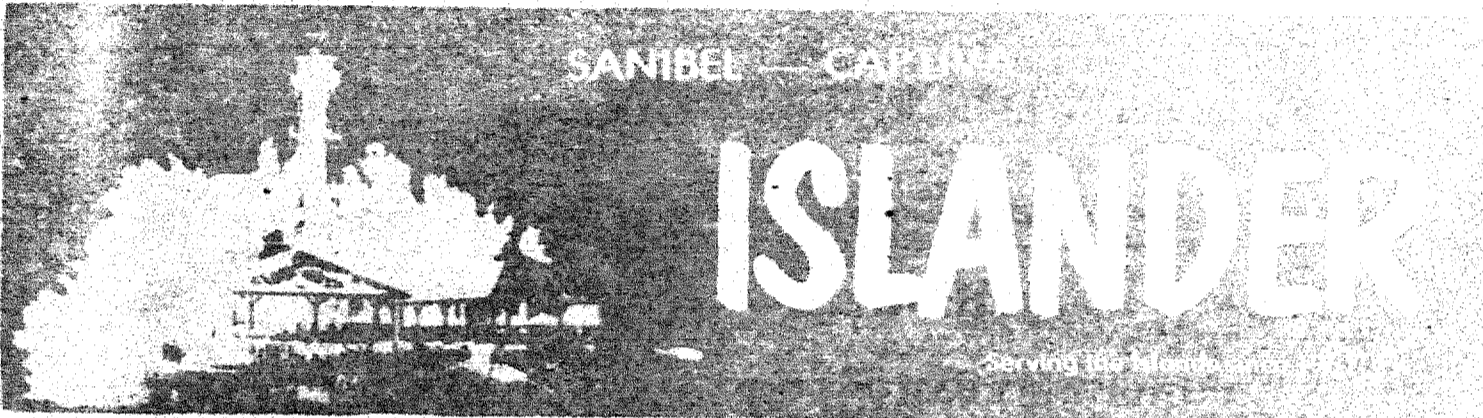
"But," Snell told the ISLANDER, "in view of what we have learned, it now places us at the juncture where we have to do something major to accommodate long-term needs; we can't just live from year to year."

The most distinct probability is that the IWA will go down to the Suwanee Aquifer which lies underneath the Lower Hawthorne. This Aquifer provides a virtually limitless supply of water, but is too brackish for IWA's current electro dialysis treatment plant to handle.

The IWA now plans to take an existing well and extend a probe down to the Suwanee Aquifer to test the water. From all apparent indications, it will take a different type of treatment plant—reverse osmosis instead of electro dialysis—to convert the more brackish water located in the Suwanee Aquifer. This new type of plant will cost in the neighborhood of three to four million dollars. "We have no problem that can't be solved by current technology," said Snell, "it's just a matter of paying for it."

"But," he added emphatically, "the IWA Board of Directors has already

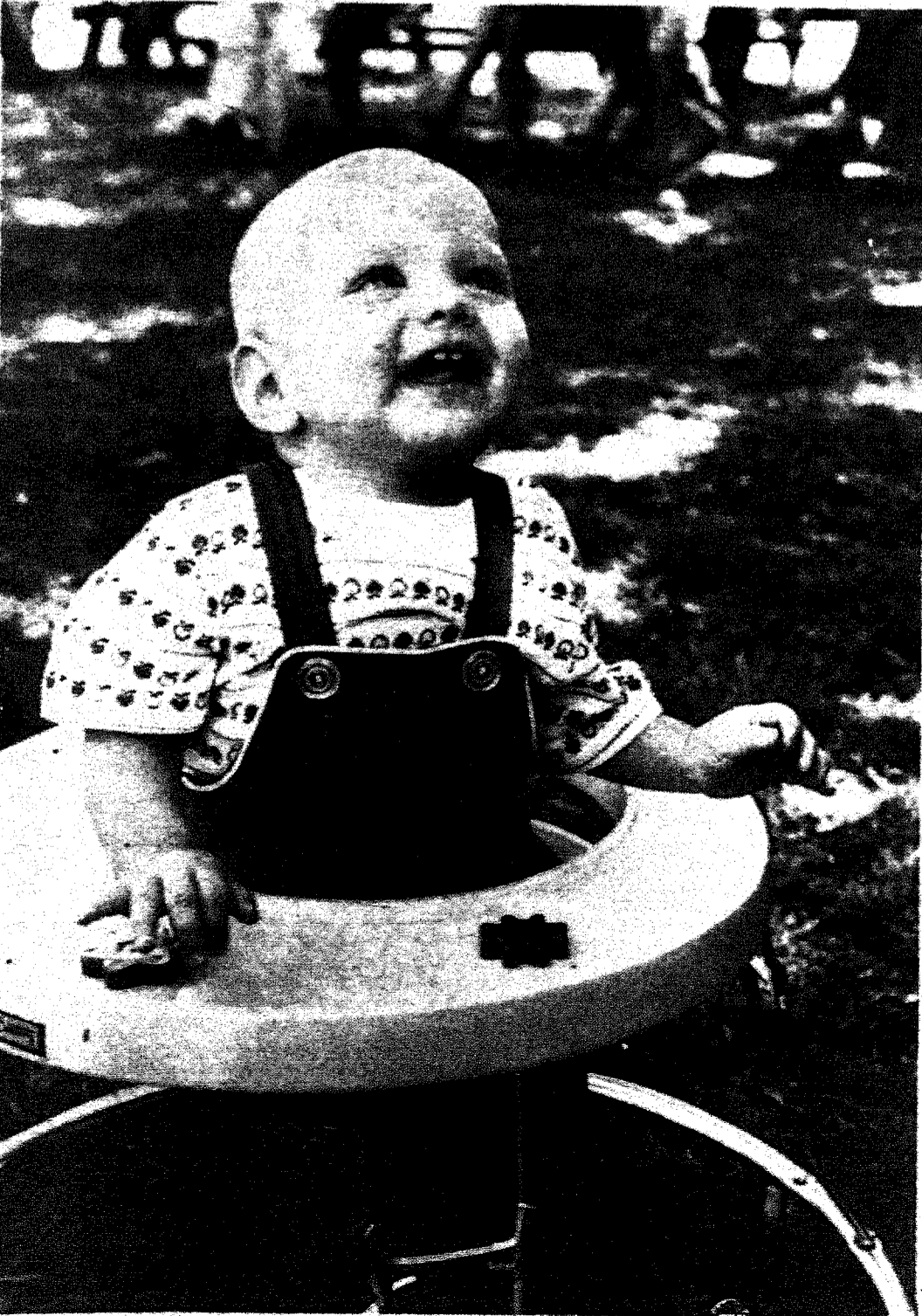
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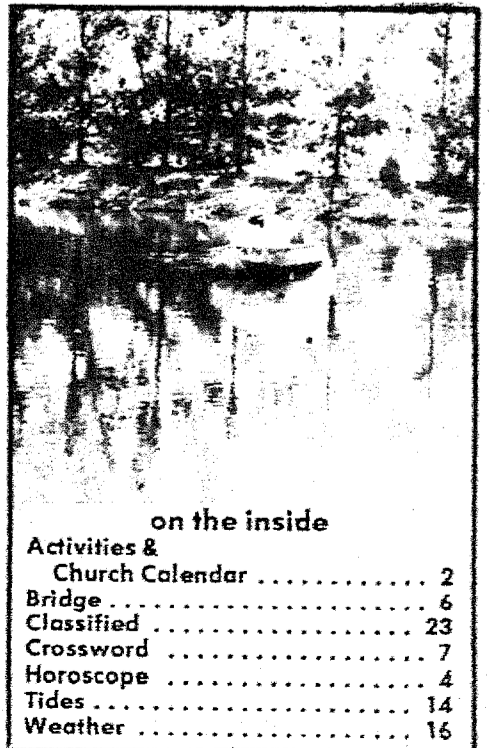
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Activities Calendar

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things to do

- BINGO MUREX** - American Legion Home, Thursdays, 8:30 p.m. No minors. Sanibel-Captiva Road, 472-9979.
- BIRD TOURS:** Griffing Bancroft, 472-1447; George Weymouth, 472-1516; Dick Frieman, 472-1315.
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- MUSEUMS** the Odyssey Museum of Miniature Americana 1554 Periwinkle Way 472-1786. Elie May's Museum. By appointment. Call 472-2121.
- NATURAL HISTORY FIELD TRIPS:** to Sanibel's wildlife habitats. For reservations, information, times and fees, call 472-2180.
- SAILING** (lessons and or charter): Southwind, 472-2531; Paul Taylor, 472-1551; Chic Kennedy, 472-4087; Mike Fuery, Tween Waters, 472-1784, Ft. Myers Yacht Charters, Roger Nodruff, 463-2320, Twin Palms Marina; Papa Nui, 332-1200; Off-Shore Sailing School, S.S.P., 472-1551, ext. 4141. Capt. Hugh Alexander, Island Boat Rentals, 472-2228.
- SHELLING TOURS** - Beach Bay Bayou, 472-1315; Baughn Holloway, 472-2802; Duke Sells, 472-1784; Tarpon Bay Marina 472-1323, Jerry Way, 472-1784, Hugh Alexander, Island Boat Rentals, 472-2228.
- SIGHTSEEING TOURS** - Herb Purdy, 472-1849; Tarpon Bay Marina (canoes), 472-1323; Capt. Chic Kennedy, 472-4087; Capt. Herb Purdy, 472-1849, Mike Fuery, 472-1784, Jerry Way 472-1784, Capt. Hugh Alexander, Island Boat Rentals, 472-2228
- TENNIS & SCUBA EQUIPMENT (RENTAL).** The Real Eel, 472-2674.
- WATER SKIING** - Herb Purdy, 472-1849.
- OFF ISLAND DAY TIME ATTRACTIONS** - Edison Home in Fort Myers, 334-1280; Shell Factory, U.S. 41 North Fort Myers; Jungle Cruises, 334-7474, Fort Myers Yacht Basin; Waltzing Waters, 263-0636, Pine Island Road.

fraternal groups

- ROTARY INTERNATIONAL** - area meetings. Fort Myers, Tuesday at 12:15 in the Shrine Building off Cleveland Ave.; Fort Myers South, Mondays at 12:15 in the Sweden House on Route 41; Fort Myers Beach, Thursdays at 12:15 at the Island Pub on San Carlos Blvd. (between the bridges); Cape Coral, Wednesdays at 8 a.m. in the Nautilus Inn.
- KIWANIS CLUB** meets at Scotty's Pub each Wednesday morning at 8:00.
- BOY SCOUT TROOP NO. 88** meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the school.
- LIONS CLUB** of Sanibel-Captiva meets at 6:30 p.m. the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at the American Legion, Sanibel-Captiva Road.
- AL ANON** - Every Friday, 8:00 p.m. at St. Michael's and All Angels Church. For information call 472-2491.
- ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** St. Michael's and All Angels Church, Periwinkle Way, Fridays, 8 p.m. For information call 332-1300.

how to get there

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political and governmental

- SANIBEL CITY COUNCIL** meets the 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays of every month at 9 a.m. at City Hall, unless special meetings are called. The public is invited.
- 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.

clubs & civic groups

- AMERICAN LEGION POST No. 123** - American Legion Home, second Tuesday of the month, 8:00 p.m.
- LADIES GUILD** of the Sanibel Community Church meets at 1:30 every third Thursday of the month. For details phone 472-2425.
- SANIBEL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.** Sanibel Community House, 1st Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.
- THE SANIBEL-CAPTIVA UNIT OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS** meets at 10:00 a.m. on the third Monday of every month at the Sanibel Community House. The public is warmly invited.

Church Calendar

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Fr. Gerard Beauregard, Pastor
Fr. Ladislaus Pelczynski, Asst. Pastor
Sunday Masses
Vigil (Saturday evenings) 5:30 p.m.
Sundays 8:30, 10 & 11:30 a.m.
Other Masses
Friday Mass (1st Friday) 7:30 p.m.
Daily 8:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Holy Days (Vigil) 7:30 p.m.
Confessions before each Mass.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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SUNDAY SERVICE:
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Services 7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY EVENING:
Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

ST. MICHAEL'S AND ALL ANGELS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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SUNDAY:
Holy Communion 7:30 a.m.
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Morning Worship,
2nd & 4th Sundays 9:30 a.m.

SANIBEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
The Rev. Bruce E. Milligan, Pastor
Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m.
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Sunday School
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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES
Ramada Inn (end of Donax Street)
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GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
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472-2253
Sunday Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

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Rabbi Simon Friedeman
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Notes
from
a
secret
correspondent

sports a new beard and hair-do, both a matching red. They drove away in a new 'silver-Bullet' Van, shining like a silver dollar in the the sun.

Off they went, taking Horace Greeley's advice to "go West, young man". So he did, taking his lovely bride all the way to San Diego, California. We miss both of you so much, and Luv'ya. Have a great safe trip with lots of Fun. Take care.

The Summer residents will be waiting for your smiling, ginning "hellos" upon your return.

by the ISLANDER's Secret Correspondent.

Guess who went where on vacation? Yoo-hoo. Where did they go? I'm speaking of the Darlin' of the Office of The Periwinkle Trailer Park.

I know she went with that good-looking man who

Planners take dim view of recommended City Hall site

In a regular session last Monday, the Sanibel Planning Commission continued their review of the recommendations of the city's Site Selection Committee concerning offers of property the city has received for consideration as the site of a future municipal services office complex proposed for Sanibel by the city council.

After reviewing over 15 sites which were offered for city acquisition to serve as the site for a new city hall, the Site Selection Committee recently recommended three sites for the council to consider on the basis of a wide range of criteria such as cost, size of the parcel, accessibility to traffic and other public services, present land use classification, and many others.

In order of the committee's preference, the three sites recommended for possible city acquisition are:

—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;

—a 7.5-acre parcel north of Periwinkle Way near its intersection with Palm Ridge Road offered by William Blakely for \$324,500; and

—a 4.6-acre tract north of Periwinkle Way directly across from the Sanibel Community House offered by the Sanibel Community Association for \$195,000.

In their review of the committee's recommendations last week, the city planning commission benefited from an analysis of the three sites which was prepared by City Manager Bill Nungester and city Planning Director Carleton Ryffel.

In their report, Ryffel and Nungester itemized possible pros and cons attending each of the three sites recommended by the committee, and then proceeded to add their own

recommendation to the city's site selection process.

"It is recommended," Nungester and Ryffel submitted, "that the Blakely property be considered as first choice, with conditions, followed by the Community Association property."

Their analysis of the Conservation Foundation's property closely paralleled the planning commission's preliminary review of the matter which was conducted during a workshop session on June 6.

At that time, the commissioners registered strong reservations about the Foundation property because of the predominantly wetland character of the site and the clear-cut tendency in the city's comprehensive land use plan to discourage major development in Sanibel's interior wetlands.

"The Foundation property presents excessive obstacles," Nungester and Ryffel concluded, "which involve basic conflicts with the policies and provisions of the comprehensive land use plan."

"A city building, for example, would reasonably be categorized as a commercial use," they continued. "To permit a commercial use in this area should be expected to encourage similar requests along Tarpon Bay Road. Further, the plan is very clear on its prohibition of commercial uses in the wetland-lowland ecological zone."

Commissioner LeeRoy Friday concurred with the recommendation of the city's staff.

"If we keep expanding the commercial zones in this way, we could end up with an Edison Mall at the corner of Tarpon Bay and Periwinkle," added Commissioner Betty Robinson. "I lean toward the Community Association property as it represents the least damage to the environment."

Foundation Executive Director Dick

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Ownership of "stolen-found" boat in question

The Captiva Shore Patrol assisted the U.S. Coast Guard in retrieving a lost-stolen or strayed 18-foot catamaran last week.

There is some dispute over the ownership. Apparently the original owner, Fort Myers resident James Rozman, recognized the boat on the water and reported it to the Coast Guard on Tuesday, June 14,

describing the boat in minute detail, according to Coast Guard Chief Timothy Vaught. Rozman had reported the boat as stolen to the Sanibel Police Department in June, 1976 after it disappeared from a lot where he had stored the craft for a considerable length of time.

The Captiva Shore Patrol assisted the Coast Guard in

locating the craft as well as the other owner, Mark Bartholomew, who has a bill of sale for the craft. The Shore Patrol helped tow the boat to Timmy's Nook where a Coast Guard cutter from Fort Myers Beach retrieved it.

The boat will remain impounded by the U.S. Coast Guard until the courts decide to whom the craft rightfully belongs.

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According to local fire officials, the current danger of wildfire on the Islands, despite occasional rainshowers in recent weeks, continues to be very high.

Consequently, Islanders and visitors are urged to be very careful with matches, cigarettes and campfires in the weeks ahead, unless, that is, the heavens finally open their floodgates and thoroughly drench the Islands with the cooling rains that so many Islanders have prayed for of late.

"Be very careful!" Sanibel fireman Phil Verdug warned Islanders last week. "The house you set on fire may be your own!"

Letter to the editor:

To the editor:

The other day I received two copies of Sanibel-Captiva Conservation letters and pamphlets. Actually, the Foundation held its first full-scale meeting at the Pirate Playhouse in the late 1960's. We gave the Conservationists our Pirate Playhouse in which to meet for three days. I passed out rays of tangerines (from our son's orchard) to make the guests feel at home. Afterward, they gave us a check for Meals for Millions to feed the hungry. I well remember the words of one, that day, "What shall we do?" and the answer from the president of the group, "Act now, not tomorrow!" And so the Conservation Foundation began its upward climb.

Less anyone think I am not wholeheartedly interested in flora and fauna, let me state, I have hugged my Springer Spaniel (a gift from Mrs. Charles Pratt of Pratt Institute), kissed the top of my pet cat's head after he had fetched me a paper ball or swam to our rowboat for the fish we caught. And I have a picture of me carrying my dead pet heron to Mrs. Baker's house (the Red Cross Mrs. Baker of Locust Valley), to have him stuffed for the museum of Natural History. I shall never forget the butler's face as I handed the bird to him wrapped in Reynolds Wrap.

Too, I shudder always, at the whine of a saw taking down a tree. Indeed (except for German Shepards and Doberman Pinsers) I never let a cat or dog or goat or sheep go by without giving him a pet.

I whistle "nice birdie" at pigeons and we speak kindly to our lizards and iguanas who

are running all over. Strange I should be telling all this (that was a familiar line in all the old plays to acquaint the audience with the plot) but there's a reason.

Now that things are going so beautifully for the Conservation Foundation, the new building, etc., and men and women working so hard for the future generation, I'm asking everyone to think about this generation. Please help save our most precious heritage, our dear little unborn babies, for we all know that the best man hasn't been born yet. And we so desperately need many, many good men.

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Sincerely,
Ruth Hunter
1905 Periwinkle Way
Sanibel Island, Fla. 33957

Annual dues for Life of Lee, Inc. are \$5. Send check to Treasurer, Life of Lee, Inc., 1338 Lafayette Street, Cape Coral, Fla. 33904.

Your astrological week

especially cast for Sanibel and Captiva Islands
by madam dorinda

Aries: Your general ambitions will assume more importance and if personal projects have been kept waiting they will begin to move forward. Old friends are likely to move back into your life.

Taurus: Be ready to cope with a very confusing situation regarding jointly held money and/or property. For best results in private affairs, follow your hunches.

Gemini: Unexpected private developments interfere with carrying out plans in partnerships. You will have no difficulty convincing friends and others that your philosophy and beliefs are sound.

Cancer: Channel your energies sensibly and adjust patiently to the difficulties that will crop up in domestic or residential plans. Be ready to accept mature advice regarding that inferiority complex of yours.

Leo: It may be difficult to concentrate on partnership affairs, but finish up projects already started in this area. Keep your suspicions to yourself at this time.

Virgo: Family support will be a big help to you in work and routine chores if you will allow it. Listen to others when reorganizing resources. Short trips or travel likely.

Libra: You are likely to spread yourself so thin that you feel frustrated about the overall results. Devote more attention to marital and domestic interests as they assume importance.

Scorpio: Many petty aggravations. To achieve best results, maintain an open mind regarding current activities with work or business. Don't incur unnecessary expenses.

Sagittarius: You will be more interested and determined where monetary matters are concerned, with gains likely if you study long term investment possibilities. Use authority wisely.

Capricorn: There could be interesting news or events that are related to your social life. Be less reticent, and you can gain personal attention from others.

Aquarius: It may be difficult for you to concentrate on any single interest at this time. However, try to give special attention to personality conflicts within the family.

Pisces: A good idea from a responsible private source can advance career prospects. Friends are also helpful, but avoid overreaching credit or prestige.

with a pinch of salt —

by ginni brown

by ginni brown

Hey, it's been a long time. Somehow or other, it always seems that there will be more time next week, or next month, or whatever... and then one realizes that "next week" was sometime last month. Or so it seems.

We've got a super dessert recipe... and we're quite sure you'll like it, for the simple reason we've served it to at least four people who never eat desserts—but they ate this, and asked for seconds.

For lack of a better name, we call it PLUM SURPRISE. Since it doesn't have any plums in it at all, that, in itself, will surprise your family and guests. If they don't think that line of reasoning is particularly amusing, you may tell them it is a Southern "plum" (Northern spelling would be plumb) and means "full of." That will probably keep 'em quiet till you can get them served, at which point, they won't care what you call it—they'll just ask for more.

You need—an oven, heated to 350 degrees, a big casserole or ceramic dutch oven sized pan with a top, two cans of cherry pie filling, a half pound of melted butter, plus enough butter to spread around the pan, a yellow cake mix, some sherry wine, a cup to two cups of shelled and

coarse-broken walnuts or pecans, and a couple of tablespoons of sweetened hot chocolate mix.

First, butter the pan liberally. Dump in the two cans of cherries (if you make a mistake and get plain cherries instead of the cherry pie mix, you and your guests will pucker a bit from the sourness. Come to think of it, if you really want to surprise them—and perhaps think they're so sweet they could use some sour—go ahead... but we won't be held responsible for the consequences).

After smoothing the cherries across the bottom of the pan, open up the cake mix and sprinkle (right from the box) as evenly as possible over the cherries so they're all covered.

Then rinse out the cherry cans with some sherry (say, about four ounces) getting all that good sherry filling off the can and into the wine.

Pour the cherry-sherry wine (ah ah!) into a half pound of melted butter (and please use BUTTER — not that "other" spread).

Then sprinkle the nuts as evenly as possible over the cake mix, and SLOWLY pour the butter-wine mixture over all (concentrating on corners, if you have enough to concentrate with) getting it as evenly covered as possible.

Then dust with sprinkling about two tablespoons of powdered hot chocolate mix over the whole thing. Cover and bake in oven for about 30 minutes. Remove top and turn oven to 375 degrees and cook till it looks divinely edible. (About another 10 to 20 minutes.)

You may do all the cooking without cover at all, if you wish. Covered, the cake mix is fluffier. Uncovered, it is closer to a toffee candy consistency.

Either way (we happen to prefer the uncovered method), it is VERY rich. You may serve it hot directly from the oven, warm, cool or cold. It seems to be one of the few desserts which tastes great at any temperature.

If you have a recipe you'd like to share, please send it in to The ISLANDER, P.O. Box 3, Sanibel, FL 33957. Seafood recipes are particularly welcome, since we get more requests for those than just about anything else, and we've just about run out of our personal file of seafood cookery.

Oh—and any shrimp recipes must be accompanied by the shrimp (properly iced, of course) since we don't think it fair to print a recipe we haven't tested first, and with the price of shrimp being what it is these days... well, you know how it is!

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City planners approve new condo

by Rich Arthurs

The Sanibel Planning Commission voted unanimously last Monday morning to approve the issuance of a city development permit to Mariner Properties, Inc., for the construction of their 38-unit Sanddollar Condominium project at the western end of Middle Gulf Drive.

Mariner President Bob Taylor told the commission that the project will be developed in two phases, with the initial phase of construction to include two buildings containing 12 large condominium units each.

Taylor said that the construction of tennis courts and a swimming pool for the project is also included in phase one, which will begin this week upon the issuance of city building permits for the work.

Taylor added that he would not apply for building permits for the latter phase of the project until the current uncertainty surrounding the Islands' water supply is resolved. He informed the commission that Mariner has a letter of obligation from the Island Water Association for water hook-ups to only the 24 units included in phase one of the development.

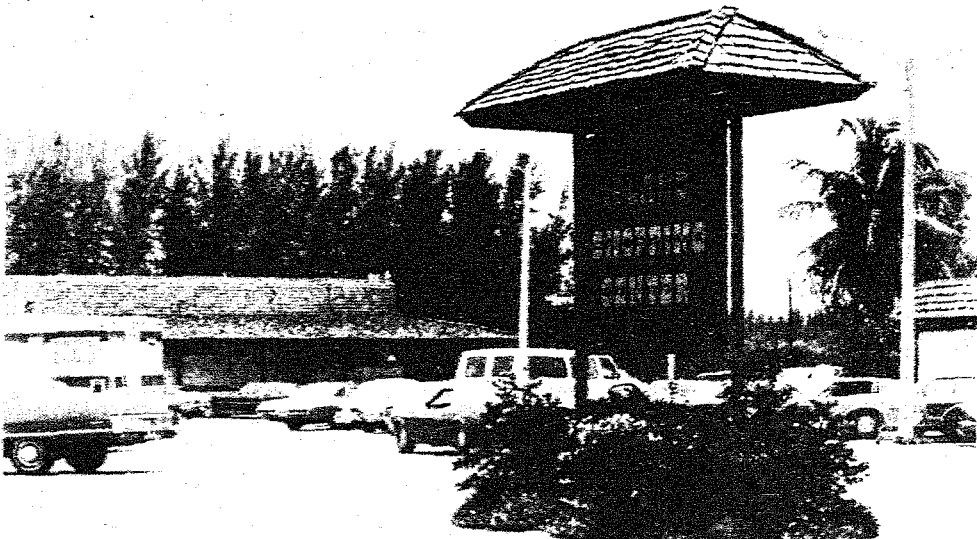
In response to commissioners' concerns over the irrigational use of water for landscaping the project, Taylor said that a minimum of sod which requires watering would be placed around the new buildings, while suggesting that treated effluent from the Mariner-owned Sanibel Sewer System might be used for landscape watering at the site rather than potable water.

Taylor also expressed a desire to restore the primary beach dune on the

property and revegetate the beach with sea oats and other native vegetation, while offering to comply with the commission's wishes that Mariner construct an elevated wooden walkway across the beach to preserve what little remains of the dune in that area.

designed in full compliance with the provisions of the city's comprehensive land use plan, will be completed by the early months of 1978.

In another hearing last Monday, the planning commission voted to recommend that the city council deny a



The planning commission voted last Monday to recommend denial of a specific amendment to the land use plan requested by Islander John Kontinos to permit the expansion of the Island Shopping Center at Periwinkle Way and Tarpon Bay Road.

The Sanddollar Condominium project will be developed on a 7.5-acre Gulf-front parcel at the current western terminus of Middle Gulf Drive, just east of the new Signal Inn. A portion of the property has in recent years served as a public beach access with Mariner's permission, although the facility is soon to be eliminated with the commencement of work at the site.

Taylor estimated that phase one of the Sanddollar project, which was

specific amendment to the land use plan requested by Islander John Kontinos to permit the expansion of the Island Shopping Center at the corner of Tarpon Bay Road and Periwinkle Way.

Kontinos told the commission that the proposed 40,000 square foot expansion is necessary primarily for Bailey's General Store, which is traditionally overcrowded during the busy peak of the tourist season each winter. Kontinos added that the expansion would provide space for a bowling alley to be installed in the shopping center, as well as additional room for parking at the site.

Kontinos proposed that a parcel of about 5 acres in size south of the existing shopping center be employed for the expansion, but commissioners objected because the property is classified as wetlands lowlands in the city's land use plan—an area in which commercial uses are specifically prohibited due to environmental concerns.

Kontinos argued that a variance is warranted because the city's designations of commercial property on Sanibel provide no area large enough to accommodate store space and parking for a full-service super-market such as Bailey's.

"I don't feel that we owe anyone an

apology for the commercial boundaries we have established in the plan," commented Commissioner LeeRoy Friday.

"I just can't approve anything that would violate the ecological zones on which the plan was founded," added Commissioner Don Marshall.

The commission voted 5 to 1 to uphold the planning department's recommendation of denial for the request, with Commissioner George Tenney dissenting.

In a second specific amendment hearing last Monday, Kontinos earned the commission's unanimous recommendation of approval for an encroachment on the front and side-yard setbacks required for commercial structures in the land use plan with which to erect a canopy over the entrance to the Coconut Grove Restaurant in the Island Shopping Center.

Kontinos said that the canopy will allow diners to be dropped off at the door to the restaurant without getting wet in rainy weather.

In other action last Monday, the planning commission voted unanimously to recommend the approval of an alternate development plan for the Sea Oats Subdivision west of Rabbit Road which was proposed by city Planning Director Carleton Ryffel.

While the Virginia South Corporation, owners of the subdivision, had requested that the city approve a general amendment to the plan to permit the sale of 143 single-family dwelling lots in the subdivision as originally platted by Lee County prior to the city's incorporation, the Sanibel comprehensive land use plan allocates a density of only 16 dwelling units to the entire 70-acre tract.

During an inspection of the property occasioned by an earlier hearing on the case in May, Ryffel concluded that phase one of the development qualifies as a "modern platted subdivision" under criteria provided in the land use plan such as the presence of water mains, improved roads and sewer lines.

Ryffel therefore recommended that the planning commission consider granting the developers a modest increase in density for phase one of the subdivision.

Phase one of Sea Oats consists of 46 small building lots within about 15 acres of land at the southernmost portion of the tract, which runs from Gulf Drive north to the Sanibel-Captiva Road. Four additional lots were sold prior to the land use plan's adoption last July and are buildable under the plan's provisions.

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Shell shocked victims invade beach

Hundreds of Southwest Floridians, stunned by the incredible low tariff placed in the delectable New England shellfish, the Maine lobster, have invaded Ye Olde Holmes House at Fort

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By **ROBERT D. ROSENBLUM**
Copley News Service

The May Bulletin of the International Bridge Press Association announced the end of the Bols Bridge Tips competition to which 27 world renowned players contributed over three years. The final article should have been the first perhaps for it touches the wellspring: Bridge is a partnership game.

Jeff Rubens says, "Honor thy partner." A mathematics professor with a string of credits — co-editor of "The Bridge World," founder of the "Bridge Journal," and 1973 North American representative in the Bermuda Bowl — Rubens always will be identified with the Theory of Restricted Choice, an abstruse topic on which he has written voluminously.

Here he addresses himself to a more basic premise. Be alert to partner's problems and help him solve them.

Better Bridge

S K 1098	S A Q 73	S K 10754	S A 832	S K 632	S J 75
H Q 9	H A 6	H Q 643	H 972	H K Q 95	H A 10874
D A 1094	D K 752	D A 2	D 43	D 63	D K 974
C Q 103	C 865	C K 9	C J 753	C 974	C 10

S 54	S J 62	S Q J	S A 1098
H K 10875	H J 432	H A 108	H J 6
D 86	D Q J 3	D K 975	D A Q 52
C 9742	C A K J	C A Q 42	C Q 63

Against three no-trump, West leads his fourth best heart to your ace. How do you proceed?

The mechanical return of a heart will destroy the defense. Since your hand is so strong, it should be obvious partner holds nothing but the king of hearts. He will duck the continuation to maintain communications and wait for you to lead another. Now the defense will win only your four tricks.

Though partner may decline the setting trick, you are at fault. You must go passive. Return a club. The time to lead a heart is after you have won the king of diamonds and queen of spades. West will realize then that the king of hearts is your fifth trick:

Here you sit West defending South's opening no-trump. Partner wins your five of spades lead and returns the deuce to your king. What now?

If you continue with the four of spades, East may win and play still another. An error, of course, for you want a club through. On a club return by East, declarer must lose five spades, a diamond and a club; on a spade continuation, however, the defense cannot establish a seventh trick.

How do you get partner to shift to clubs? Lead a high spade at trick three and put East on play at trick four. Awaken partner to your need.

The same bulletin carries this hand from a London championship in April:

North opened one club and rebid two clubs over a diamond. South jumped to three no-trump.

Several East players won partner's low heart lead and returned the seven. West would win the king and, thinking declarer held J-10-8-6 of hearts, shift.

One East found the answer. He returned the four of hearts. True, it is normal lead and return fourth best. When West won the second trick, however, he could lay down the king, "knowing" that South had started with "only three." What a pleasant surprise!

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Crossword

by Thomas Joseph

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| ACROSS | DOWN | | |
| 1 Riot police weapon | 1 "— are called..." | | |
| 5 South Seas island | 2 Medicinal herb | | |
| 8 Indonesian island | 3 Famed frigate launched in 1797 | | |
| 9 "Head gardener" | 4 Prior to | 12 Atomic — | 27 Pounce on (2 wds.) |
| 13 Naught | 5 Mistreated | 18 European river | 29 Avoids |
| 14 Not completed | 6 Paid a hasty call (2 wds.) | 19 Sheep tick | 31 Trade |
| 15 "Da," translated | 7 Key-shaped | 21 Most serious | 33 Anagram of name |
| 16 Snooze time in Sonora | 10 Famous site in "The Hub" (2 wds.) | 22 Thin scale or layer | 34 G.I. Joe's Boswell |
| 17 Memento | 11 Pact between nations | 23 Be needy | 36 Alfonso's queen |
| 20 Detective (sl.) | | | |
| 21 Soared | | | |
| 23 "I — Dance" (1935 song) | | | |
| 24 Deserved | | | |
| 25 — Domingo | | | |
| 26 Asian river | | | |
| 27 Soldier of yore | | | |
| 28 Old campaigner | | | |
| 29 Bout | | | |
| 30 Actor, — Cook, Jr. | | | |
| 32 Gas-station giveaway | | | |
| 35 Slack off (2 wds.) | | | |
| 36 TV award | | | |
| 37 Frank of the Calif. Angels | | | |
| 38 Christmas | | | |
| 39 Call for attention | | | |
| 40 Mrs. Lindbergh | | | |

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Plans afoot for July 4 sunrise service

Islander Wilbur Shannon reported last week that plans are afoot for a reenactment of last year's popular Fourth of July Sunrise Worship Service at the Sanibel Causeway.

Shannon said that a non-demonominational service will indeed be held this year on Monday, July 4, beginning at about 6:30 a.m. The site of the service will once again be the picnic area on the Causeway island closest to Sanibel.

Shannon added that, like last year, this year's Sunrise Service will offer

meaningful worship for young and old alike, with featured speakers and a wide variety of religious music and participatory singing for early morning worshippers.

Shannon is the chairman of an Island committee organizing the service, which includes Sanibel Mayor Porter Goss, City Manager Bill Nungester, Norman Chambers, Bob Potts and Don Whitehead.

For a detailed rundown of all Island events planned for the Fourth of July this year, see next week's issue of the ISLANDER.

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police reports

The news of the week, nay, the year, is that "that" alarm no longer will be given a special category, since it has mended its ding-a-ling ways and only goes off infrequently these days. Or something like that.

However, a few other alarms no doubt decided that all was too calm, since one went off six times and another, three. What with all the dingers counted in the past week, the grand total was 15 alarms.

Only one complaint was made about a dog (it was running around) and no one complained about noisy motorcycles. Three speeding tickets were issued, the SPD gave assistance of one sort or another 10 times; insecure premises, discovered on routine patrol of business places and/or dark house checks, were found to be insecure three times and thereupon properly re-secured, and the EMT's were called for help four times.

One pair of glasses and one good camera were lost, one wallet was lost, found and returned to its owner, and a watch was found.

The emergency call boxes were used five times, four for DAV's (disabled vehicles) one of which was stuck in sand, and one was an emergency call for a doctor.

Resident complained she was locked out of her car. Officer ascertained (no doubt with X-ray vision) that keys were in trunk of car. Locksmith dispatched.

Some people just have no idea of what to do with other people's property at all! Witness the fact that someone found a 10-speed bike in a garage dumpster! Why do that to an innocent bike?

Citizen called in to report a stolen boat. LCSO and Coast Guard notified. Happy ending, in that while boat was parted from dock by use of a sharp object which did

sever the boat lines, the boat was found at the end of a canal wedged under another boat, with minimal damage.

A complainant, who refused to give her name, reported that the EMT's complete with ambulance, were parked somewhere and feeding alligators, yet. Officer dispatched. EMT's were NOT feeding alligators; they were watching them.

Someone reported "feeling funny." Ambulance and officer dispatched. No further report.

Officer on patrol discovered two teenagers sleeping in a boat. Seems they were a-fishing and were supposed to be met by parents shortly after sundown at the Causeway toll booths. Parents did not show. More investigation disclosed parents had been successfully catching snook and so had missed appointment. No one particularly worried, except SPD. Officer kept eye on boys until daylight, so they would not have to travel over the water in the dark. (Gee, in the dark??? In a boat would seem more logical.)

Complaint came in to SPD to report that motorcycle she had been given a ride on had collided with a mailbox in front of a boarded-up home, and, besides other interesting facts, she had lost a cigarette case in the process which contained her motel room key. Advised not to leave anything of value in motel room.

Someone did, in the dead of night, steal (or take away) a number of plants from a hidden area. This was probably a long-range fruitless raid, since all the plants were sick.

A neighbor reported "a stranger in the house" next door. Turned out to be son of friend of owner, who was staying in house since his house was full of company.

Everything okay.

Pretty lady removed two rings while in a public place and put them in her pocketbook, at which point, they disappeared.

A call came in reporting smoke coming from some pine trees. Officer found Sanibel Fire Department members putting out a pine needle fire.

Laundry started but not finished—at least, not finished in way laundry owner would have preferred, in that after washing and rinsing, laundry was hung on a clothesline (now, that seems logical) but was removed from clothesline by a person or persons unknown. (Comment: That's dirty pool! If you're going to take someone's laundry, at least do it BEFORE it's washed!)

Eight-year-old boy was lost on beach. Recovered 36 minutes later.

A fairly hefty amount of cash did a disappearing act from a business safe. Investigation continues.

Some one or ones did apparently break into a home whose owners were away. Except for a slit in a screen (evidently to obtain entry) and the rather strange placement of certain articles in the house—for instance, dish towels on the floor, a pillow and blanket on a rug, opened dresser drawers, etc.—nothing seemed to be removed from premises or permanently damaged.

Three-year-old child reported missing. Officer dispatched. Child back home two hours and six minutes after disappearing.

Turtle patrol person found a propane gas tank whilst looking for turtles, and pulled same up on beach. Patrolman later dispatched to remove it from the beach area and dispose of it properly, which was accompanied by placing it in the city dumpster.

If someone offers to frame a picture for you in antique wood, watch out! A report came in that parties unknown did strip an old building on a lightly traveled road of a lot of old lumber.

Customer of eating place did pay for everyone's

dinner except his own and therefore got into disagreement with owner. SPD informed parties involved it was a civil matter, not a police matter, since customer paid main part of

bill.

An un-named citizen reported a fire, and could not determine if it were a brush fire or a structure fire. Fire Department and

SPD officer (for traffic control) dispatched, and soon had what turned out to be a brush fire under control.

City O&D study slated for this week

Sanibel city officials announced last week that the city will be stopping traffic on five Island roads this Thursday, Friday and Saturday as part of an origin and destination study which will be conducted to assist the city in a variety of transportation planning areas.

From 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on June 23, 24 and 25, city volunteers will be stopping cars travelling along Donax Street, Casa Ybel Road, Lindgren Boulevard, Sanibel-Captiva

Road and Periwinkle Way to ask motorists the origin and destination of their trips.

Primarily, the results of the study will be used by the city in formulating a program of road improvements for Sanibel to be included in a revision of the Sanibel Causeway bond refinancing package, which was mandated by the recent Florida Supreme Court decision overturning the prior circuit court validation of the \$18 million Sanibel Causeway bond issue.

In this regard, this week's

origin and destination study on Sanibel will augment a similar study conducted recently by Lee County at the Causeway toll plaza.

As of last Friday, city officials were still seeking Island volunteers to assist with conducting the study on Saturday, June 25. Those volunteering will be asked to work from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., with an hour break for lunch.

Anyone wishing to volunteer for the study may call Chuck Kline at City Hall, 472-4135.



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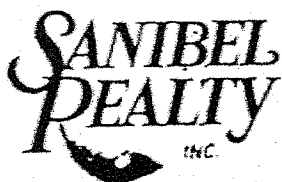
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A little over a month ago, the City of Sanibel installed ten "Save Our Wildlife" signs along the Island's roads at various strategic spots. As of Friday, four of the ten had been literally ripped off and, presumably, installed in someone's gameroom as a souvenir.

According to John Goode, at City Hall, this is getting to be an expensive proposition, since each sign costs the city approximately \$50—\$30 for the sign and about \$20 for the installation and post to put it on.

Admittedly, the signs are different—but with today's technology, you can take a color photograph of the thing and have it blown up to life size at a cost much less than the sign's replacement. That way, you can have your "souvenir" and yet leave the real thing so that others may enjoy it,

as well as be warned to take care of our furry residents.

We're sure most of you remember the cute little alligator signs which were installed along Alligator Alley every mile from Naples to Andytown, which is close to the other coast. Well, those cute little alligator signs are no more. They cannot charm and delight our visitors, our children (and ourselves, if the truth be told) since the State discovered it could not replace them as quickly as they were ripped off.

Among other considerations, the city, according to Goode, has no more money in its sign budget—so our wildlife signs cannot be replaced this year—and may not be able to be replaced next year.

So please, wear a white hat and be a Good Guy—take a photo, not a sign!

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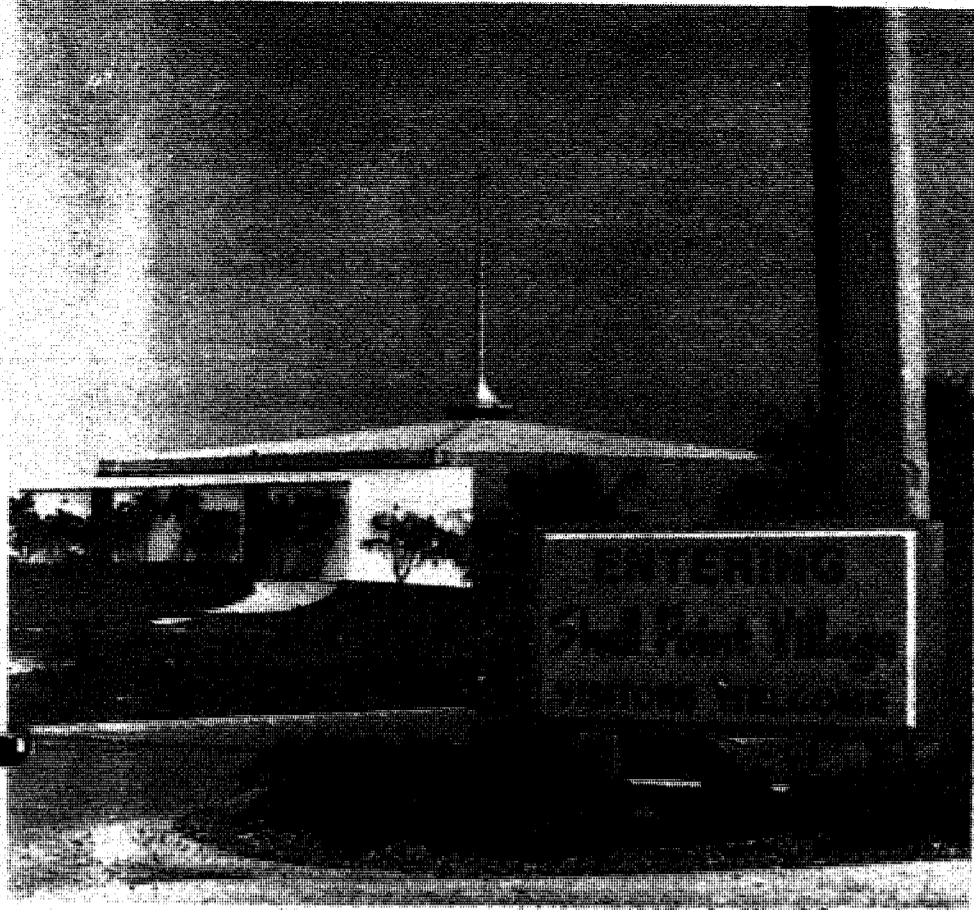


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Corps reviewing request for wetland fill in Punta Rassa-Iona area

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville Office, and Florida Department of Natural Resources are currently reviewing a request from Shell Point Village for a permit with which to fill an 11-acre wetland area on the Shell Point compound in nearby Iona-Punta Rassa to an elevation of four feet above mean sea level to serve as polishing ponds for Shell Point's sewage treatment plant.

According to Corps officials, the proposed work involves the placement of 65,000 cubic yards of fill on the site and is necessary because Shell Point's current sewage treatment facilities are overloaded.

Anyone wishing to comment on the proposed work should direct their

statements to the Corps with respect to the project's possible impact in light of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972, or to the Department of Environmental Regulation with respect to the impact on the state's marine natural resources.

Monday, June 27, is the cutoff deadline for requesting a public hearing on the matter from the Corps.

Corps officials reported last week that they are also reviewing a request from the Sanibel Isles-Water Shadows Civic Improvement Association for permission to perform maintenance dredging in the Gasparilla Inlet off San Carlos Bay near the northern end of Dixie Beach

Boulevard on Sanibel.

The proposed work calls for the waterway to be dredged by dragline to a depth of seven feet below mean low water to accommodate private pleasure craft, with about 60 cubic yards of material from San Carlos Bay and 300 cubic yards of material from Gasparilla Inlet to be removed to an upland site.

A State Department of Environmental Regulation permit was issued for the work on May 7, while comments regarding the application should be submitted to the Corp's District Engineer before July 11.

Anyone having questions about the proposal is urged to call Carlos Espinosa at 904-791-2211.

One mill tax likely for fire district

Sanibel can anticipate the probability of a one mill tax rate for the fiscal fire department budget of October 1, 1977 through September 30, 1978, compared to a 3 1/2 mill tax rate last year and a 1/2 mill tax rate in 1975.

Since the higher tax rate was levied last year to pay for a new fire station, the lower rate for this year was within general expectations.

Considering the rates of inflation, the addition of new stations, and personnel, the Fire Commissioners felt that a tax rate of approximately one mill was not out of line.

The Fire District budget for the coming fiscal year is:

	TOTAL BUDGET REQUIREMENT	FROM PREVIOUS TAX REVENUES	1977-78 TAX REVENUE REQUIREMENT
Payroll expense, including wages, payroll taxes and insurance	\$116,400.	\$ 31,400.	\$ 85,000.
Accounting	2,200.		2,200.
Commission - Tax Assessor	7,630	7,630.	0.
Gas and oil	5,500.		5,500.
Insurance (except workmen's comp.)	8,000.		8,000.
Legal expense	500.		500.
Maintenance - Grounds and buildings	2,000.		2,000.
Maintenance - Equipment	5,000.		5,000.
Material and supplies	2,500.		2,500.
Miscellaneous expense	500.		500.
Office supplies and expense	700.		700.
Telephone	2,000.		2,000.
Training program	4,000.		4,000.
Utilities	6,000.		6,000.
Total Operating expenses	\$162,930.	\$ 39,030.	\$123,900.
Capital Expenditures:			
New fire house, land and furnishings	110,000.	87,000.	23,000.
New pumper and accessories	80,000.	80,000.	0
Other equipment	10,000.		10,000.
Fire hydrants	20,000.	20,000.	0
Total Proposed Budget	\$382,930.	\$226,030.	\$156,900.

It was approved by an unanimous vote of the Fire Commissioners in a special meeting - which public and press were invited to attend - on June 15, 1977.

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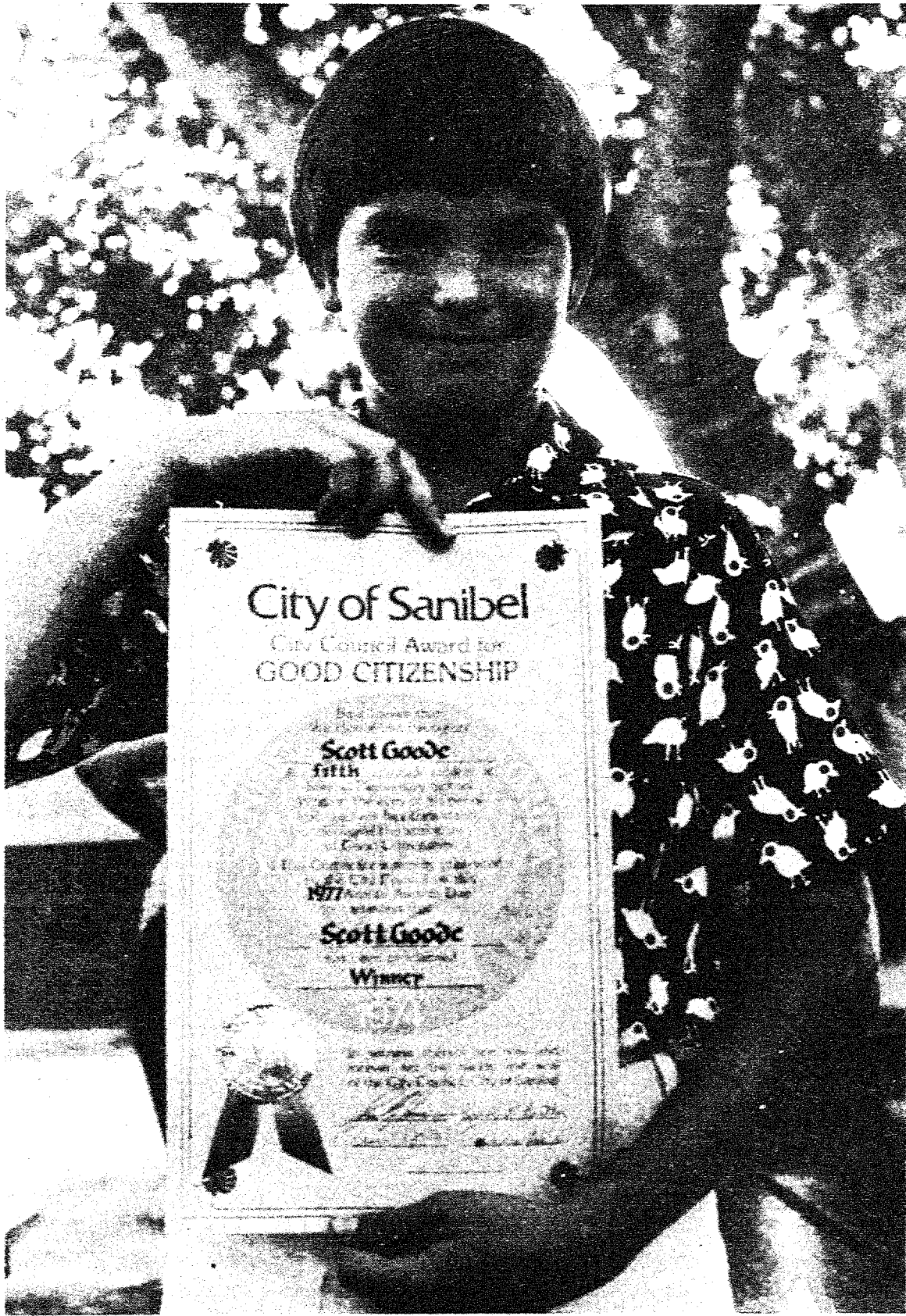
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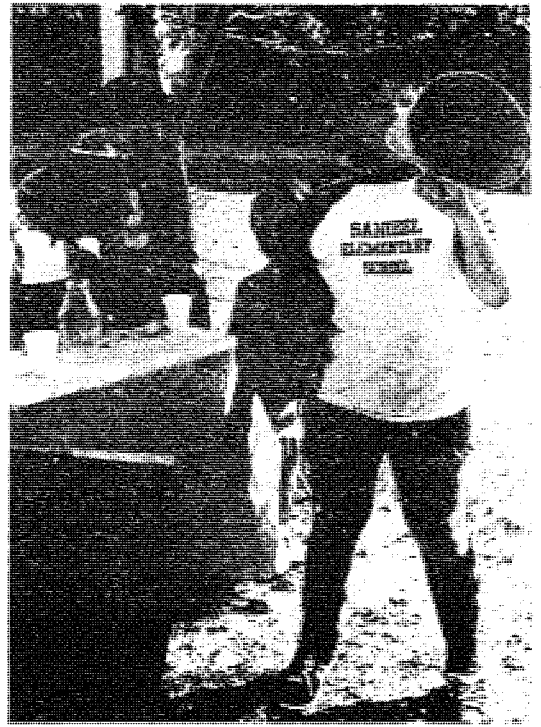
ON PERIWINKLE WAY

SANIBEL ISLAND

School ends with Field Days and



Scott Goode wins Citizenship award



Come on — let's get going!



Principal Mrs. Watson enjoyed Field Day ... and so did her grand children!



hats-



hats-



hats and

MORE hats

The Sanibel Elementary School let out with a whiz on Wednesday and Thursday, which were celebrated by students and faculty alike as Field Day followed by Awards day...and nary a whimper from anyone.

Field Day was highlighted by a number of fun events, from a "throw the water

filled balloon without breaking it - ha!" contest to a softball game between a student - faculty team vs. a parents' team (with parents losing 8 to 11) to a crazy hat contest with Todd Dutton, wearing what was either a high rise condo with a nasty developer or a short replica of the Empire State Building and King Kong, winning

first place. Amy Matsumoto, wearing a most sophisticated and symmetrical contented chicken chapea, took second place, and Stephanie Stilson with a flowery confection of bobbing blossoms gathered atop her pretty head won third place over all. And, all in all, it was quite a day.

Thursday was Awards Day, when county and city dignitaries arrived on the school grounds to give out the annual awards and certificates. Ray Pottorf, Lee County Superintendent of Schools, handed out the scholarship awards to Charlie Campell, 1st grade; Paul Evans, 2nd grade, Chaterine Krepin,

Stephanie Stilson and Laura Tenbroek. Samuel Clifford, 3rd grade, Shawn Cole, Ross Bjerke, Anna Kutzik, Angela Lambert, Heather Kennedy, Heather Nichols, Timothy Thompson, Regina Noon and Laura Vantil. Margare Juhle, 4th grade, Jill Kessler, Vallee Haverley, Deanna Schultz,

Laurence Tremblay and Elaine Vartdal. Daniel Burns, 5th grade, Gregory Hermes, David Krepin, Scott Goode, Anne Kennedy. Heather McGrotty, James Toomey and Jerri Voss. Don Whitehead, gave the "most improved" awards to Julie Santamaria 1st grade, David Buntrock 2nd grade,

Awards Day (and a bit of a daze!)



Happy children win awards presented by school and Island dignitaries



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... pay attention (sometimes)



... relay races!



"Keep looking — that's what us bigger kids do in school . . ."



- all in fun!

Quin Stringer, 3rd grade, Jennifer Tenbroek 4th grade and Ronald Rosse 5th grade.

Mayor Porter Goss gave out the citizenship awards, including the special Good Citizen of the Year award (which has a \$25 savings bond as well as the honor) to Scott Goode.

This particular award is given to a student who is

first picked by his or her classmates, who then write letters explaining why that particular student was chosen to represent their class. A panel of judges—this year, composed of Mayor Goss, Carol Cave, a county school board consultant, Parent and Teacher group president Dick Muench, Island Reported

editor Don Whitehead and Islander Editor Ginni Brown—then read letters and pick the winning student. The voting was very close, with only a single point separating the top three winners.

Runners up to Scott were Margaret Yuhle, 4th grade, Ross Bjerke, 3rd grade, Lee Kair, 2nd grade and David

Joyce, 1st grade.

City vice mayor Zee Butler gave the safety patrol awards to James Toomey, Daniel Burns and Greg Hermes, captain.

Mrs. Juanita Ellis, director of Elementary Education, awarded the Student Government Day certificates to Jerry Voss, Jon Zelig, Scott Goode, Anne

Kennedy, Paul Niedentohl and James Toomey.

Dr. Harry Kair gave perfect attendance certificates to Lee Lovetro and Eric Middlebrook.

Dick Muench gave the President's Physical Fitness awards to Lynn Cowan, Matthew Nichols and Bryna Welker, who, incidently, got his 2nd year patch. Muench

also awarded the Kiwanis Outstanding Student prizes to James Toomey and Heather McGrotty.

Eli Dormer gave the year's library awards to Heather McGrotty and James Toomey. (No, that's not a mistake—Jam and Heather won both the Library and Kiwanis awards.)

on the water . . .

with mike fuery

Have you ever known of, or fished with, a person who has some kind of ritual they perform before tossing out that baited hook which they swear is somehow lucky for them?

Ever spit on your shrimp or lure before tossing it into the water? Well, it's one of those "when all else fails" techniques which has been known to get results. I don't know anyone who knows why, but human saliva does the trick on the bait when nothing else will work. You may look a little silly doing it, and the shrimp most likely won't enjoy it, but give it a try next time you are striking out on the flats.

Some fishermen have a set routine they go through when really into a school of fish which they stick closely to until the feeding stops. Perhaps it is a certain way of casting and then holding the line or working the lure, or a particular lure on a certain day or tide change, but break that routine by getting a drink, using the head, lighting a cigar and you could loose the "touch."

I've got an old blue work shirt and dingy pair of brown shorts my wife has threatened to throw out several times, but looking over the fishing trips in the past, it seems that I was wearing this lucky combination each time we caught fish. Now, it could be that this can be explained by my not having any other clothes except those mentioned, but that's not true in this case.

There are some lucky routines or habits we have collected. Let's see if you have ever tried one of them to increase your "luck" when fishing.

Some even like to stand at a certain place on the boat or at a pier.

Of course there are many funny kinds of beliefs about how to summon luck to your line. Holding your mouth at a certain angle is an old saying and it was brought to mind the other day when one fella pulled up to the docks without a fish and said, "I must have been holding my mouth wrong again." I have a friend who fishes with the tip of his tongue out the left side of his mouth. Many people have facial expressions reflecting deep concentration when fishing. Look around at the best angler in the crowd and see if perhaps he or she holds their mouth in a certain position while awaiting in deep thought for that bite.


Superstitions and luck are closely linked. Another acquaintance of ours won't ever use the head section of a shrimp because he always gets better and larger fish with the aft section of the shrimp on the hook.

I don't know how many will admit it, but there are about as many prayers floating over the water as there are in churches on Sunday. I think that youngsters often call on Higher Influences to bring a fish to their neglected hook. I have to admit that I have used this method myself as a child, remembering that two of the Disciples were fishermen. At least I knew that two up there knew how hard it is to catch a fish when you are a kid.

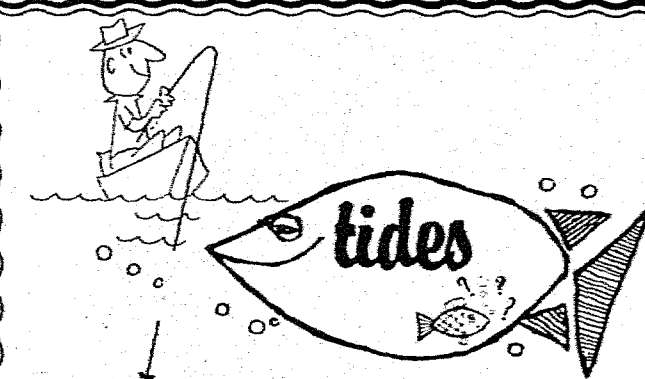
There are such things as lucky fishing partners, rods, days, tides, etc. You will notice this when a guy says, "This outfit just doesn't feel right. No luck today," after he has forgotten his favorite fishing rod.

There is something funny about luck, however. It seems that new fishermen rely upon luck the most and as experience is gained on the water, then there are fewer of those days with empty stringers.

But still, we all have a token "good luck" charm, whether it is a favorite piece of equipment or even a person who is associated with successful angling. Coincidence plays a big role here, but it's interesting to find out what is lucky for you.



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Tue	21	5:06 AM H	9:50 AM L	** 3:22 PM H	11:31 PM L
Wed	22	5:44 AM H	11:04 AM L	* 4:21 PM H	---
Thu	23	12:09 AM L	* 6:25 AM H	12:32 PM L	* 5:28 PM H
Fri	24	12:51 AM L	* 7:07 AM H	2:02 PM L	6:53 PM H
Sat	25	1:33 AM L	* 7:49 AM H	3:31 PM L	8:41 PM H
Sun	26	2:15 AM L	** 8:32 AM H	4:44 PM L	10:30 PM H
Mon	27	2:57 AM L	** 9:18 AM H	5:46 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 know why, but it works. Instructions following are even less sense tical 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.
 For Captiva Island, Pine Island Sound (Bay) side, add 1 hour and four (4) minutes for each high tide, and add 52 minutes for each low tide.
 In between these points on gulf or bay, guesstimate and have good fishing and or snelling.

Sanibel Softball Association Summer Schedule

June

21st — Teams 6- 8	22nd — Teams 14- 9
23rd — Teams 5- 7	24th — Teams 11- 13
26th — Teams 2- 4	26th — Teams 1- 3
27th — Teams 4- 5	

Key of number denoting TEAM NAMES

1. WEST WIND INN	8. SOUTH SEAS
2. KIWANIS	9. FOXES
3. NAVE PLUMBING	10. ANGLES
4. IWA	11. LIONS (WOMEN)
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Helicopter jet ambulance service up for approval

by Gwen Stevenson

The Island have successfully avoided the intrusion of many attendant evils inherent with our twentieth century — an avoidance necessitated by a desire to preserve the beauty and tranquility that is the hallmark of these gemlike barrier islands.

While Islanders are, however, willing to tolerate power failures and other inconveniences on a fairly regular basis, there is one notable exception where the jet age has proven to be a definite necessity. This exception is the need for a life support system available only with the sophisticated equipment

Champion Sunfish regatta

South Seas Plantation Resort and Yacht Harbor announced they will host AMF's Southeast Regional Force 5 and Sunfish Championship Regattas, on July 9-10.

According to Brian Webb, six races in each class, Force 5 and Sunfish, are scheduled for the two day event. The top two finishers in the Sunfish class will represent the Southeast region in an American fleet of 25 craft at the Sunfish World Championship, spring '78.

The Southeast is one of eight qualifying tournaments to select the United States Sunfish team. Although it is geared primarily to sailors in seven southern states, it is not restricted to regional residents. Last year's Southeast Regatta, held in Tampa Bay, drew over 48 participants from as far away as New Jersey. Steven Baker, AMF's Director of Sports Craft Management, predicts an even higher turnout for this year's Suncoast event.

and personnel found at a major medical facility.

Air Four, the Emergency Services jet helicopter, can reach Sanibel or Captiva in ten minutes and return a patient to Lee Memorial Hospital in nine. An ambulance, running flat out with lights and sirens, still must count on a minimum of 45 minutes to make the trip to town and that 45 minutes may stretch to two or three hours during the winter season.

Air Four was leased this year on a temporary basis from Lee County Mosquito Control District for a three-month trial basis, during which time 116 people were transported to hospital. The chopper answered a total of 240 calls.

"It is impossible to determine the actual number of lives saved out of the 116 transported, since there are many elements involved, a recent report on the jet ranger states.

"However, the frustration and needlessness of watching a patient slowly die in

the back of an ambulance trying to fight its way through slowly moving or completely stopped traffic has been removed.

"One need only picture himself as the driver or attendant of an ambulance transporting a critically injured child from Sanibel to Lee Memorial Hospital in our winter traffic to appreciate the benefits of a 130-mile-per-hour non-stop trip," the report continued.

One point that many overlook when evaluating the cost of the air ambulance is that, when the chopper dues transport patients off-island, the ground ambulance is still on the Islands to handle emergencies that might arise during the time the first patients is enroute to the hospital. In the case of someone being transported to Lee Memorial during the height of the winter season, the Island ground unit could be away from the Islands for up to six hours. During this time, the closest back-up must come from Cape Coral

Islanders at work and play

by gwen stevenson

This week sees the addition of two female EMT's to Sanibel in the Protective Services Division. The gals will be on the Islands four to five days a week.

This is the first time that female EMT's have been hired in Lee County—primarily because of the inavailability of separate quarters. The Sanibel Fire Department has been extremely cooperative, said Capt. Terry Dillon of Lee County Protective Services, in providing the separate facilities. Female EMT's are preferred by many women and they have an especially calming effect with infants.

Another Protective Service Development that

especially relates to the Islands is the installation by mid-July of a 30-watt radio system, replacing the 12-watt system now in operation. The 12-watt radios barely reach Lee Memorial from Sanibel, and sometimes, when the ambulance is in a blind spot, will be completely out of touch.

"With the new system," said Capt. Dillon, "we could knock the socks off Tampa."

The American Legion will have its annual Installation of Officers on Friday, June 24. The cocktail hour begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by a barbecue rib dinner—one of Hap Payne's specialties—at

7:30 p.m. Installation ceremonies will begin after dinner.

The incoming officers are Paul F. Stahlin, as commander; Hap Payne as first vice-commander; Alan Pote is second vice-commander; Art Ferrier is finance officer; Jack Scott as adjutant, and the Rev. John Wilcox as chaplain; Ray Booth and John Marshall will be installed as Sergeants at Arms. All Legion members and guests are welcome.

David (Dave) Wooster of Sanibel and Mary Lillian O'Mara of British Columbia, Canada, were married on Friday evening, June 10, in Macon County, N.C. Mrs. Tom (Marie) Hines and Mike McQuade of Sanibel were attendants for the couple.

A reception was held after the ceremony for the Islanders who summer in the North Carolina mountains. The newlyweds will live at Palm Ridge Road after a honeymoon trip through the Smokies.

or South Fort Myers, according to EMS sources.

The problem is growing, just as Lee County is growing — our county now topping the list in growth increase nationwide for the third year in a row — and inevitably this influx of population will place more and more demands upon our services.

During the month of February, alone, the EMS report states, Lee County Emergency Medical Services responded to more calls than ever before in its history. Air Four, with a paramedic and all necessary life support and medications aboard, was dispatched 71 times during just that one month.

Statistics released by

EMS show the greatest number of Air Four calls come on Sundays; the peak hourly response time is between four and five in the afternoon. Both times represent peak traffic times both on and off the Island.

The complete cost of an air ambulance works out to \$120,000, the EMS report states, including the pilot, aircraft, paramedic and equipment; a ground ambulance runs about \$75,000 a year, according to the same report. (It must be remembered, however, that the jet-propelled air ambulance covers a county-wide radius, while ground ambulances cover only a localized area.) The report concludes that each is cost effective when properly directed.

Keith Trowbridge, president of Casuarina Corporation and developer of Sanibel Beach Club, will be offering instruction during a series of summer seminars in Mexico City, Honolulu and Disney World.

The series of workshops, beginning on June 13, will be sponsored by Property Planning Consultants, Inc. with the program centering around interval ownership—the division of resort accommodations into time segments. Sanibel Beach Club, approaching a complete sell-out, will be used as a model for the talks.

On Sundays at the American Legion, there are a group of souls who are ready to take on challengers in table tennis from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The charge of \$1 a head is to replace broken equipment.

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New lawsuits allege city guilty of confiscation

In recent weeks, the City of Sanibel has been slapped with two lawsuits alleging that the Sanibel Comprehensive Land Use Plan has served to confiscate property rights in its reclassification of land formerly zoned commercial under Lee County zoning standards to residential.

On June 19, the city was served with a suit filed by Causeway Properties, Inc. for declaratory relief from the provisions of the city land use plan as they relate to the group's two parcels of land along Causeway Road at Sanibel's east end.

The group's complaint states that the city's down-zoning of the property to residential is inappropriate because the only reasonable use for the property is commercial activity, specifically "stores, offices, hotels, restaurants or motels."

In nine separate counts, the group contends that the land use plan is "unconstitutional, null and void, both in general and as applied to the two parcels" because of its "invalid commercial zoning, statutory inadequacy, and overall invalidity of the plan itself."

The suit requests that the court grant the plaintiffs either equitable estoppel of the plan's provisions pertaining to

the plaintiffs' property or, short of that, that the court enjoin the city to pay damages in excess of \$2,500 as well as due compensation for the confiscation of the property in question.

Causeway Properties claims that they originally paid \$1,000,000 for the commercially-zoned property, which they now value at about \$100,000 because of the residential use allocated to the land in the city's master plan.

In a legal first for the young city, the Causeway Properties group has requested a jury trial on the case, although Sanibel City Attorney Neal Bowen said there is some legal question as to whether or not all of the issues raised by the plaintiffs can be tried by a jury.

Bowen said that the city has 20 days in which to respond to the complaint.

In another legal precedent for Sanibel, the provisions of the land use plan were challenged recently by city employee John Goode, director of Sanibel's relatively new Public Works Department.

Goode filed suit against the city on June 9 for injunctive and declaratory relief from the plan's residential zoning of his property west of the Periwinkle Trailer Park on Periwinkle Way, which

carried a commercial zoning under Lee County at the time Good purchased the land.

Goode had hoped to build an ice cream parlor on the property, which includes 200 feet of frontage on Periwinkle Way. Earlier this year, Goode applied for a specific amendment to the plan with which to effect his purpose, but the city council denied his request.

Since the land use plan's adoption last July, the city has consistently refused all requests for spot re-zoning of property from residential to commercial.

In his complaint, Goode contends that the plan's classification of his land as residential is "unreasonable, arbitrary and void, and completely ignores existing development patterns in the area."

The suit labels the master plan's treatment of Goode's property "confiscation without compensation," and asks the court to release the land from the provisions of the land use plan.

"To my knowledge, this is the first time anything like this has happened," said Goode last week. "There may be repercussions, but I'm still a taxpayer, still a citizen. I have a right to a court hearing on this."

"I feel that the city is wrong, and I have to find out in court," Goode added. "It's a friendly suit, but its got to be done to find out who's wrong. It's a touchy situation, but that's basically the way I feel."

According to City Attorney Bowen, the recent suits are the first to be filed against the city that so clearly address the issue of taking without compensation.

In other legal action, the city has received an amended complaint in the recent Sanibel Condominium Corporation suit against both Sanibel and Lee County for a circuit court clarification of the ownership of an easement running from the southern end of Bowman's Beach Road to the wooden footbridge currently providing public access to the county-owned Bowman's Beach.

On June 13, a request for quiet title to the easement was filed by Nationwide Realty Corporation President William Broeder, developer of the adjacent Sanibel Bayous Subdivision and trustee of the property in question.

According to Bowen, the recent action will be substituted for the earlier Sanibel Condominium Corporation suit.

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the weather

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DATE	HI	LO	RAINFALL (in inches)
June 10	88	79	.75
June 11	90	76	None
June 12	(no reading taken)		
June 13	95	78	None
June 14	92	76	.17
June 15	92	76	None
June 16	95	75	None

Weather around the country

By United Press International	City & Fcst	Hi	Lo	Pcp	Los Angeles c	75	61	....
Albuquerque pc	95	72	....	....	Louisville r	82	67	.34
Anchorage cy	70	50	....	....	Memphis pc	90	77	....
Asheville pc	65	62	.05	....	Miami Beach pc	85	79	....
Atlanta pc	93	66	....	....	Milwaukee c	90	61	....
Billings r	82	59	....	....	Minneapolis c	77	55	.05
Birmingham pc	92	72	.12	....	Nashville pc	92	69	.62
Boston c	66	63	....	....	New Orleans pc	93	75	....
Buffalo pc	74	57	....	....	New York c	86	65	....
Charleston S.C. r	94	73	....	....	Oklahoma City pc	92	72	....
Charlotte N.C. pc	92	68	.19	....	Omaha pc	83	60	....
Chicago c	84	56	....	....	Philadelphia c	88	64	....
Cleveland pc	89	54	....	....	Phoenix c	102	73	....
Columbus pc	84	67	....	....	Pittsburgh pc	80	61	....
Dallas c	97	72	....	....	Portland Me. pc	60	51	....
Denver pc	84	58	.17	....	Portland Ore. cy	76	53	....
Des Moines c	89	63	....	....	Providence c	86	65	....
Detroit pc	82	57	....	....	Richmond pc	95	70	....
Duluth pc	70	51	.07	....	St. Louis pc	84	59	....
El Paso pc	106	69	....	....	Salt Lake City r	91	66	....
Hartford c	88	61	....	....	San Antonio pc	92	76	....
Honolulu pc	87	75	....	....	San Diego pc	88	62	....
Houston pc	93	78	....	....	San Francisco c	84	51	....
Indianapolis pc	83	62	....	....	San Juan c	87	79	....
Jackson Miss. pc	92	73	....	....	Seattle cy	87	54	....
Jacksonville pc	95	72	....	....	Spokane cy	87	59	....
Kansas City pc	82	67	.05	....	Tampa pc	91	77	....
Las Vegas c	94	70	Washington pc	93	71
Little Rock pc	91	73	Wichita pc	86	71	.14

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School Board approves cafetorium for Sanibel elementary

Lee County School Superintendent Ray Pottorf revealed last week that the concern of Island parents and teachers have to some extent been answered by the Lee County School Board's recent decision to approve the construction of a cafetorium at the Sanibel Elementary School.

Although the project was not included in the school board's 5-year projects priorities list drafted in 1975, Pottorf said that an Island movement requested the facility during the past few months has succeeded in getting the school board to take another look at the problem.

Pottorf said that many Island residents, led by Reed Toomey, have barraged his office with letters appealing for a cafetorium at the school to provide Island students with a sanitary area in which to eat their noon lunches.

As a result, said Pottorf, the school board conducted another study of the Sanibel Elementary School and came to the same conclusion as the Island parents. He said the board voted recently to designate the project as an

AA priority of the school board, meaning that it is one of the projects at the top of their priority list, although the board's final approval of the project is still pending.

Pottorf added that the school board's top priority, however, is still the construction of a new high school for Cape Coral, which he said will cost Lee County over \$2 million in school taxes.

According to Pottorf, the only obstacle yet to be overcome is that of funding the new cafetorium.

He said that money for the project must be appropriated by the Florida House of Representatives, possibly from Lee County's share of state automobile license taxes.

He estimated the cost of a 2,500 square-foot cafetorium multi-purpose building, at between \$60,000 and \$75,000 and urged Islanders to write their state representatives in support of the project.

If all goes well, said Pottorf, a new cafetorium could be installed at the Island's elementary school by the middle of the coming school year.



Lee County School Superintendant Ray Pottorf (right) chatted with Sanibel Mayor Porter Goss last Thursday at Student Award Day at the Sanibel Elementary School.

Pottorf revealed last week that the Lee County School Board has given preliminary approval to the construction of a new cafeteria at the Island school.

Goss elected MPO vice-chairman

In their first official meeting last Thursday, Lee County's new Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) elected Sanibel Mayor Porter Goss to serve as vice-chairman of the governor-appointed advisory body.

As their first order of business, the MPO decided to apply for a \$20,000 federal grant for local transportation planning, which,

if approved, will be used to fund a study of the transportation needs of the elderly and handicapped in Lee County, according to the MPO's technical coordinating committee.

The new MPO, which includes elected representatives of Lee County government and the county's three municipalities, is responsible for reviewing local transportation projects

before they can be eligible for funding through federal grant programs, among other duties.

The MPO decided last week that they will meet six times each year, on the third Thursday of every other month.

Lee County Commission Chairman L.H. (Bob) Whan was elected the group's first chairman last week for a one-year term.

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Some more beach accesses

Last week, the ISLANDER printed the descriptions of four public easements of record located on Sanibel as recorded in the Circuit Court of Lee County, Fort Myers, Florida.

This resulted in our receiving a number of phone calls, ranging from "Good job, well done!" to "How can you print anything so awful?"

Of particular complexity was the five-foot easement which we referred to as "chained and locked with a padlock." After doing a lot of measuring and walking and more measuring Friday afternoon with Realtor Thomas Brown, we thought we had the location of the private easement vs. the public easement down pat.

By Saturday, however, Brown had researched not only the deed as we printed it, but some earlier plats and had come to the conclusion that possibly the gate purportedly closing the private easement might possibly extend by a foot to 18 inches into the public easement.

"I want to assure you that after certifying where the easement is, if any portion of that gate does block the public easement, it will be removed to allow the public access," Brown told the ISLANDER.

To complicate matters even more, after looking and measuring Friday afternoon, we discovered a multitude of markers, none of which were in line with the State DNR marker. This raised the question of which marker (or markers) denotes the government lot line that divides the private property of the Virginia South Corporation and the five-foot public easement.

The only comfort in the confusion seemed to be that there is a public easement in there somewhere.

What follows this week are the descriptions of three pedestrian easements of record running from Gulf Drive to the Gulf of Mexico, and a legal description of a public road from a portion of Nerita Street to the Gulf.

Again, you may wish to check your deed to

see where you are in relation to the easements.

FEE SIMPLE DEED dated February 20, 1958 from E.W. Nick et. al. to Lee County, Deed Book 282, Pg. 490.

Deed conveys three (3) strips or parcels of land lying on Government Lots 1 and 2, Section 29, Township 46 South, Range 22 East, of the 3rd P.M., described as follows:

Parcel No. 1

From a concrete monument marking the quarter section corner on the East line of said Section 29 run Southerly along said East line for 376 feet passing through a concrete monument marking the meander corner at 168.1 feet; thence run Northwesterly at an angle of 70 degrees North to Northwest with said East line of Section 29 for 821.83 feet; thence run Northerly parallel to and 772.27 feet West of said East line of Section 29 for 500 feet to an intersection with the South line of a County Road 100 feet wide and the point of beginning of the lands hereby conveyed. From said point of beginning, run Northwesterly along said County Road at an angle of 63 degrees North to Northwest with said East line of Section 29 for 11.22 feet; thence run Southerly parallel to and 781.27 feet West of said East line of Section 29 to the Waters of the Gulf of Mexico; thence run Southeasterly along said waters to an intersection with a line running southerly parallel to said East line of Section 29, passing through a point of beginning; thence run Northerly parallel to and 772.27 feet West of said East line of Section 29 to the point of beginning.

Parcel No. 2

From a concrete monument marking the quarter section corner on the East line of Said Section 29 run Southerly along said East line for 376 feet passing through a concrete monument marking the meander corner at 168.1 feet; thence run Northwesterly at an angle of 70 degrees North to Northwest with said East line of Section 29 for 821.83 feet; thence run Northerly parallel

to and 772.27 feet West of said East line of Section 29 for 500 feet to an intersection with the South line of a County Road 100 feet wide; thence run Northwesterly along said Southerly line of said County Road at an angle of 63 degrees North to Northwesterly with said East line of Section 29 for 534.34 feet to the point of beginning. From said point of beginning continue Northwesterly along said County Road for 22.44 feet; thence deflect 105 degrees 13'40" to the left and run Southerly to the Waters of the Gulf of Mexico; thence run Southeasterly along said waters to an intersection with a line running Southerly through the point of beginning at an angle of 74 degrees 46'20" South to West with said County Road; thence run Easterly along said line to point of beginning.

Parcel No. 3

From a concrete monument marking the quarter section corner on the East line of said Section 29 run Southerly along said East line for 376 feet passing through a concrete monument marking the meander corner at 168.1 feet; thence run Northeasterly at an angle of 70 degrees North to Northwest with said East line of Section 29 for 821.83 feet; thence run Northerly parallel to and 772.27 feet West of said East line of Section 29 for 500 feet to an intersection with the South line of a County Road 100 feet wide; thence run Northwesterly along said County Road at an angle of 63 degrees North to Northwest with said East line of Section 29 for 1206.78 feet to the point of beginning of the lands hereby conveyed. From said point of beginning continue Northwesterly on the same course for 11.22 feet; thence run South parallel to and 1857.52 feet West of said East line of Section 29 to the Waters of the Gulf of Mexico; passing through a concrete post at 143.89 feet and a concrete monument at 229.89 feet; thence run Southeasterly along

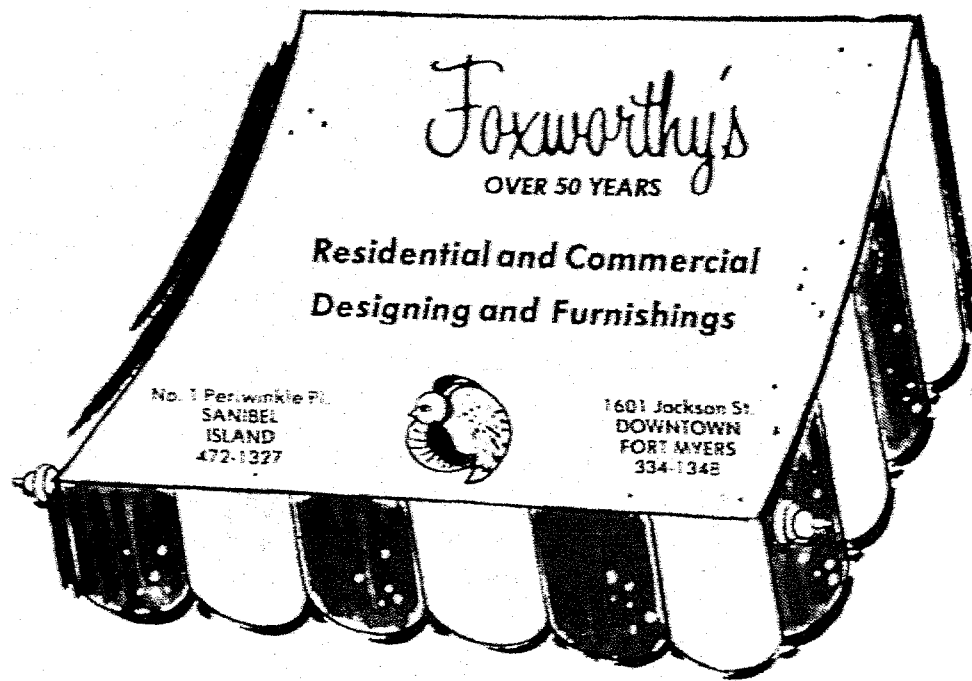
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ORDER accepting Viewers' Report dated April 19, 1950, appointing G.O. Rutland, Francis P. Bailey, Jr. and John M. Bailey to view and mark best route for Public Road.

Legal Description:

Shown on plat of Sanibel Shores No. 1 as recorded in the Public Records of said County in Plat Book 6, page 7: Beginning at the East side of Nerita Street as shown on said plat at the Southeast Corner of Lot 1, Block 8 of said subdivision; thence Northeasterly along prolongation of Southerly line of said Lot 1 to East line of Nerita Street 20.17 feet to the point of beginning of the route to be hereby declared as a public road; thence continue South along East line of Nerita Street 135.65 feet; thence run Southeasterly at an angle of 31 degrees 52' with East line of Nerita Street for 370 feet, more or less, to the Gulf of Mexico; thence run Northeasterly along said Gulf to an intersection of a line through the point of beginning, parallel to the last mentioned course; thence run Northeasterly along said line for 470 feet more or less, to the point of beginning. That such new road shall be opened up to the width of not less than 60 feet. It is further ordered that that portion of Nerita Street as platted be vacated, which lies South and West of line running from the Southeast Corner of Lot 1, Block 8 of said Sanibel Shores No. 1 Southeasterly at an angle of 31 degrees 52' with West line of Nerita Street to the Gulf of Mexico.



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City hall site

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Workman was present for the discussion last Monday. He told the commission that the Foundation purchased the property in 1973 simply to prevent the construction of high-rise condominiums on the site, and said that the land had long been "disturbed" and so was not to be considered environmentally sensitive.

"It is not the development of wetland areas that is opposed in the land use plan, but the method and intensity of development," Workman said. He cited the use of fill in the wetlands as the foremost threat to their environmental productivity.

One of the primary objections which has been offered in regard to the use of the Foundation's site for a new city hall is that the property would require substantial filling prior to development.

The Site Selection Committee's second choice, the Blakely property, also met with some objections from city planners last Monday.

"I think the Blakely property is overpriced," argued Commissioner George Tenney.

Ryffel and Nungester came to the same conclusion, and said in their report, "The Blakely property is first choice only if a substantial reduction in the cost can be agreed to. If this reduction is unacceptable to the owner, then the Community Association property will be moved to first choice."

Commissioner Twink Underhill noted that by buying the Blakely property, the city might be diminishing its economic base by removing a valuable piece of property, from the tax rolls. A sizable portion of the

Blakely property is classified restricted-commercial in Sanibel's land use plan.

Realtor Bob Wade, on the other hand, informed the commission that Blakely's property taxes amount to less than \$600 per year.

"For \$600 to influence your decision doesn't seem sensible to me," he remarked, while at the same time questioning the use of cash flow after the sale of the property as criteria in the site selection process.

In their respective analysis, both the Site Selection Committee and the city's staff considered whether or not the money paid for the site will remain in Sanibel's economy after the purchase is finalized. With respect to the Foundation's and Community Association's sites, they concluded that the money would probably remain on Sanibel after the purchase and listed this consideration as a positive result in their evaluations.

Additionally, city officials report that they have received many letters from Islanders urging the city to purchase the Community Association site because the money paid for the property will undoubtedly be put to a use that would benefit the Island as a whole.

Another advantage of building city hall on the site, they say, would be the creation of a unified "community center" around the existing Community House and proposed municipal services complex.

"My first choice would be the Community Association property," said Commissioner Don Marshall emphatically. "We know that's been a

center of activity for many years."

Ultimately, commission Chairman Ann Winterbotham took a poll of the commission last Monday as to which of the three sites they would prefer to see as the location of a future city hall.

Five of the commissioners supported the Community Association site, while only George Tenney favored the Blakely property, with Commissioner Joe McMurtry absent from the meeting.

None of the city planners seemed inclined to pursue the Site Selection Committee's first recommendation—the Conservation Foundation's property.

Chairman Winterbotham said that she would report the results of last week's poll to the city council at their regular meeting to be held today, June 21, in MacKenzie Hall.

City Manager Bill Nungester pointed out that the city is required by law to have appraisals made of all sites considered for acquisition before the city council can come to a decision in the matter.

Council faces growth problems

The Sanibel City Council met in back-to-back workshop sessions last Tuesday evening to address the mounting problems currently being experienced by two Island public service agencies as a result of the continuing rapid growth of Sanibel.

In the first of the two workshops last Tuesday, the council entertained a presentation by Mariner Properties President Bob Taylor on the problem of effluent disposal by the Mariner-owned Sanibel Sewer System (formerly Jamestown-Beachview).

In a written report, Taylor explained to the council that the Sanibel Sewer System's collection system is operating smoothly and now serves almost 2,000 customers on the eastern half of Sanibel.

Taylor added that the system's treatment plant off Donax Street is now operating at only about 30 per cent of its full treatment capacity, which is 1,250,000 gallons per day. He said the level of treatment provided by the plant is well above the minimum requirements for removal of organic matter, suspended solids and bacteria established by the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation (DER).

The resulting treated effluent is piped into two small retention ponds on the plant's 6-acre site off Donax, from whence much of it is pumped onto the nearby Michigan Homes golf course area which absorbs the bacteria and nutrients, Taylor said.

At the present time, the system is operating on a temporary permit from DER because of the increasing inadequacy of the method of effluent disposal employed by the system to meet the growing demand for sewage disposal on Sanibel. Critics of the system say that the Sanibel River

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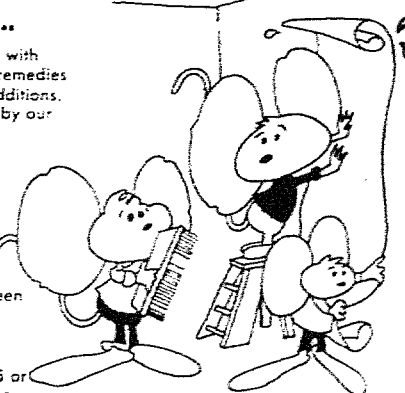
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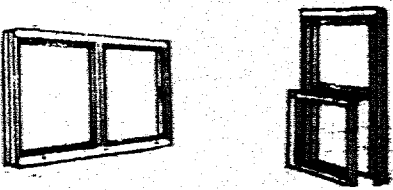
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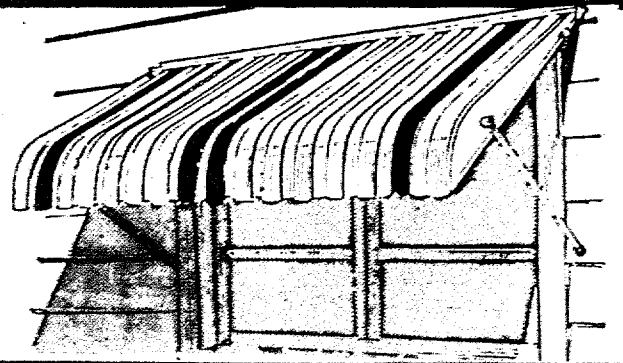
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adjacent to the treatment plant is being polluted by effluent seepage from the two small polishing ponds on the site.

"By and large, the system has grown to meet the needs of those who are on it," Taylor told the council. "The only reason we don't have a permanent operating permit is because DER has questions, and rightfully so, about our long range effluent disposal program."

Taylor said that he is in a bind because of conflicting regulations regarding effluent disposal established by DER and the City of Sanibel in its comprehensive land use plan. While DER tends to look favorably on disposal by spray irrigation, the city land use plan forbids it because of the potential health hazard it presents, according to city officials.

The problem is further compounded, said Taylor, because the Michigan Homes golf course area where the effluent is currently being disposed is slated to be developed as residential homesites.

Taylor said that the system could be brought into compliance with DER regulations and obtain a permanent operating permit simply by lining the existing retention ponds at the plant site.

"But what we would have is a small, lined, poorly drained pond," Taylor said. "The system is producing high quality effluent; the problem is what to do with it."

Taylor approached the council last week to gain the city's assistance with formulating a long-range effluent disposal program for Sanibel which DER can approve.

"I'm not so sure that the effluent is so much of a problem as it is an asset," said Taylor, alluding to the current uncertainty surrounding the adequacy of the Islands' potable water supply.

Taylor suggested that the effluent, which is rich in nutrients and akin to fertilizer, could be pumped back to customers of the system through separate pipes for use in landscape watering.

Taylor said that the system's existing force main along Middle Gulf Drive is too small and needs to be replaced. He proposed that once the new main is installed, the old pipes could be utilized to pump treated effluent back to customers of the system along Middle Gulf Drive for use in "soaker irrigation" of landscaping.

Soaker irrigation differs from spray irrigation in that the effluent is disposed underground rather than above.

Island Water Association General Manager Larry Snell said that this could result in the conservation of up to 500,000 gallons of potable water per day during the dry season which is used for landscaping in that area, while the council offered objections to the proposal because of the possibility of accidental human contact with the effluent.

Taylor then suggested that the council could amend the city land use plan to permit spray irrigation of the effluent over the Michigan Homes area and Dunes golf course, which he said want it.

"I feel that spray irrigation is the most preferable way to go," agreed DER official Phil Edwards. Edwards' associate, Jay Thabaraj, then proceeded to outline the standards DER requires for spray irrigation of sewage effluent.

The process required by DER includes extensive filtering of the effluent, break point chlorination, a minimum of three days storage before spraying, and finally that the effluent be sprayed only at night to minimize the chance of human contact with the nutrient-laden water.

"We feel that this is the best method

we can use to minimize the health hazards," Thabaraj concluded.

"If that's the best you can do, the fundamental question is why do it at all?" argued former city councilman Vernon MacKenzie, who was also present for the discussion. MacKenzie was a prime mover in drafting the city land use plan to prohibit spray irrigation on Sanibel.

"I agree with everything you've said here about using effluent as a water resource for return to the land, but you've got to be very careful how you do it," MacKenzie added.

Frank Baloff of the Lee County Environmental Laboratory informed the council that his office is currently in the process of working up a 3,000-acre spray irrigation program for Lee County. He offered to assist with formulating a similar spray irrigation program for effluent disposal on Sanibel.

Of a number of alternate methods of effluent disposal outlined by Taylor last week, the council seemed to be most interested in the method called landspreading, which Taylor said is largely infeasible because of Sanibel's limited land area.

"I don't know if there is the land area on this Island short of the Sanctuary necessary to treat the effluent produced by the system," Taylor said.

Islander Paul Howe asked what had become of an old idea to spread the effluent over the J.N. (Ding) Darling National Wildlife Sanctuary where the possibility of human contact is very low, to which Mayor Porter Goss replied that the federal government prohibits such use of federal property.

Edwards said that DER also takes a dim view of the proposal because of the possible pollution of Sanibel's wetlands.

"I'm at the point where I feel compelled to bring suit against Jamestown-Beachview," Edwards concluded at the close of the discussion last Tuesday. "We'll have to declare a moratorium on the system and see where it gets us."

Mayor Goss asked Edwards to delay the action as long as possible and said that the upshot of Tuesday evening's discussion would be that the city would begin working up a unified administrative approach to handling sewer and water problems on Sanibel.

"I can't wait forever," Edwards responded. "I've received complaints on this plant, which is not on a permit, and someone could sue me for negligence if I don't take some action."

Sanibel Shores resident Lloyd Ravenscraft, the source of complaints to Edwards about effluent seepage into the nearby Sanibel River from the system's two polishing ponds off Donax Street, was also present for the meeting.

"We have a situation here where we've got a stagnant pond (i.e. the Sanibel River) and they're dumping effluent into it," Ravenscraft com-

plained.

"I've no choice," Edwards said. "I'm going to attempt to prove that the system is degrading the river." Edwards added that the complaint would be difficult to substantiate in court because of vagaries in the State's Water Pollution Control Act.

"We're going to have to act on it," Mayor Goss concluded. "You've brought the problem to our attention and we'll try to respond as quickly as possible."

In a second workshop Tuesday evening, the council met with Sanibel's Fire Prevention District commissioners and officials to address the growth pains currently being experienced at the Sanibel Fire Department.

In recent months, the growing staffs of both the Fire Department and the Sanibel Police Department have made for increasingly "close quarters" their present joint office building on Palm Ridge Road.

The problem came to a head recently when the Fire District refused to renew the police department's lease for office space in the building.

"We want to impress on everyone that we're not trying to boot the police department out," Fire Commission Chairman Mark McClintick told the council, "but we are short of space and they are, too."

City Manager Bill Nungester revealed that he is presently working with the Island Water Association (IWA) regarding the possibility of leasing property from the IWA near the site of the little county park north of Periwinkle Way for the Sanibel Police Department. Nungester said that Mariner Properties has offered to give the city two buildings from CasaBel Resort which could be relocated to the site to accommodate the police department.

McClintick said that the Fire District is willing to continue to house the Island's police force on a month-to-month basis until a new city complex for Sanibel can be erected, while asking the council to move with all possible haste toward the construction of the proposed facility.

The group also discussed the proposed \$880,000-program to install fire hydrants on Sanibel last Tuesday.

Over a year ago, the city council agreed to sponsor a general obligation bond issue to fund the proposed fire hydrant installation subject to a public referendum on the matter, but the proposal failed to appear on last November's ballot because of conflicting logistics.

"This has to go before the people of Sanibel on a ballot by itself," McClintick said emphatically last Tuesday.

Ultimately, both council and fire commission agreed to pursue the proposal for a possible referendum in November.

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City planners

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Ryffel proposed that phase one of the subdivision be replatted by combining each pair of contiguous lots to yield 27 single-family building lots, rather than the ten dwelling units allocated to phase one of Sea Oats in the land use plan. Ryffel said that the smallest of the resulting lots would be at least 25,000 square feet in area.

He further recommended that the additional 6 units allocated to the subdivision be clustered on 6 single-

family lots of 20,000 square feet which would be created at the northern edge of the tract along Sanibel-Captiva Road.

The remainder of the 55 acres north of phase one could then be preserved as open space for the purchasers of lots in the subdivision or deeded to an appropriate land management agency, Ryffel proposed. The Sanibel River transects the interior of the parcel and would be included in the acreage to be

left as open space pursuant to Ryffel's recommendation.

"Selling the lots in pairs would result in an appropriate density in light of the improvements in the subdivision," Ryffel told the planning commission.

Citing the transitional nature of the case, Commissioner George Tenney moved to recommend that the city council accept Ryffel's alternate development proposal for Sea Oats, and the motion carried unanimously.

William T. Haverfield, attorney for the Virginia South Corporation, was reluctant to comment on Ryffel's proposal last week, but said that his clients will give it serious consideration.

The city planners voted to continue their hearing on a request from Islander Gordon Tracey for a city development permit with which to construct a small shopping center on Periwinkle Way.

Tracey's representative, Dave Davis, explained that the project will include about 10 small shops on almost an acre of land north of Periwinkle Way, but the commission decided to continue the hearing until the site plan for the proposed shopping center is brought into conformance with the land use plan's specifications regarding service roads, drainage, and vegetative buffers between commercial and residential property.

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Water problems

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The Geraghty and Miller report leads to a continuation of the water moratorium. According to Snell, "it just wouldn't be responsible to take on new customers hook-ups at this stage." There is, in fact, "no end in sight to the hook-up ban," he told the ISLANDER.

The IWA directors will inspect several reverse osmosis plants this week in Venice, Key Largo, Rotunda adding even more hours to their already heavy schedule.

Since January of this year, not only has water consumption increased, but so have the hours spent by the board members: they have logged a full month so far. With the recent findings, their hours are likely to increase still further as the unpaid water management board wrestles with the "water, water everywhere... and nary a drop to drink" question... a problem as moot for today's Islanders as for the Ancient Mariner.



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