

IWA considers membership drive to raise funds

by Gwen Stevenson

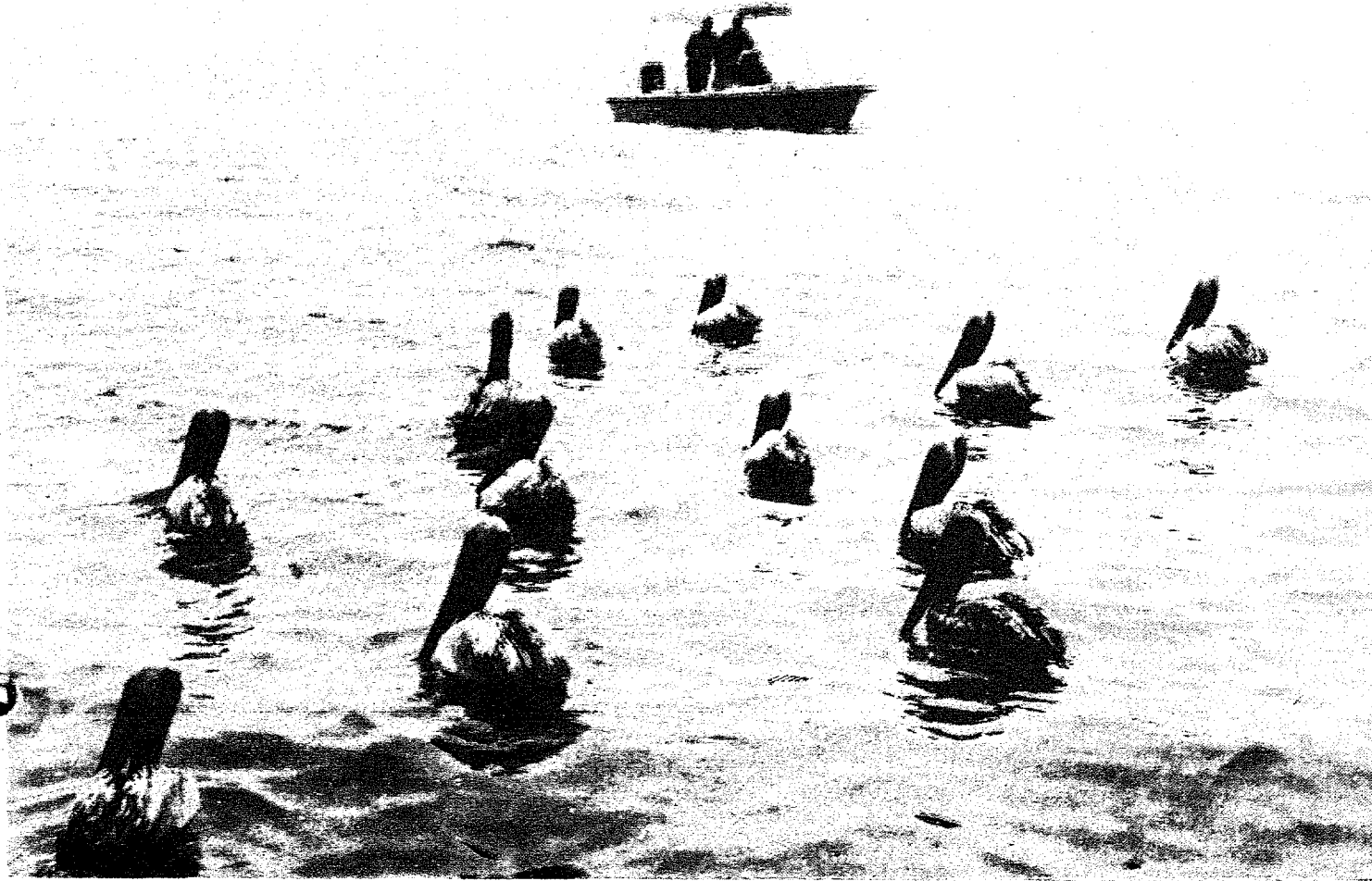
The Island Water Association (IWA) Board of Directors is considering a plan that would lift the moratorium on new water hook-ups and, at the same time, finance a \$3-4 million reverse osmosis plant that could, if required, treat water as salty as that of the Gulf of Mexico, according to IWA General Manager Larry Snell.

Snell told the Water Resources Conservation Committee last Thursday that the IWA is considering holding an open enrollment period for anyone now eligible to build under the land use plan for three to six months when all property owners on the Islands who are not already IWA members or who don't already have formal permission for a hook-up would be eligible to come in and buy a water hook-up. The estimated cost of the hook-up is \$1,300, approximately \$300 more than the cost prior to the ban on new customers.

The enrollment plan is under consideration because it would eliminate one of the most time-consuming processes in the construction of a new plant—obtaining financing. Another reason for supporting the idea, Snell told the Committee, was the Board's feeling that they did not want to penalize present members for services required by future residents.

"When we have enough water permits," Snell said, "we'll take off the moratorium and start building the plant." He admitted it was not going to

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Housing committee hears "discouraging" report

by rich arthurs

The City of Sanibel's ad hoc Committee on Housing met for the first time in over a month last Thursday to discuss a report prepared by committee member Allen Ten Broek on the probable cost of developing moderate cost housing units on Sanibel.

The midsummer meeting gleaned an exceptionally small turnout of committeemen, and for most of those who did attend it marked a low point in the committee's brief career of investigating the possibility of providing reasonably priced housing to the Island's low and moderate income residents.

Ten Broek's projected cost estimates for developing moderate income housing for Sanibel were based on a comparative analysis of a number of variables, including land cost, density, site preparation, type of construction, financing and management, among others.

As a model on which to begin his analysis, Ten Broek assumed that the project would require about 8 acres of land, which he further assumed could be acquired for a price ranging from \$6,000 to \$10,000 per acre while recognizing the figures to be unrealistically low given the current real estate market on Sanibel.

Ten Broek said he modelled his construction of the project on the Tennisplace Condominiums developed by Mariner Properties, of which he is vice-president; two-bedroom, one and a half bath units with 700 square feet of living area in elevated concrete block buildings with landscaping.

Assuming a 20-year mortgage at 9 per cent interest, he calculated the cost per unit for projects ranging in density from 32-96 units and concluded that the monthly rents required to pay off and maintain the project would run from \$290 to \$400.

"The idea was to produce a basis for discussion, not a proposed development,"

Ten Broek explained to fellow committee members last week.

He added that the rents could probably be reduced by making certain sacrifices in some of the variables.

"One of the real tough variables in this analysis is the financing," Ten Broek said. "There's no free market incentive to develop a fixed-rental project because any equity the developer might have would just be sitting there."

"The impact of density and land costs are also considerable," he continued, "and there are a lot of elements in the land use plan that automatically bring in added costs for the units."

"I think it's a discouraging picture," said committee member Betty Robinson, citing the fact that the committee's recent housing survey indicated that most young working people on the Island can only afford to pay between \$150 and \$200 per month in rent.

"I think the cost element is going to dictate a degree of consolidation of the units," Ten Broek added. "What I've attempted to show here is that moderate cost housing on Sanibel has to be reasonably consolidated and that it might require variances from certain standards of the land use plan."

"I think the one thing that has come out of this report is directly contrary to our desire not to have one big moderate cost housing project on Sanibel," committee Chairman Zee Butler concluded regretfully.

Committeeman Ed Konrad cautioned the group about the "social problems" inherent in high-density, fixed-rental housing projects.

Earlier in the meeting, Chairman Butler cited bleak statistics contained in a recent report of the Council on State Housing Goals for Florida.

The report revealed that 80 per cent of all Floridians cannot afford the median price of

a new single-family home in Florida, which is currently about \$43,000.

The report indicated that the cost of housing in Florida has risen twice as fast as the median income of Floridians since 1966, and said that not one new house was built in Florida last year under HUD's section 8 housing assistance program because of the "inadequate fair market rent structure" adopted by HUD.

Florida is one of the few states in the nation which does not provide financial assistance for solving housing problems, the report stated.

"It gives you some idea of the problems being faced all over Florida," Chairman Butler remarked. "We are not alone in this dilemma."

Ten Broek remained optimistic, however, and argued that with proper management a high-density housing project might yet be able to escape the stigma attending most low-rent housing projects in American cities.

"Anticipating densities in the 12-15 units per acre category and somewhat smaller units of between 400 and 500 square feet, I think we could get the rent down a lot closer to \$200 per month," Ten Broek said.

"It's just a question of whether the council is willing to make concessions for a project of that nature," observed Ed Konrad.

Ten Broek went on to suggest that the committee give some thought to the possibility of some form of housing rehabilitation program for Sanibel. He mentioned that Mariner Properties is currently offering the old cottages at Casa Ybel Resort for relatively modest rents while awaiting the commencement of a new development site.

He said that Mariner might be willing to donate or sell the old cottages when a new project is constructed, suggesting that the

units could be relocated, rehabilitated and offered for moderate cost rentals.

The committee seemed to take heart at the suggestion, and Chairman Butler resolved to meet once again with the Lee County housing assistance officials to see what housing rehabilitation funds might be available to Sanibel for such an undertaking.

Recognizing a need for more input from those who are in need of moderate cost housing on Sanibel, the committee decided to invite a group of young working Islanders to their next meeting for a session of exchanging ideas on how to attack the problem.

The committee's next meeting is to be held sometime in mid-August, according to Chairman Butler.

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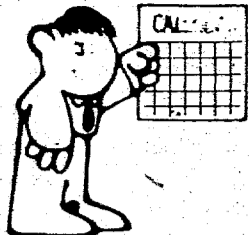
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fraternal groups

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

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- 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.
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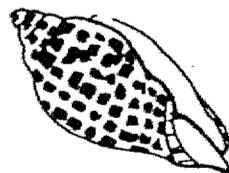
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Islanders at work and play

by gwen stevenson

Charlie Miller of Timmy's Nook celebrated his birthday July 5 although unfortunately, the event didn't bring the Timmy's Nook team the luck they needed to beat the Nave's team in last Tuesday's softball game. To cheer him up, Bill Covington sang "Happy Birthday" to him over the loudspeaker at the game. We hope it helped.

Bob Potts and Francis Bailey recently attended the Lions' International Convention in New Orleans. Lions, 45,000 of them from all over the world, converged on that charming town.

Our dashing duo, who stayed at LaQuinta in Metairie, enjoyed eating all kinds of international foods between Lions sessions at the Superdome.

When asked about impressions of Bourbon Street, Francis reported, a little ruefully, that anything or any activity interesting to visitors was overpriced—you get clipped literally and figuratively. However, the weather cooperated, perhaps a little too well.

"It was so hot I was about to die," said Bailey, "and I love hot weather!" (Take heart, Islanders, it could be worse.)

Pottery and Francis toured New Orleans and, after meetings, socialized with the friends Bob has made during the years he's been attending the conventions. It was Francis' first time, but judging by the enthusiasm with which he talked, we suspect not the last.

Jim Hermes was on an "at home" vacation last week, and except for taking the family to Sea World, spent most of his time getting ready for the Fourth of July fireworks and Dunes picnic.

He did get to go fishing though—four times. During his first trip, with one of the Island's renowned fishing guides, not only did Jim NOT catch a fish, he had to sit by with his guide and professional equipment and gear on board and watch two

tourists with plastic reel and 12 pound line chug up in their rented skiff, cast casually overboard and immediately hook a 12-pound tripletail!

"I am the world's worst fisherman," said Jim, "and I guess I'm just a jinx."

Total catch for four trips—Fish-O; Fun-lots!

The Pete Skeham family just returned from an eight-day Caribbean trip which they thoroughly enjoyed. It seems that Pete's mother had planned to take the three youngest Skehans—Susie, 17; Pat, 15; and Joe, 11—on the cruise when she got sick.

The Skehans pinch-hit for her and were delighted to find two more Islanders on board, Millie Mitchell and Carol Wolfe.

The group agreed that St. Thomas was their favorite spot on the trip. Others were San Juan, Puerto Rico, Haiti and Porta Platta in the Dominican Republic.

There were stories of scuba diving, horseback riding, dancing in the streets before dawn—which all added up to a very good time!

Scott and Sue Siler are hosting the annual gathering of football friends of Scott's. Former Islander Kim Culp, University of Minnesota football coach Dick Moseley and Scott's father, Gale, were all on hand for a weekend of frolic.

William H. Heinz of Chateaux Sur Mer won the shelly chess set created by Mary Carter, according to Walter Klie of the Islands' Chamber of Commerce. All of the proceeds from the raffle went to the St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church's organ fund.

Ms. Carter was also the creator, if you remember, of the delightful playing set, also created from shells, which recently raised almost \$300 for the Sanibel Bike Path fund.

We all wish Mr. Heinz the very best of luck when utilizing that most unusual chess set, which has a dif-



Someone who was a little luckier than Jim was a recent guest at Castaways Resort. Royce Thomas of Casselberry, Florida, proudly displays his catch.

ferent shell of appropriate size for each player.

White Queen's pawn to Q4, Mr. Heinz. Your turn!

Congratulations are in order for Mary Wood of Sanibel who took two first place prizes in the first annual Dairy Days Food Contest sponsored by Lee County Extension Service. The final cook-off took place

June 30 at Terry Park.

Her winning entries were in the main dish and hors d'oeuvres categories and she took a fourth place in desserts.

Each first place prize was \$15. "Creamy spinach sauce with pasta" was Mrs. Wood's main dish and "Hot dunking cream" won her the snack prize. Her dessert entry was "Sanibel Melba."



Sarah and Harry Posey of Haines City, Florida, caught a number of outstanding sea trout weighing in at anywhere from a pound to five and a-half pounds. The

Poseys were fishing with Capt. Herb Purdy on his "Blue Runner" out of Tarpon Bay Marina, and, as you can see, are holding two of their best ones!

Amidst candlelight, friends and family last Friday night, Chris Stokes wed Dennis James (Butch) Webb at the home of her mother, Edythe C. Stokes, on Island Inn Road, Sanibel. The couple are both residents of Sanibel.

The bride was attended by

her sister Roxanne Stokes who was maid of honor. Dr. Harry Kair was best man for the groom. Lew Phillips officiated at the ceremony.

Chris was given in marriage by her father, Lamar Stokes. Butch Webb is the son of Nell Goff of Sanibel and Jim Goff, Jr.

Every once in a while, we forget how nice an Island it is upon which we live. Here's a tale, however, which reaffirms all the good things and negates the bad—and it is about a varied group of people who don't want their names used, except to be referred to as "just a bunch of friendly Islanders."

Remember that little sailboat moored off the bayside of east Sanibel? Well, Thursday evening it broke loose somehow and managed to wedge itself under the first Causeway bridge, breaking off its mast and doing other various and sundry damage to the hull. A passerby used his CB to raise a friend on shore, who in turn called the Coast Guard. In the meantime, a small group had gathered, and realizing the boat was in immediate danger of sinking, a number of them jumped into the water, took the boat in tow manually and pulled her to shore, where she was literally lifted out of the water by many willing hands, preventing the little craft from getting as wet inside and out as it was on its keel. One of the group then returned home and, when informed his mother had called the Coast Guard.

said, "Oh, you better call 'em back. The boat's safe now."

See how friendly we natives are, given a chance?

Twenty World War II veterans who live in Southwest Florida, who served in a company of the 12th Marines, 3rd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force in WW II, gather for lunch every year or so. This year they all met at Castaways, where they enjoyed a terrific lunch, some talk about the old days and so forth. The host this year was Dave Bethany of Naples.

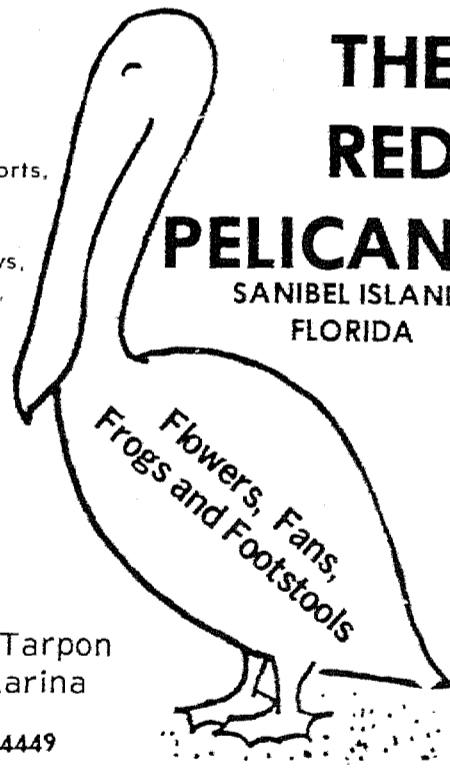
The Sanibel Community Church began its Vacation Bible School yesterday, Monday, July 11. It runs until July 22, from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. each day. There is still time to register for the sessions. They are open to any Island youngster who is four years old through those entering the 7th grade.

The registration fee of \$2 covers the cost of study materials and an offering will be received daily during the worship service to be given to a mission cause. The theme for the school will be Reach Out—sharing the story of Jesus.

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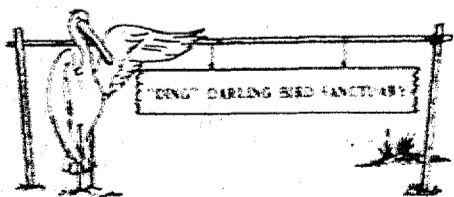
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All Sanibel property reassessed for tax rolls

The Sanibel City Council met in an emergency session yesterday afternoon to discuss what actions the City of Sanibel is going to undertake to deal with the recent property reappraisals on Sanibel.

Since the City is itself tax exempt, it cannot officially represent property owners to the County. "Any action the City of Sanibel takes, must be on the basis of the equality of the law," Mrs. Butler told the ISLANDER late last week.

Sanibel is the only municipality in Lee County thus far to have complied with the State's deadline to adopt a land use plan and the property reappraisals were executed to bring property values in line with the plan. Vice-Mayor Butler said the City will actively investigate a legal course of action that would preclude a reassessment of Sanibel until all other governments have a land use plan and making the appraisal countywide and equitable.

With the dual taxation issue looming ahead at budget time, this reassessment is going to create a further imbalance in county taxes according to Mrs. Butler.

"For instance," she said "Sanibel was contributing six per cent of the vote. If you estimate that the average property increase on Sanibel was 50 per cent, then Sanibel would be contributing nine per cent of the revenue with the same one and a-half per cent of the vote.

All assessments have been completed on Sanibel, but not all property owners have been notified due to a slip-up in the computerized mailing system. At this time, the only affected area is Shell Harbour according to the tax assessors office.

All other notices indicating a change—either up or down—should have been received by this time. They advise, however, that if you have not received a reappraisal notice and think that you probably should have, the best idea is to call the County Tax Assessor's office. Just because you

have not received a notice does not mean that there hasn't been a tax increase imposed on your property and recorded by the assessor's office. It might indicate another mailing error and the property owner is still listed as being responsible for the tax.

The only changes to be made now in the assessments are on case-by-case basis where the individual feels there might have been an error made.

Some Sanibel residents have indicated their perplexity over seeming discrepancies in the evaluations. A home in the Rocks subdivision was assessed at approximately 75 per cent of its market value, while a Gulf front home received an evaluation of about one-third its market value.

This discrepancy can evidently be explained by the density provisions in the land use plan. Appraisals were made according to the allotted density in the plan, not according to the current structure. The basis for this approach is that, should the structure be destroyed, there is, as yet, no precedent for determining if the city would allow someone to rebuild a structure that does not conform with the current land use provisions.

The example quoted to the ISLANDER was a Gulf Drive situation where a home may now stand on a quarter acre, but the area has been rezoned in the plan to allow only one home per half acre.

The effect on Island real estate brokers is, as yet, unknown. "It's much too soon to tell," said Marty Holtz of Island Real Estate. "I can tell you that the phone has been ringing off the hook."

Some commercial establishments, with multi units, will be dividing the increased assessment amongst their tenants.

Meanwhile, Lee County Property Appraiser Harry Schooley announced last week that a reappraisal of all Lee County land (excluding structures) will begin in October with the new appraisals to be reflected in the 1978 tax rolls.



They're watchers . . . but we're not quite sure what.. Then again, they may be contemplating what to do with water wasters!

Don't be a water waster

--- an editorial

Two years ago, energy wardens or their equivalent became a regular part of the 6 o'clock news in many areas throughout the country. We think it is time for a water warden for the Islands. Each week, in the ISLANDER, water hoarders will be lauded, wasters reprimanded and conservation tips or requests passed along.

Did you know that:

—mulch, which looks good on the lawn and is good for it, can be obtained from Lee County Cooperative? Larry Snell tells us that they will drop it off at your house for a nominal fee. Mulch keeps moisture in the ground and inhibits weeds. A good thing all around.

—several condominiums regularly wash Gulf Drive because their sprinklers are set at 360 degrees... and that many of those systems are on automatic so that they water the lawns during a rain or just after. If you see one, don't be bashful about informing the management. They're wasting your water.

—plaudits and kudos go to Loggerhead Cay for correcting their

faults and becoming a model of water saving. It is also money-saving.

—a dirty car in "in." If you're addicted to washing yours once a week, try twice a month.

—a short shower suffices. Can't you get just as clean in two minutes as you can in five if you work at it??

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Traditionally, legislation forcing resource conservation in this country has come after a long period of wastefulness or carelessness.

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Letters to the editor:

Executive Dir. Harry L. Coe
Fla. Dept. of Revenue
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Dear Director Coe:

This is intended as a friendly letter on a very serious subject. It does not intend any derogation of the professional competence or integrity of our Lee County Property Appraiser. It does suggest that something may be amiss that your department can correct—if prompt action is taken.

The enclosed clippings from our local press outline the problem and has caused a great deal of consternation on Sanibel among all classes. This feeling in which I share is, for me, intensified by an inclination to agree with the views expressed in the articles. That stems from my familiarity with the property assessment principles and practices in Florida and elsewhere. It is my lamentable "gut" feeling that our Property Appraiser has been unduly influenced by the

highly-publicized hostility so frequently expressed by two voter - repudiated ex-County Commissioners to the incorporation of Sanibel and its recent adoption of a Comprehensive Land Use Plan as mandated by the State Legislature.

I have noted that Florida's 1973 Property Assessment and Administration statute succinctly states its basic purpose to provide for a uniform assessment as between properties within a county. This goal cannot be easily reached if the Assessor's work is geographically and chronologically disjointed, and biased by the extraneous social beliefs reported by the press as held by the Assessor. (It seems unreasonable to me to equate the value of a man's home to his suspected aspirations to "live in a luxury atmosphere" as our Assessor reportedly does.)

As you know, Section 195.096 of the Statute prescribes a maximum four-year interval for your Department's review of a county's assessment rolls. It seems a reasonable

assumption that the Legislature intended this requirement to emphasize the need for the county itself to continuously review its assessment of each property to keep it attuned to economic and marketing changes affecting it. This is similar to the "perpetual inventory" system employed by merchants. If such attuning is not done simultaneously throughout the entire county, Florida's Courts have ruled that the tax burden is unequally and unfairly distributed among the county's taxpayers. Our Assessor appears to have admitted practising such discrimination. The current age of computers would seem to militate against any claim that avoiding such discrimination is a herculean task beyond the capabilities of the Assessor's staff.

It is my sincere suggestion that you dispatch a ranking member of your technical staff to promptly sit down with our Property Assessor and his staff to review what he is presently doing that yields such biased results. We in Sanibel have learned

the hard way in implementing our Comprehensive Land Use Plan that "it is better to negotiate than to litigate." Please help us to negotiate this discriminatory assessment practice.

-s-Paul A. Howe

To the editor:

I want to thank the many individuals, businesses and organizations who were so generous with your donations to make the fireworks possible this year.

I also want to thank those people who worked so hard, spending much time and effort, toward this presentation. It's been a pleasure for me to be a part of the Islands' 4th of July celebration and help present the fireworks display to the Sanibel-Captiva residents and visitors.

Thanks to all of you for your support and assistance. I hope everyone enjoyed seeing the fireworks as much as we enjoyed presenting them.

-s-Jim Hermes

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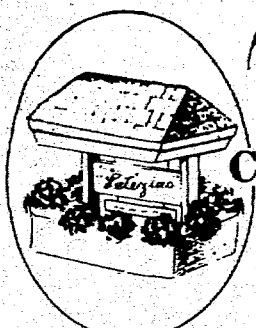
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On Thursday of last week Ye Olde Holmes House Restaurant was burglarized for the fourth consecutive night. The larceny was executed in the same fashion the previous Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The pilferers, 200 in number, disguised in casual civilian garb, were impersonating patrons of the popular eatery and watering hole.

The felonies occurred between 5:00 and 9:30 p.m., ironically the same time the restaurant is serving dinner. The items poached were the Maine Lobster, which are kept alive in a tank on the premises. Proprietor Dave Miller inferred the motive for the atrocities was the onset of their 3rd Annual Maine Lobster Feast, which Miller labels a "steal" at \$6.95 any Monday through Thursday.

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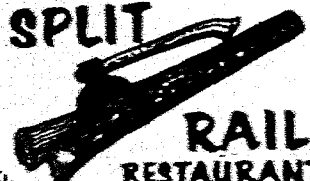
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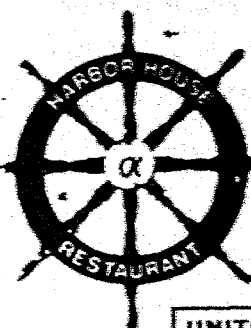


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DATE	HI	LO	RAINFALL (In inches)
July 1	92	77	None
July 2	92	75	.10
July 3	(No reading taken)		
July 4	90	74	.45
July 5	88	72	.10
July 6	92	74	Trace

by Alfred Sheinwold

According to Poor Alfred's Almanac, the cheap buyer gets bad merchandise. As usual, our Almanac has a bridge hand to convince the skeptical reader.

South dealer
North-South vulnerable
NORTH

♠ 10 8 4 2
♥ 8 5 4 2
♦ K Q 8
♣ K 5

WEST **EAST**

♠ None ♠ K 7 6 5
♥ 10 6 3 ♥ 9
♦ J 10 9 6 2 ♦ 7 5 3
♣ Q J 10 9 8 ♣ A 7 4 3 2

SOUTH

♠ A Q J 9 3
♥ A K Q J 7
♦ A 4
♣ 6

South West North East
2 ♠ 2 NT 3 ♠ 5 ♠
6 ♠ All Pass

Opening lead — ♣ Q

South ruffed the second club with the three of spades and led a diamond to dummy's queen to return the ten of spades.

The finesse worked, but South was a gone goose. He could take a second spade finesse but could never get back to dummy for the third

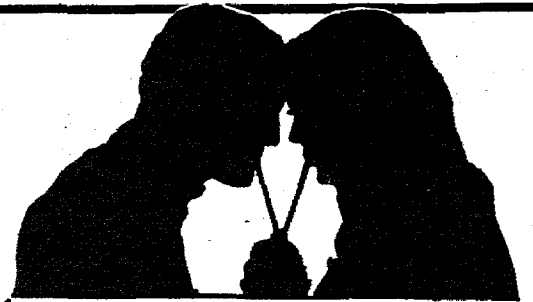
finesse. East was sure to get a trump trick, and South was down one.

NO COST

Declarer should ruff the second club with the jack of spades. Even if South is not familiar with the famous Almanac, what can it cost?

South leads a diamond to dummy and returns the eight of spades for a finesse. When this holds, he continues with dummy's ten of spades. This likewise wins, and dummy remains in the lead to continue with a third spade. South picks up the trumps without loss, making the slam.

It would be an error to begin the trumps by leading dummy's ten. If South drops his nine to unblock, East can afford to cover dummy's eight of spades with the king. South will eventually lose a trick to the seven of spades.



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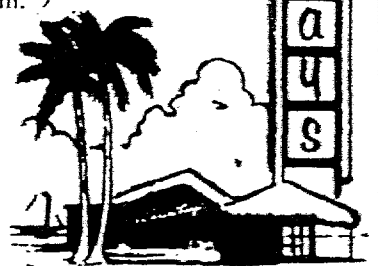
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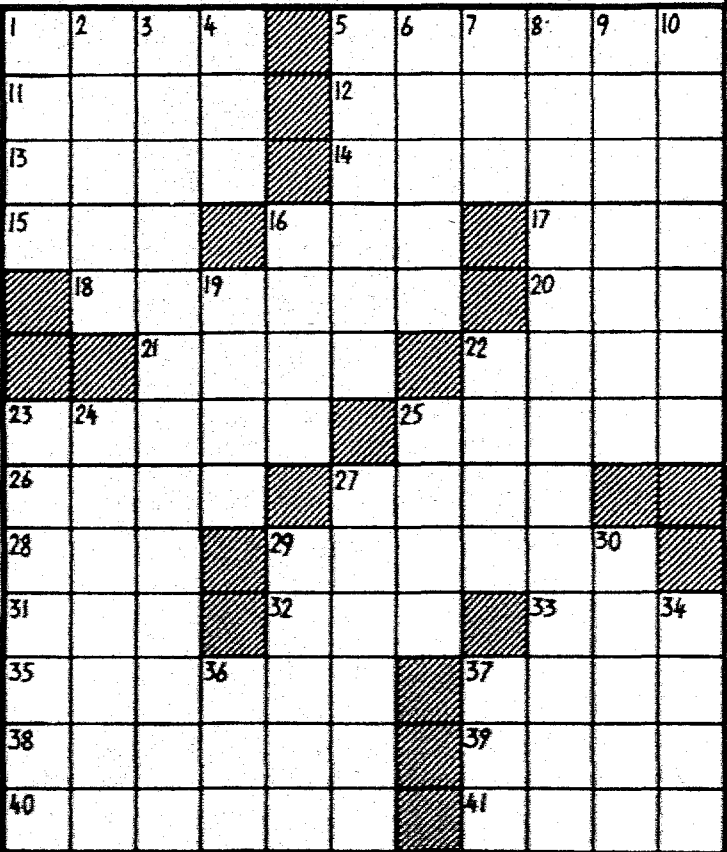
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1 Schoolboys	41 Sum totals (abbr.)	19 Spree	27 Dull; stupid
5 "Popeye" character (2 wds.)	DOWN	22 Lohengrin's wife	29 Perfume
11 Director Kazan	1 Main role	23 Pensive poet	30 "Waste Land" poet
12 Sweater material	2 Sanction	24 Scholarly group	34 Invites
13 Too	3 By-and-by (2 wds.)	37 George's lyricist	
14 Medical man	4 Miguel or Paulo		
15 Speck	5 Region of No. Africa		
16 Noah's youngest	6 Mongoose, to cobra		
17 — double-take (2 wds.)	7 Moslem official		
18 Moist	8 Snub (3 wds.)		
20 No. African republic (abbr.)	9 Small area		
21 Vincent Lopez theme song	10 Relatives of parking lots		



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Dr. Webb leading busy "retirement" on Sanibel

by rich arthurs

For wildlife ecologist Dr. William Webb, retirement on Sanibel has turned out to be one of the busiest times of his life.

After over forty years of teaching wildlife ecology and management at the State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry, in Syracuse, Dr. Webb and his wife, Helen, moved to Sanibel in October of 1975 with an eye to a peaceful retirement.

For their first eight months as Islanders, the Webbs occupied a mobile home in the Periwinkle Trailer Park while awaiting the completion of a house they designed for themselves on Southwinds Drive. Their Island home was finished in May of 1976, and since then Dr. Webb has found himself leading a life somewhat apart from the relaxation he had envisioned as his retirement.

"We wanted to retire to a place where we could enjoy the climate, vegetation, and wildlife twelve months a year," Dr. Webb recalls, "and Sanibel is it!"

"We moved here to enjoy what Bill had taught all his life," Helen added.

Aside from his teaching career, Dr. Webb was also active in ecological research before his retirement, and was for many years in charge of the wildlife research program at the Huntington Wildlife Forest in the Adirondack Mountains of New York State.

After moving to Sanibel, Dr. Webb soon realized that his commitment to the environment was more of a lifelong duty than a profession when he was recalled from his retirement by the U.S. Forest Service.

Early this year, Dr. Webb found himself in the position of consultant to the Forest Service's Office of Resource Planning Assessment, involved in the preparation of an assessment of the Status of natural resources conservation and management methods employed in national forests throughout the United States.

According to Dr. Webb, this assessment of the nation's natural resources management program was mandated by the Resources Planning Act which was passed by Congress in 1974. The act calls for the Forest Service to prepare an assessment of their management of water, wildlife, wilderness, outdoor recreation and grazing in addition to the major economic concern for timber and fiber production every five years for the purpose of a report to Congress and the President.

Dr. Webb's responsibility in this respect was to review an outline of the Forest Service's 1980 assessment and identify areas of weakness. His report of findings took nearly six weeks to prepare, covered 58 pages of comment, and was submitted on June 13.

It was a memorable day for Helen Webb, as June 13 is also the Webbs' wedding anniversary.

She has a distinct memory of Dr. Webb mailing his report and returning with a jubilant outcry of, "Hooray! I'm unemployed again."

Later the same day, he received a letter from Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland notifying him of his appointment to the Committee of Scientists for the Forest Service.

The Committee of Scientists is a seven-member body of scientists and professors from all over the country which was created by the National Forest Management Act of 1976, an amendment to the Resources Planning Act under which Dr. Webb first went to work for the Forest Service.

The Committee of Scientists is responsible for developing policy guidelines and regulations which will serve to guide the future management of natural resources by the Forest Service. Their task includes holding monthly meetings in various regions of the country in order to investigate special local and regional management problems.

"The real responsibility of this committee is to oversee and direct a system of planning and management for every national forest in the United States," Dr. Webb explained.

In this regard, the Committee of Scientists travels to each of the nation's 10 management regions established by the Forest Service to meet with local, state and federal officials as well as members of local and national conservation agencies such as the Audubon Society and the Sierra Club.

The committee's meeting this past month took Dr. Webb to Boise, Idaho, while the coming meeting of the scientists will find him journeying to Ketchikan in Southeast Alaska.

"Since I've gotten into this, I've come to realize what a tremendous responsibility this is," said Dr. Webb. "We are preparing guidelines for the management of some 200,000,000 acres of Forest Service land for the coming fifteen to twenty years."

Dr. Webb reported that Congress has imposed a two-year deadline on the Committee of Scientists for the completion of this work.

"I'm not sure I've ever done anything quite as challenging as this," he added.

Dr. Webb's principle area of responsibility on the Committee of Scientists is dealing with the problems of wildlife and fish resources. While his undergraduate studies were primarily in the field of forestry, Dr. Webb earned his Ph.D. in zoology.

Over and above his duties with the Forest Service, Dr. Webb has taken an active interest in Island ecology

and community affairs during his year and a half on Sanibel.

"Living on Sanibel has been a tremendous learning experience for me," he said. "I only knew about four native plant species when

property south of Sanibel-Captiva Road.

"I think there should be a sensible fire control program for Sanibel developed in the years ahead," urges Dr. Webb, a firm advocate of the use of

vegetation and limiting wildlife, which is the real danger," he said.

Dr. Webb has also managed to find time in which to conclude his analysis of ten years of study he undertook on the effect of logging on songbird populations in the Huntington Wildlife Forest.

His paper, "The Effect of Logging on Songbird Populations in a Northern Hardwood Forest," is to appear this month in Wildlife Monographs, a publication of the Wildlife Society. A related paper, "Songbird Management in a Northern Hardwood Forest," will be published later this year in the Wildlife Management Institute's journal, Transactions.

Dr. Webb's supposed "retirement" has indeed been productive thus far, and his attachment to the Island seems exceptionally strong when one considers that the Webbs discovered Sanibel purely by accident.

It was in 1969, Helen relates, that the Webbs were first lured to Southwest Florida by a national advertisement and introductory offer for Sun City Center near Sarasota.

The Webbs came to Sun City Center for a week's vacation at Christmas that year, but after only a few days they were "bored to tears," according to Helen. They decided to put their

disappointment behind them and hit the road on New Year's Eve, thinking they'd drive down to see the Everglades, but en route Helen noticed a little spot on the map labeled Sanibel about which she had received promising reports.

Dr. Webb remembers being somewhat put out at first over the toll on the Sanibel Causeway.

"I didn't think any Island could be worth that much," he quipped. "But when I finally forked over the three dollars, we just loved Sanibel."

The Webbs booked into a room at the Island Inn that night only to find a New Year's Eve party already in progress. In the end, they overstayed their vacation two days that year.

They returned to the Islands in 1973 and made up their minds to retire to Sanibel during that visit.

"It was the easiest decision we ever made," said Helen.

But retirement has not brought an excess of relaxation to Dr. Webb, who seems none the less happy for his somewhat hectic lifestyle.

"I like what I'm doing," he said last week. "I'm doing a lot, but now I follow my own schedule and meet my own deadlines rather than someone else's."

"But I think that some day I'll have to retire again."



The "retired" William Webb

Since retiring to Sanibel over a year and a half ago, wildlife ecologist Dr. William Webb has been leading an extremely busy life.

His recent appointment to the U.S. Forest Service's seven-member Committee of Scientists will take him all across the nation to study the federal program for the management of over 200 million acres of national forest land.

we moved here."

Dr. Webb is now a member of the city's Vegetation Committee. He is also the president of the Southwinds Property Owners Association, a role which has taken him to city hall many times in recent months to represent the interests of his neighbors in the subdivision.

"I still feel like a stranger to Southwest Florida," said the ecologist last week. "There are so many things I don't know yet."

Despite his modesty, Dr. Webb's knowledge of local vegetation and natural systems has grown considerably since his arrival on the Island. Over the past year, he has assisted the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation in conducting a vegetation survey of the spartina marsh burned last summer in a prescribed burn on the Foundation's "nature trail"

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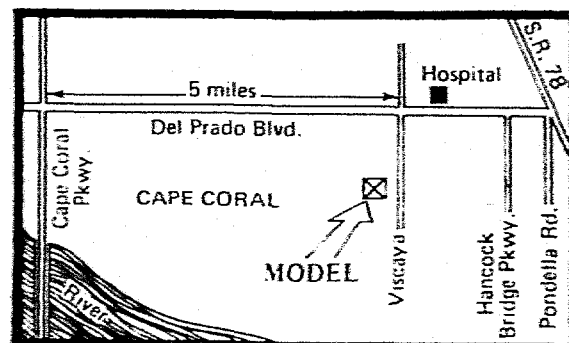
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Causeway property eyed for city aquisition

Following a suggestion from city consulting attorney Fred Bosselman of the Chicago law firm of Ross, Hardies, Babcock, Parsons and O'Keefe, the Sanibel City Council decided last Wednesday to investigate the possibility of acquiring about 29 acres of property fronting on Causeway Road from a group of about ten individuals who are currently suing the city over the property.

Running about 400 feet deep on the west side of Causeway Road between Periwinkle Way and San Carlos Bay and roughly 450 feet deep on the east side of the road between the Bay and Sextant Drive, the property has been in litigation since the recent filing of a lawsuit against the city by William C. Hoffman et al. Hoffman is trustee for the land.

Among other charges, the lawsuit alleges that the city's reclassification of the land from commercial to residential in the city's comprehensive land use plan constitutes confiscation of the property without compensation to its owners.

During the city's building moratorium which preceded the adoption of the land use plan last July, a corporation called Sanibel Properties, Inc. applied for relief from the moratorium to develop a shopping center on the site and was denied by the city council.

Until recently, signs posted on the property advertised that it was being offered for sale by Causeway Properties, Inc.

In his complaint against the city, Hoffman affirms that his group originally paid \$1 million for the property, which they contend would now be worth close to \$4 million had the city not down-zoned the land to residential, with a development intensity of .3 and 3.0 units per acre allocated to various portions of the tract.

After having been retained to assist with the city's defense of the suit following the recommendation of City Attorney Neal Bowen, Bosselman approached the council last Wednesday to obtain the council's guidance as to what course the city's defense

in the matter should follow.

Pointing to the fact that Hoffman's attorney once offered part of the property to the city for consideration as the site for a proposed city hall, Bosselman said that if the city has any interest whatsoever in acquiring the property, now is the time to go on record to that effect.

Bosselman opined that such an action on the part of the city would not jeopardize the city's position in the lawsuit.

He added that the property could prove very useful to the city in the event that the Sanibel Causeway bridge refinancing fails to gain the approval of the courts and the toll on the Causeway is reduced or eliminated. If



City consulting attorney Fred Bosselman suggested to the city council last week that the city might be well advised to consider acquiring about 29 acres of property along Causeway Road, despite the fact that the city has recently been sued by owners of the property for confiscating the land without due compensation.

With Bosselman's assurance that such an action would not jeopardize the city's position in the litigation, the council directed its ad hoc committee on Site Selection to pursue the proposed acquisition of the property.

such is to be the case, he suggested that the city might want to erect its own toll plaza on the site in order to gain some control over traffic and parking on the Island.

Bosselman said that other uses for the property might include a public park, a site for the proposed city hall or the offices of Sanibel's police department, or a parking area for tourists and day-visitors to the Island in the event that the city would develop a mass transit system for Sanibel. He proposed that the installation of police headquarters on the site might act as a deterrent to crime on the Island by forcing criminals to pass by the police station in their flight from Sanibel.

"This site is so ideally located for that type of function that the council ought to give some thought to using the land for that purpose," Bosselman told the council. "One of the great advantages of this site is the possibility of using Causeway funds for the acquisition."

"I think it would do the Island tremendous good to have an innovative mass transit system," commented Vice-Mayor Zee Butler in contemplating the idea last Thursday.

"I think there are some real advantages to the community in pursuing this," added Mayor Porter Goss.

The council ultimately decided to direct their recently-created ad hoc Committee on Site Selection to undertake a study of the feasibility of the city's acquiring the property.

The committee met last Friday morning to begin addressing their task and to decide their course of action.

Committee member Fred Valtin, chairman of the city's original Site Selection Committee, informed the group of the circumstances under which the land was first offered to the city.

After the city had solicited offers of property for consideration as the site of a proposed city office complex for Sanibel, said Valtin, the Site Selection Committee

received a letter from Hoffman's attorney intimating that a portion of the property along Causeway Road might be available for city purchase. Valtin said the letter was not specific as to the price of the land or the amount of property being offered.

He explained that the attorney never replied to his letters requesting more precise information on the nature of the offer, so that early in its work the committee decided not to consider the site for the purpose of a recommendation to the city council.

Committee member George Campbell, who is also chairman of the city's Vegetation Committee conducted a vegetation survey of the land last week and reported on Friday that the city could easily develop any of the suggested facilities on the site without disturbing a stand of white mangrove and buttonwood running along the western boundary of the tract.

"How do you propose to raise the money to purchase the site," queried Fred Valtin last Friday.

City Attorney Bowen replied that the city could acquire the land either by direct condemnation or by purchase, while warning the committee that "condemnation is often more expensive than outright purchase."

Finally, the committee agreed last Friday to authorize their chairman, Councilman Duane White, to write Hoffman a letter and inform him of the city's interest in acquiring the property, in hopes of receiving a speedy reaction to the offer.

"One of the allegations in their lawsuit is that the city has taken the property," Vice-Mayor Butler commented. "Since they have already suggested it, it might not be such a bad idea."

The members of the city council's ad hoc committee on Site Selection are Vice-Mayor Butler, Councilman White, Fred Valtin, George Campbell, Planning Commission Chairman Ann Winterbotham, City Manager Bill Nungester and Urban Palmer.

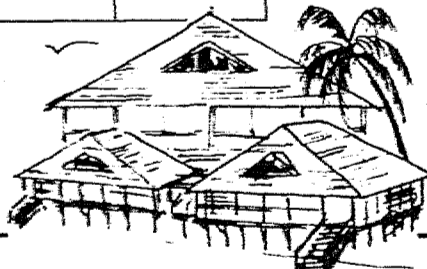
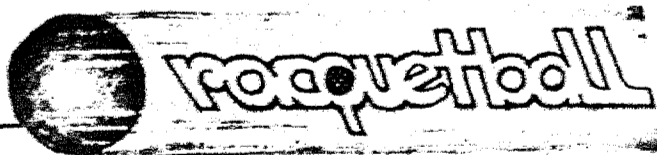
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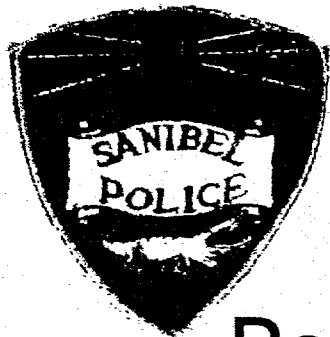
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previously quiet week, went off a total of 23 times—one of them six times, one, four times and one three times (the other alarms were of the assorted variety)—and all of them were set ringing by lightening, strange noises, etc., but, fortunately, no burglars.

Five traffic violation certificates were written, the SPD gave assistance of one sort or another 19 times, only one motorcycle was reported being noisy, the EMT's were called upon five times, one request for police escort was made and responded to, and a tent, a license tag and an inexpensive camera were reported found.

Complainant stated a dunebuggy was on the beach where it oughten to be. When officer arrived, the buggy was there — and the owner was cited with driving on the beach and having bald tires, to boot!

Motel manager reported trespassers, in that people who weren't staying at that specific motel, were "WALKING THROUGH." Turned out to be some fishermen staying at another motel, who preferred the fishing up the road a bit. Officer explained about using other people's property instead of a public access, which, as far as anyone was concerned, wasn't where they were walking. Promised not to do it again.

An antique safe and a chest of drawers were allegedly removed from a building being used for storage. After much investigation, in which tire tracks were found, but no sign of forced entry (probably because nothing was locked in the first place) it was decided that the building would probably be better off being boarded up and locked.

Someone watching the fireworks got a bit of burned out firework in her eye, which was aggravated by rubbing same with a hand covered with insect repellent. Subject advised to see doctor after EMT's washed eye out with saline solution.

Another unreported (at least publicly, so far) fireworks incident was a blister on the front of an intrepid staff writer and reporter who was hit in an area below the collar bone. Devoted to duty — she is!

A case of simple assault was made against a male visitor dragging a female visitor from a watering hole. Seems that the latter did bite the former through his

lower lip, which angered the former, causing him to drag his companion about by the hair. Ouch!

Officer dispatched to help rescue boat which was "adrift" about 30 feet from shore. Officer investigated, found boat moored, with engine up and everything seemingly O.K. A later call proved the officer correct in that it was stated the boat had been put there on purpose and certainly was not adrift.

A citizen reported finding a baggie full of illegal weeds (i.e. marijuana) in a parking area. Turned out to be a very small amount which was placed in police locker for safekeeping.

A citizen called in to report that a woman picked an armful of seaoats and wasn't that against the law, and if it was, woman didn't know it and city should erect signs saying not to pick the seaoats.

Two men in rubber raft with a motor were reported lost on the water in one of last week's thunderstorms. Raft and occupants made it to shore about 45 minutes later.

A complaint came in to report that a brightly colored pick-up truck was doing "wheelies" (that's where the driver of a vehicle gets the front wheels off the road and just rides on the back one or ones, and is a very cute trick indeed with a pick-up truck) and that caller thought this was dangerous. It was, but it stopped doing it before officer's arrival a couple of minutes later.

A house painter stepped back to admire his work, evidently forgetting he was on a roof. He was treated and released by the EMT's.

Caller reported noises that might be either an alligator or a prowler. Officer did not find a sign of either one.

A call came in to report that a "bag of seeds" had been found and finder thought they were illegal seeds. Turned out to be a bean bag.

A visitor reported her six-year-old daughter was missing. Officer dispatched, found girl and reunited her with mother 17 minutes later, none the worse for wear.

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Your astrological week

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Aries: See that financial problems are taken care of. Note that improvements can be made where relatives by marriage are concerned, also your future projects. Don't allow temper tantrums to hurt your popularity.

Taurus: Resentment aroused in others can precipitate a desire to break out of a rut. This should be a busy time. Delays may be unavoidable, but take them calmly.

Gemini: Your business judgment is not up to par. Work behind the scenes to get things done, but don't force issues. Your travel plans will work out as scheduled.

Cancer: Ties with youthful groups can be ways to improve business or occupational income. Try and stay clear of emotional people. Let others show their talents and

give praise.

Leo: Don't doubt your capabilities, you can never make up for lost time if you do. Be cautious about taking a youngster into your confidence. Be more practical than usual.

Virgo: Interests are apt to be centered on education, hobbies, creativeness. Keep active with children and other loved ones. Irritating conditions in your domestic circle, so discipline temper.

Libra: You are likely to be mulling over the in-depth possibilities of any current romantic interests. There will be much coming and going re home and family interests.

Scorpio: Answer mail with care. You will have an opportunity to make an important and advantageous decision regarding property, or large sales. Don't be too hasty in signing papers.

Sagittarius: Don't overlook chances for gain. You will be more active than usual in planning vacation and getting every-day chores caught up. Catch up on correspondence, safeguard important papers.

Capricorn: Avoid shortcuts. You may be held responsible for your actions to a greater degree than usual. Don't be afraid to change your mind where new interests, or people are concerned.

Aquarius: You will overmagnify your troubles where romantic entanglements are concerned. Your best defense is to walk away from conflict. Keep your opinions to yourself, even when you know you are right.

Pisces: You must make changes in your circle of acquaintances to get away from a stressful situation. This is a good time to settle any career, domestic, or financial matters that need completion. There will be support where you least expect it.

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Miki Montgomery, owner of Miki's in Tahitian Gardens Shopping Center, introduces Mrs. William Snyder to the opening night audience at Chez Rondelet last Thursday evening. Mrs. Snyder, along with husband William are owners of the new Polynesian-style restaurant located in the Periwinkle Way shopping center.

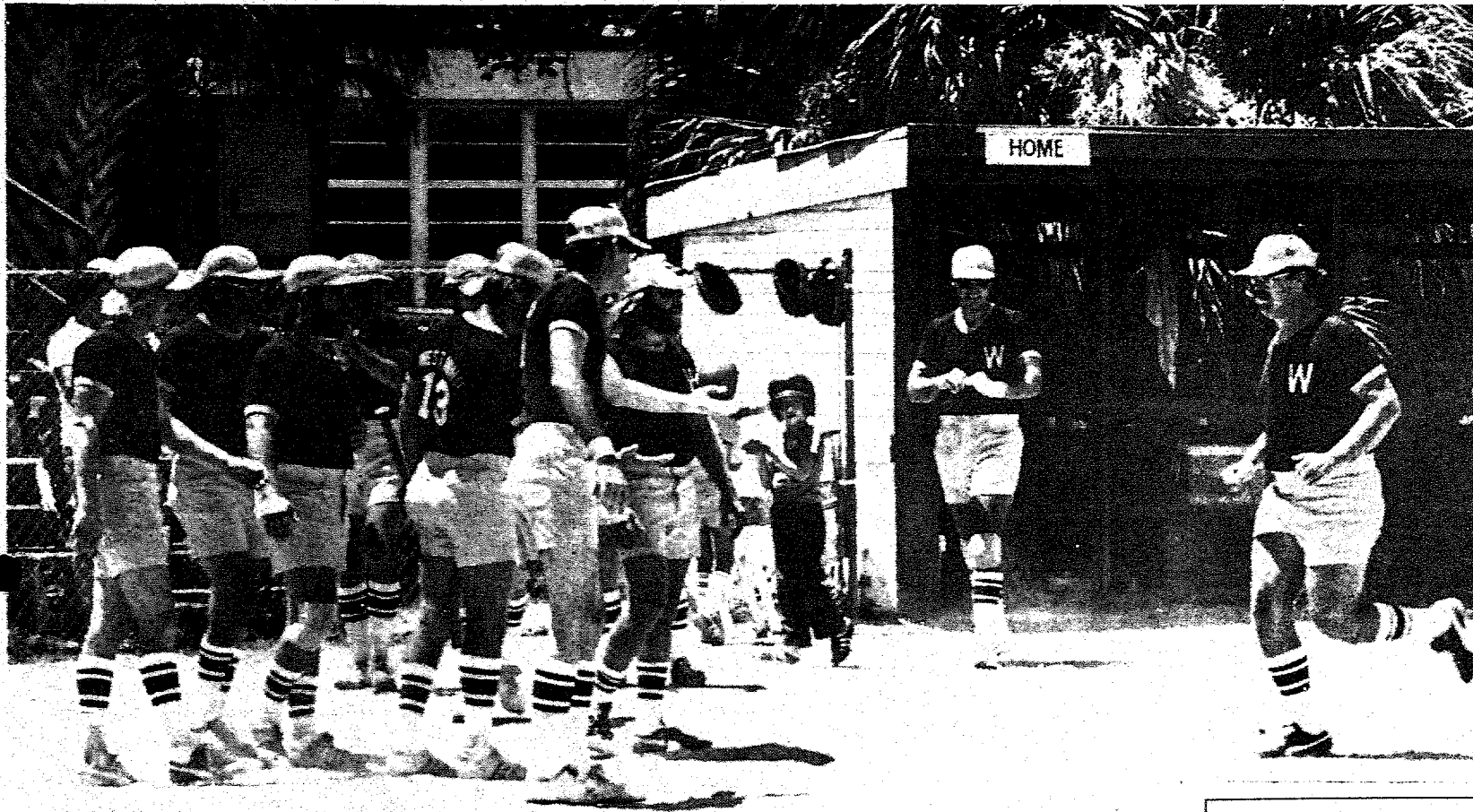
Softball Scores

The following are the week's scores in men's and women's softball:

July 4	Seahorses vs. Charlie's Angels: Rained out.
July 5	Nave's Plumbing vs. Timmy's Nook 9
July 6	ESI 19 vs. Seahorses 7
July 7	Kiwanis 12 vs. Weeds in Things 7
July 8	Charlie's Angels 19 vs. Cedar Chest 11
July 10	West Wind Inn 14 vs. Lions 8
	IWA 8 vs. South Seas 4
	Timmy's Nook 9 vs. Kiwanis 5

Wednesday's match between ESI and the Seahorses was dubbed "The Monsoon Classic" by announcer Roy Davies when both teams played through a heavy downpour to finish the game. The first place teams remain West Wind Inn and the Lady Lions.

Summer is for softball



Ray Rhodes comes in after a homer on Sunday during a game that saw a valiant Lions team seesaw back and forth with West Wind for supremacy. The lions rallied in the sixth inning to score five runs, but it wasn't enough to hold off West Wind.



Umpires Dick Muench and Roger Tabor heatedly review a call with Lions and West Wind coaches.



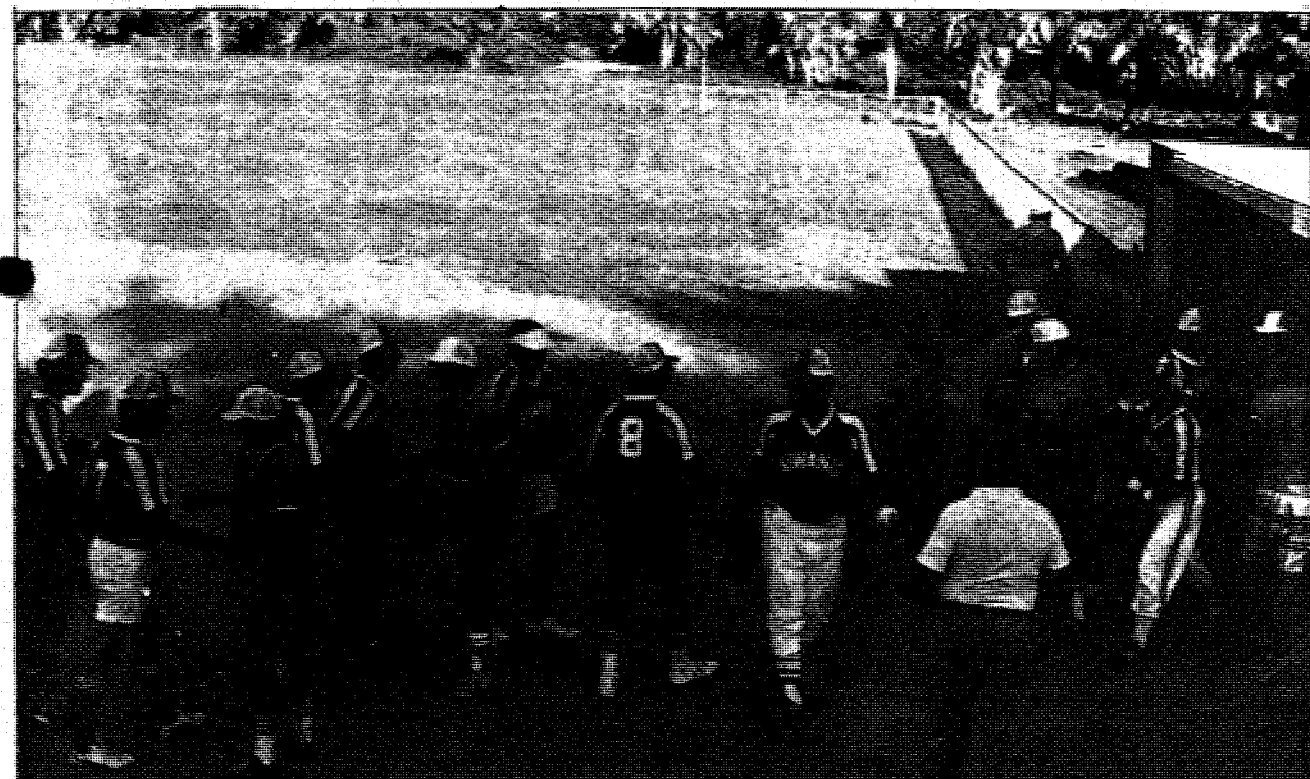
A dusty Jim Hermes picks himself up to hear that his efforts were for naught — he was called out at second.



Umpire Paul Formica will be out of the Weeds 'n Things dugout for awhile while a cut thumb mends.

Softball Standings (through Sunday, July 10)

Team	Wins	Losses
Men's Division		
West Wind	4	0
Kiwanis	1	3
Nave's Plumbing	3	1
IWA	3	1
Lions	0	4
Timmy's Nook	3	1
Weeds & Things	2	2
South Seas	0	4
Women's Division		
Foxes	1	2
Angels	1	2
Lady Lions	3	0
ESI	3	1
Sea Horses	0	3
Cedar Chest	2	2



Kiwanians and Weeds 'n Things shaking hands after their game last week in which the Kiwanians in a rather surprising show of strength, defeated Weeds 'n Things. Final score: 14-8.


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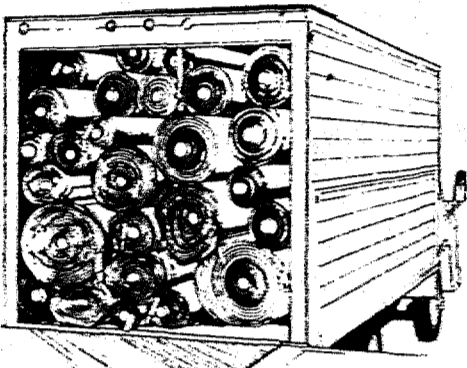
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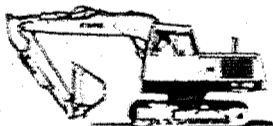
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Something has to be done about it. They are ruining the fishing. They are causing boat traffic problems and they are hazards to safe boating in the Islands.

I am referring, of course, to the rising problem of nude boating.

To some boaters, the ultimate pleasure must lie in passing an unsuspecting

fishing party, while displaying uncovered areas society thinks necessary to be clothed. I can't bring myself to mention the specific geographical areas exposed by some boaters and swimmers.

Too long we have missed strikes while fishing. Too long we have nearly run into an island and all because of the flaunting nature of these

offenses, and there is more of it coming, friends, unless we ban together into a reporting party to locate and rehabilitate these offenders against nature.

A new organization of serious boaters has been formed called "All Eyes." Our purpose is to make sightings and file reports for later use. Our mission is one of grave concern. We use the

boat radio for reporting sightings of nude boaters and bathers.

We have developed our own coded language for use on the air so others on the channel, particularly the indecent people sans

get on with the code phrases.

Hanging Ten: This phrase is borrowed from the surfers, but now it means that you have sighted four girls and two guys speeding past in a boat and all are leaning over the rail. Will per-

before they are peering out from the cockpit and cabin if you quickly pull along side with your telephoto lens. Remember, a camera, binoculars and lots of film are required for this kind of reporting work.

White Hills of Africa: This lets spotters know that you have come upon several nude bathers lying face down in the sand side-by-side.

Compass Course: This is for reporting a nude man walking north on the beach.

Tan Tear Drops: This alerts others in the organization for the possibility of one or more women in an area taking pains to brown parts of their bodies normally covered between the belly button and adams apple.

Course of Action: Report with camera for possible use in court case or for dull, rainy afternoon.

Made In The Shade: A sight all to familiar to spotters. You've arrived at a remote beach and down the beach there is a man and woman lying listless under a large, bright colored canopy. They are so tired they can't even give you a perverse hand sign when they spot you crouched in the bushes behind them. It's a shame young people don't have any energy now-a-days. What is the matter with kids today?

An Anita Bryant Quartet: This goes for when you see two gays throwing orange peels at a heckling man and woman and all are nude.

Course of Action: Put away your camera and move on to other areas.

Remember to report all sightings immediately so I can record the information and make the decision as to whether to speed out there for confirmation. Most likely, I will want to do just that.

Remember our motto: If God had wanted us to show our bodies in public, he would have built in coin changers on our stomachs so we could have charged and make change for the show.

Keep those eyes open, club members.

(Mike Fuery is captain of Captiva Charter, offering sailing and fishing from 'Tween Waters Marina, Captiva.)



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18th — Teams 2- 3

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| 1. WEST WIND INN | 8. SOUTH SEAS |
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| 3. NAVE PLUMBING | 10. ANGLES |
| 4. IWA | 11. LIONS (WOMEN) |
| 5. LIONS | 12. E.S.I. |
| 6. TIMMY NOOK | 13. SEA HORSES |
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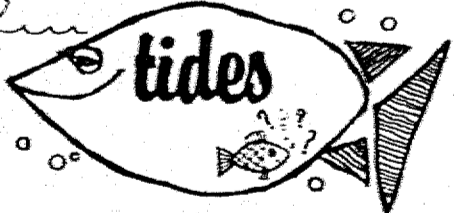
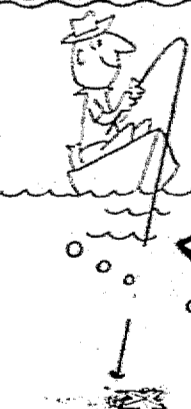
clothes, won't know we are observing them. The organization is open for members, but learn the key phrases so you can alert the others as to what kind of sighting you have come upon and whether or not I, or one of the other officers, should rush out and make a confirmation sighting.

Information will be turned over to proper authorities or possibly a small movie company in Miami, but more about that later. Let's

version ever cease?

Rumplesilkskin: Reports that you have spotted two elderly people without any tan. This will happen from time to time, but have mercy in this type of case. Just float over a bottle of Geratol, a bottle of oxygen and bid them a good time.

Squatters' Rights: This is for when you pass a sailboat and everyone suddenly sits down and sits conspicuously lower as you get closer in your boat. It won't be long



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Thu	14	1:31 AM H	5:08 AM L	**11:20 AM H	7:48 PM L
Fri	15	2:01 AM H	5:43 AM L	**11:57 AM H	8:19 PM L
Sat	16	2:21 AM H	6:25 AM L	**12:32 PM H	8:48 PM L
Sun	17	2:41 AM H	7:09 AM L	** 1:08 PM H	9:17 PM L
Mon	18	3:06 AM H	7:20 AM L	** 1:46 PM H	9:45 PM L

Tides courtesy of Priscilla Murphy, Realtor, Inc.

Conversion table: The above tides are for the lighthouse point of Sanibel only. To convert for Redfish Pass (north tip of Captiva), add 55 minutes to the time shown for every hi-tide, subtract two (2) minutes for every low tide. (NO, we don't know why, but it works. Instructions following are even less sense-sical but as we stated, they do work.)
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Canada - candidly

by lorraine ashford

Two ladies have been much in the news lately. Our Margaret Trudeau and your Anita Bryant. Both gals have received a lot of media coverage in both countries.

What can I say about Margaret that she hasn't already said in her many Show and Tell interviews? She seems to be ready, willing and able to speak for herself at the drop of a Nikon.

However, I remember a few years ago, she underwent treatment here in Montreal for an emotional disturbance. Certainly, her behaviour last Spring was bizarre enough for us to question her stability.

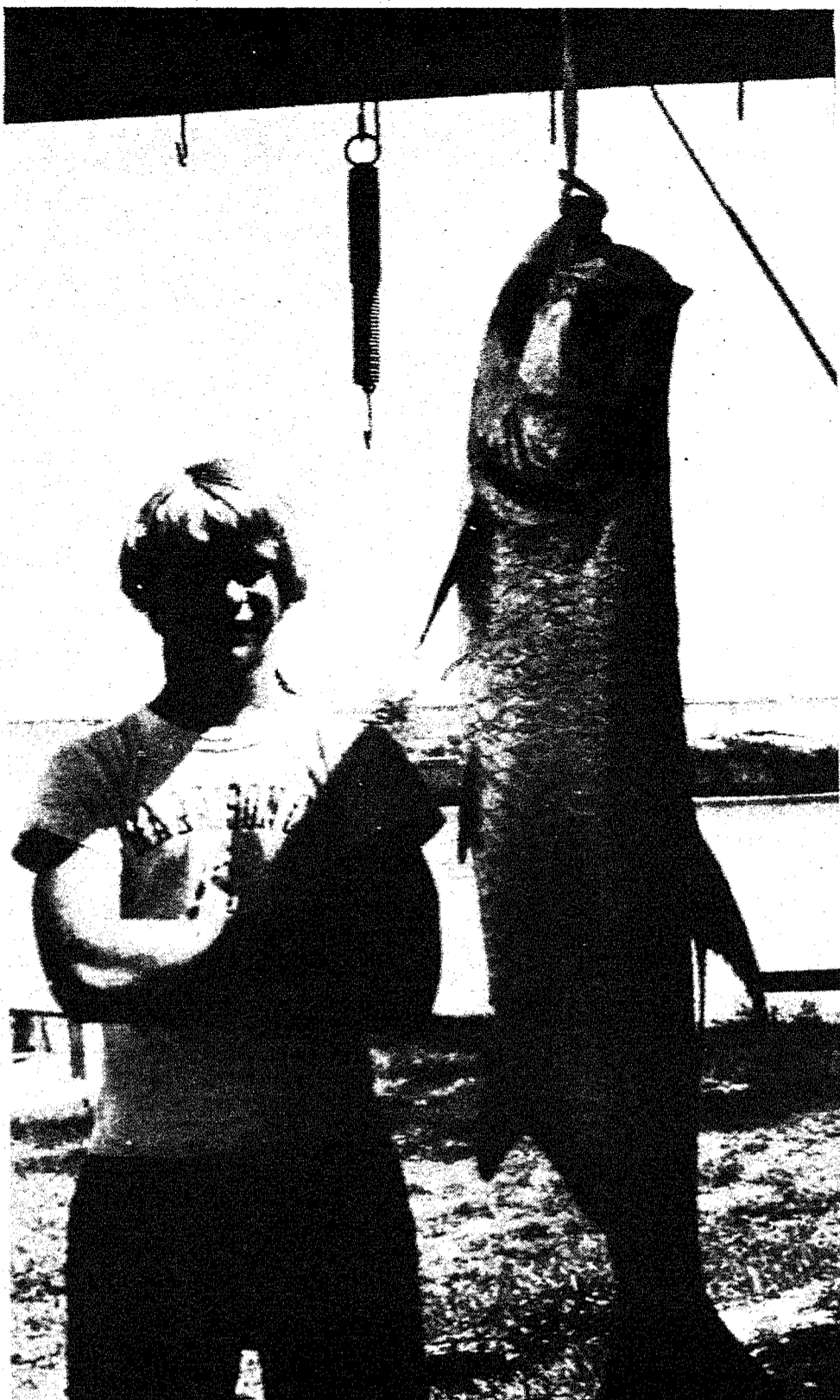
I don't think for one moment that she set out with malice aforethought to embarrass either her husband or the country.

At the present time she has dropped out of the limelight and the last I heard had taken an apartment in Ottawa as well as New York. As Mrs. Pierre Elliot Trudeau, she was big copy; as Maggie Sinclair, she is just another Canadian girl with a camera.

As far as Anita goes, although I don't entirely agree with her, I defend her right to speak her mind no matter whom she offends. I'm only sorry she felt she had to resort to Bible thumping to make her point. We can all interpret the Bible to suit our own needs and it's a sad commentary on our times that the Bible carries less weight with the majority, than a girlie magazine. I would have much rather have seen Miss Bryant use her considerable clout to campaign against hard core pornography, which is becoming a very serious problem here.

The citizens of Toronto in particular are concerned about the preponderance of massage parlours, sex movies and hard core porn magazines displayed at children's eye level in supermarkets.

I haven't seen that in Quebec although I know the books and movies are here. We DO have obscenity laws



and it's high time they were enforced. Any magazine people who cater to sick minds with sexual displays of children and animals should be put out of commission immediately.

I honestly have no axe to grind with homosexuals. I think they are to be pitied but I can't see them as a bad influence on children anymore than some heterosexuals.

Canada's prime minister said the state has no place in the bedrooms of the people, and to that I say Amen.

However, I respect Anita for the courage to stand up for what she believes is right and I hope the orange juice

people don't take it too much to heart. She does a great job. Any girl who entertained the troops overseas seven times, can't be all wrong!

In closing, I'd like to wish all Canadians down there a very happy if belated birthday and the same to Americans. We did more flag waving up here Friday, July 1, than we've done in years. Just hope it's not too late.

I'm off to Plasstburgh, N.Y., tomorrow to take in the equestrian jumping. I'll be telling you all about it at a later time.

Take care now!

First Silver King!

Here's 17-year-old Mark Steven Wiley and his 72-inch, 98-pound tarpon—the first he's ever caught and they say the younger generation can't do anything right!

"We're going to have him mounted," Mark said, "since it's my first one and he's so big and all. Otherwise I would have released him. Even if he is my first, we would have released him if he hadn't been so big."

Mark, his brother Marvin and his father, Mitchell Wiley, were fishing Thursday night and Friday morning with Capt. Creagh on the "Tiebreaker II" out of Sanibel Marina.

Mark caught his silver king with crab as bait in Boca Grande Pass shortly after midnight Friday morning, after he, his brother and his father had had six other near catches, who were either released because they were small or got away (one presumes 'cause they were too big).

The Wileys (including Mrs. Wiley, who, when asked if she were along, smiled, "Oh, No! That kind of fishing is for the men in the family!") are residents of Cynthia, Kentucky, and have been owners of a Sandfoot condo on Sanibel for a little over two years.

The Wileys normally spend about seven weeks (or more, if they can stretch time a little) in their Sanibel home and hope some day to retire here. They're now in the middle of a two-week stay.

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Municipal

City gets new grader

In recent weeks, the City of Sanibel's Engineering and Public Services Department has acquired a used grader for use in grading unpaved roads on the Island and maintaining the shoulders of city streets.

According to John Goode, director of the Engineering and Public Services Department, the city's new grader was purchased from Southern Machinery in Tampa for \$8,000—a considerable savings when compared with the cost of a new grader, which Goode said would have run the city close to \$45,000.

Goode seemed pleased with the city's recent purchase of the machinery and said that the mid-sized grader can also be used for moving fallen trees and debris in the event of a hurricane as it keeps running in relatively deep water.

Dunes density to get another look

Last Wednesday, the city council referred a question concerning the density allocated to Phase II of the Dunes Subdivision back to the city planning commission for further review.

Dunes developer John Kontinos is applying for a general amendment to the city's comprehensive land use plan to increase the density allocated to Phase II of the development.

In calculating the total density allocated to the property under the development land formula provided in the land use plan, city Planning Director Carleton Ryffel subtracted the lakes and other water bodies on the property to arrive at an allocation of 32 units for the 190-acre tract.

In re-examining minutes of the meetings in which the planning commission decided upon the city's development intensity allocation to the property, Ryffel discovered that the commission's intent called for a density of .5 units per acre to be allocated to the gross acreage of Phase II of the Dunes. This would result in a total allowable density of 78 units on the site.

The council last week accepted the recommendation of Ryffel and city consulting attorney Fred Bosselman that the matter be referred back to the planning commission for review in light of their original intent with respect to the Dunes.

According to Bosselman, the confusion surrounding density allocations in the plan could have a similar effect of increasing the density allotted to the developers of the Little Lake Murex Subdivision, whose request for a general amendment increasing the density of their land has already been denied by the city council.



Pointe Santo asked to "cease and desist"

Despite a circuit court ruling enjoining the City of Sanibel from interfering with the completion of the Pointe Santo de Sanibel condominium project on Gulf Drive, city building officials were dispatched to the site last Tuesday to request that the developers cease and desist their use of heavy machinery on Sanibel's beach.

According to City Manager Bill Nungester, the Pointe Santo developers agreed to comply with the city ordinance prohibiting motorized vehicles on Island

beaches. The infraction was brought to the attention of the city council during the course of their regular session last Tuesday by a member of the public.

Nungester said that the city will assess the damage done to the beach in the work and will ask the developers to restore the beach to its original state.

"I don't think that court ruling gives them the right to ignore the laws of this city," said Sanibel Mayor Porter Goss.

DNR to hold hearing on County's coastal construction codes

The Department of Natural Resources Bureau of Beaches and Shores will consider the establishment of a coastal construction setback line for four barrier islands in Lee County at a hearing to be held in the Haydon Burns Auditorium in Tallahassee at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 19.

The islands to be affected by the rulemaking include Estero Island, Bonita Beach, Gasparilla Island and Captiva.

Aerial photographs showing the position of the proposed coastal setback line and copies of Lee County's coastal construction codes for Captiva and the other three islands are available for inspection at the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce office and at the Lee County Courthouse, among other locations.

The Bureau of Beaches and Shores is slated to hold its annual meeting at South Seas Plantation on Captiva this coming October 5-8.

Council hears amendment requests

In their regular meeting last Tuesday in MacKenzie Hall, the city council voted unanimously to deny a specific amendment to the city's land use plan requested by John MacNeil and Henry and Virginia McKee to permit each of two contiguous lots in Shell Harbor Subdivision to be deemed independently buildable.

In other amendment hearings last week, the city council entertained first readings of ordinances adopting specific amendments to the plan proposed by:

—Fred White to permit the construction of a single-family home within the frontyard setback outlined in the plan in the Sanibel Isles Subdivision;

—John Kontinos to permit the expansion of the Island Shopping Center at the corner of Periwinkle Way and Tarpon Bay Road; and

—John Kontinos to permit the erection of a permanent canopy over the entrance to the Coconut Grove Restaurant in the Island Shopping Center.

The three amendment proposals listed above are slated for a second hearing and possible adoption by the council on August 6.



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Corps considering permit request for pier

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is currently considering a request from Sanibel residents Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rizer, Jr. for permission to perform routine maintenance dredging of the channel into the Sanibel Marina to a depth of 6 feet below mean low water.

The applicants have also requested permission to construct a pier 30 feet long and 5

feet wide at the marina, which is located just off San Carlos Bay at Sanibel's east end.

Anyone wishing to comment on the request should do so in writing to the District Engineer by July 29.

Islanders having further questions on the application are urged to call Rudy Nyc of the Corps' Jacksonville office at 904-791-2211.

Airport license request withdrawn

Colonel Ramon F. D'Elosua's request for a city occupational license with which to operate the Sanibel airstrip off Casa Ybel Road was withdrawn last Tuesday after Sanibel Vice-Mayor Zee Butler informed the applicant that he will not have to pay a license fee if he waits until after a new Occupational License Ordinance for Sanibel is adopted.

Under the provisions of the proposed

ordinance, a businessman is not required to pay a license fee unless he maintains an office on the Island, and D'Elosua plans no office for the airstrip.

The city's current Occupational License Ordinance sets a fee of \$100 for airports.

Resumed operation of the old airstrip met with opposition last Tuesday from residents of nearby Southwinds Drive.

Botanical site

management in dispute

The Sanibel City Council could arrive at no conclusion last Tuesday in their reconsideration of a prior action agreeing to sub-lease a 186-acre botanical site on Sanibel from the Florida Division of Recreation and Parks, which leases the property from the state's Internal Improvement Fund.

The council accepted the state's offer to sub-lease the property, which runs from the Rocks area along West Gulf Drive to the vicinity of the American Legion Post on Sanibel-Captiva Road, before they learned that the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation had been negotiating with the Division of Recreation and Parks for a lease to the same site.

According to Douglass Strickland, Chief of the Bureau of Land Acquisition and Development for the Division of Recreation and Parks, the site was offered to both Lee County and the City of Sanibel as an administrative procedure preparatory to leasing the property to the Conservation Foundation.

Mayor Porter Goss told the city council last week that the state is willing to lease the

site to either the city or the Foundation, while asking the council to reconsider their previous decision.

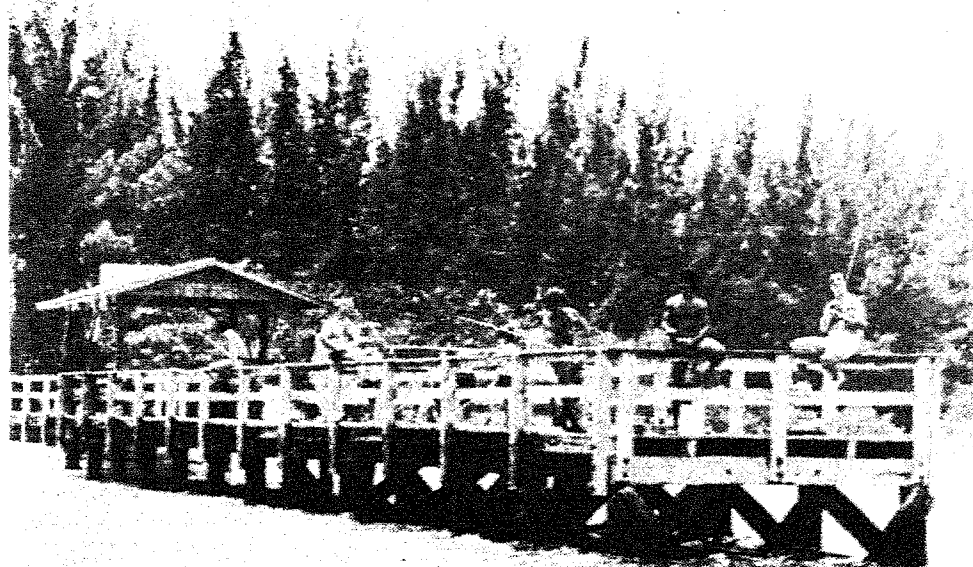
The Foundation's interest is in managing the property, the majority of which was purchased with funds raised by the Foundation as part of its ongoing program to protect Sanibel's freshwater wetlands, according to Foundation Chairman Dewitt Jones.

Both the Foundation and the state are agreeable to a portion of the 186-acre site being sub-leased to CROW (Care and Rehabilitation of Wildlife), which needs the land to resume its program on the Islands.

According to CROW board member George Campbell, however, CROW would prefer to deal with the city in sub-leasing a part of the site.

The council deferred action on the matter for two weeks to give the city attorney an opportunity to investigate the legality of all of the proposed sub-leasing of the property.

Meanwhile, George Campbell led members of the council to acquaint councilmen with the property.



This Sanibel pier may have company

SWFWMD to meet with IWA this week

The South Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) will meet with Island Water Association officials and members of City Council tomorrow or Thursday to discuss the Islands' current water crisis. The IWA hopes to get permission from the SWFWMD to drill two new wells into the Lower Hawthorne aquifer at the meeting.

The IWA, in a status report to City Council last week, likened the SWFWMD to Mount Olympus, looking at situations as a pure rather than in a realistic manner.

The basis for the hope that the water management district will grant permission for the well is that the IWA has stepped up their timetable to meet future water demands and is actively pursuing methods of building a reverse osmosis plant in the immediate future.

The new plant would treat the water in the aquifer below the one

currently in use—an aquifer that apparently contains a limitless supply of water.

"Every day that SWFWMD puts off their decision, they are jeopardizing Sanibel," Board President Jim Robson said.

Councilmen Duane White and Zee Butler raised questions about the caliber of the recent report by consulting hydrologists Geraghty and Miller. White said he seriously questioned the qualifying phrases used by Dr. Louis Motz in his presentation to the IWA a few weeks ago.

White and Butler both expressed concern about the accuracy of the report which, in White's words, was "diametrically opposed" to evaluations prepared in previous years by the IWA's consulting engineer Bill Bishop.

Motz told the IWA that Sanibel is sitting on one big basin or sink of Lower Hawthorne water while Bishop has

maintained that the Lower Hawthorne is part of a slowly moving river of underground water beginning in the Orlando area and moving south.

Councilman White moved that the city get a third opinion on the subject and that they hire the engineering consulting firm of Needles, Tammen and Bergendoff to do a study for \$8,000. The motion passed with Mayor Porter Goss opposed on the grounds that he felt the problem had been substantially identified and the time had come to work on a solution.

IWA officials, while not objecting to the suggestion, indicated that they felt it was not necessary.

White responded that "This Island is in one horrible mess and you are going to get into more of a mess without more information."

IWA vice-president John Cook asked Duane White if he thought IWA were responsible for

"the horrible mess."

White said: "I didn't say the IWA was responsible."

Jim Robson then asked the council if they thought the Islands wouldn't be in this situation if the city were running the IWA.

Mayor Porter Goss said, "No, we would still have the same problems."

The possible use of cisterns was discussed as a method of providing water to single family homes. At a continuation of the City Council meeting on Wednesday morning, White made a motion to allow the issuance of building permits to homes with a 1,200 gallon cistern.

"This is a temporary measure," he said in making the motion. "There are a number of people on this Island under a very severe strain because of this ban. If there is a way out, I think it's incumbent upon the city to let them build."

Francis Bailey brought up the point that 1,200 gallons would not last for very long, particularly with the high rate of water usage on the Islands. He expressed concern about health conditions when cistern water was gone.

Vice-mayor Zee Butler called the motion premature and requested additional guidance from the Planning Department on the ramifications of the use of cisterns on the Island. White's motion died for lack of a second.

City Council recommended the following steps suggested by Mayor Goss:

1) A joint meeting with SWFWMD in which the city will support the IWA's request for two additional wells this year into the Lower Hawthorne aquifer.

2) The IWA consider a rate structure penalizing heavy users.

3) Continue negotiating to change the franchise from Lee

County to the City of Sanibel and, at the same time, investigate the possibility of the City actually purchasing the IWA.

4) The City will embark on a program to enforce collateral regulations (see Water Resources Conservation Committee report elsewhere in this issue).

5) Review City policy on shallow water well permits, which the City is issuing, and deep well permits, which they aren't.

6) Establish a more cooperative relationship with Lee County officials because the County is still issuing building permits on Captiva and Goss felt Sanibel shouldn't be penalized for being incorporated.

IWA officials requested a prediction from the City on the number of hook-ups they could expect for a three to five year period. The City Council referred to the IWA's request to the Planning Commission.

Council hears beach access ideas

Norman Hartman, representing Sanibel homeowner and seasonal resident Clarence Franks, appeared before the City Council Tuesday morning requesting that known public easements be marked and made accessible to Sanibel residents by one of three alternatives:

—buying the property adjacent to the present easements and constructing parking, sanitation and litter facilities.

—allowing Sanibel residents unlimited parking rights along the roads bordering the public easements; or

—allow parking along the beach right-of-way access by the means of residents buying parking permits from the city.

Although the turnout was high by the public—almost “standing room only”—and public response indicated that many Island residents supported Franks' position and-or wanted easier access to the beaches for Island residents, what with William Kimball submitting a letter to that effect, Paulette Burton handing council a list of 12 easements she had obtained from the Division of Transportation, Lee County, and Clark Newcombe's statement that he favors Franks' position and is sure that many other island residents would also like easier access to the Islands' beaches, Council approached the subject very gently.

City Manager Bill Nungester said that Johnson Engineering was doing an Island-

wide survey of public and private lands.

Mayor Porter Goss said he planned to attend a county commission meeting the following day about obtaining funds to clarify the status of Bowman's Beach to the tune of \$250,000, to which Hartman said he didn't think it would cost that much to clear and identify the present public accesses.

While citing B&E's at beach accesses as one of the city's major crime problems, Goss said “We need more accesses and we're working on it, but there's a limited amount of resources... we're doing our homework the way all bureaucracy does it, slowly and methodically and I think eventually we'll get it...”

Councilman Duane White assured the



Norman Hartman

public that “We're trying to walk a very thin tight rope between public and private interests... you're going to have to be patient with us.”

The reaction to the Tuesday morning meeting, according to LaVerne Hickey, a Sanibel Highlands resident, was that they were impressed with the heavy turnout, and that “such growing concern over beach access should be a signal to the city that more and more of the citizens feel they are being denied.”

Residents were unhappy with the city council's failure, Hickey told the ISLANDER, to give priority to the issue by putting, in some kind of time frame, an Island-wide easement study currently underway.

She had recommended to the council, in the absence of a time schedule for completion of the easement study, that the city treat all questionable roadways and walkways impartially and act to preserve them until a final determination is made. In the past, she stated, the city has acted in favor of private developers by allowing them to render presently used accesses impassable.

Another Island resident, not from Sanibel Highlands, said after the meeting, that it was strange that the city could not come up with a deadline for an easement study, when the more legally complex issue of Old Cemetery Road was quickly disposed of by Mayor Goss (with an assist by the city attorney) in just SIX days.

How did the residents of Sanibel Highlands feel about Tuesday's meeting? In one word, they feel “denied!”

On Wednesday, Carol Quillinan approached the council with a proposal that she offer “into the public domaine approximately four acres of prime land for \$160,000 to be used for ‘free’ public parking to Bowman's Beach...” with a number of stipulations, including that she design and supervise construction of the land in con-

junction with the Lee County Parks Department, that her home to be converted into a restaurant to be operated by her daughter, Nickie, and that the people of Sanibel stipulate that not only is a parking lot necessary, but that the property will not be used for anything else in the future.

When questioned about the advisability of having a privately owned restaurant in the midst of public lands, Quillinan then offered the entire parcel, house and all, to the city for \$200,000.



Carol Quillinan before council

She also offered “a cessation of the quiet title suit with Lee County” over beachlands now in dispute with Lee County to the County Commission later in the day. Commissioners took no action on the proposal.

The City Council decided to turn the matter over to attorneys for consideration.

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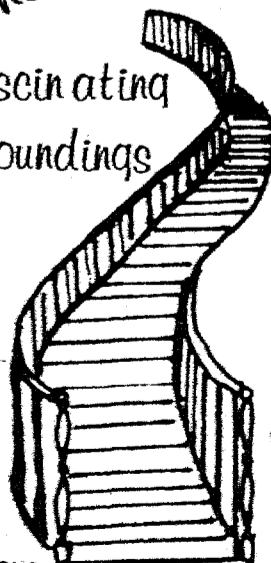
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Duane White gets emphatic with the IWA Board . . .



Sanibel Highlands

residents file tax protest

Sanibel Highlands residents filed a tax protest with Lee County Property Appraiser Harry Schooley, contending that property values in their general vicinity had deteriorated. The protest stems from a six month controversy with the city about the status of Old Cemetery Road--a road used over the years by the general public as a beach access.

According to Schooley, a Sanibel

Highlands representative told The ISLANDER, Mayor Goss told Schooley that Old Cemetery Road was "private" and that Sanibel Highlands residents do have another easement to the beach.

The Sanibel Highlands resident then said "Okay, Mayor Goss, it is 'Show and Tell' time. You know where it is, Mr. Schooley knows where it is--will someone please tell us where our 'legal' access really is?"

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be an easy job writing to all Sanibel property owners because of "errors in the tax rolls."

He also told the Committee members that the IWA was not really in the fund-soliciting business and that he was going to call upon the business and real estate communities to organize themselves to sell water permits.

Committee chairman Marty Holtz commented that he did not think that the membership could be viewed as a commodity—something that could be resold at a profit.

The committee was also told that the Board is in favor of cisterns for out-of-the-home consumption and that they do not necessarily agree with the City's ban on swimming pools.

"An indoor pool only uses 500 gallons

of water per month and an outdoor pool, 1,000," said Snell, "and pools provide a ready source of emergency water supply in case of fire."

Instead he pointed out that some condominiums, use an average of 10,000 gallons of water per month per unit.

Much of this water is utilized in outside sprinkler systems that are set on automatic and run, rain or shine.

Chairman Holtz told the committee that he is definitely in favor of limiting or banning outside water use.

Snell said the IWA Board is currently studying a rate schedule that would sharply penalize heavy water users and promote water conservation.

Snell also reported that he has prepared a notice for all condominiums and motel bathrooms advising guests that there is a water problem on the Islands and requesting their

cooperation.

The committee set up a sub-committee to prepare a resolution recommending an ordinance for the city's consideration giving the city the power to impose limitations on water usage during a water emergency.

Larry Snell will give the three-man sub-committee guidelines for three kinds of water emergencies increasing in severity. The committee will then propose actions to be taken during the different stages of the crisis. If and when the city passes a water control ordinance, the Sanibel Police Department can enforce it.

The sub-committee is composed of Dr. Ingalls Simmons, Arthur Wyckoff and Franklin Butler. They plan to have the resolution for an ordinance in the hands of city government in time for Council to act upon it before the onset of the 1978 tourist season.

Objection to Causeway funds allocation

Paulette Burton, President of the Sanibel Taxpayers Association, appeared before the County Commissioners last Wednesday to read a statement into the record objecting to the County's plan to allocate Sanibel's share of the surplus Causeway funds (approximately \$62,000) to improve Bowman's (Turner's) Beach.

Mrs. Burton recommended that the funds should be used on other projects such as connecting East Gulf Drive and Mid Gulf Drive or beach accesses instead of improving beach facilities that she felt should be covered under ad valorem taxes.

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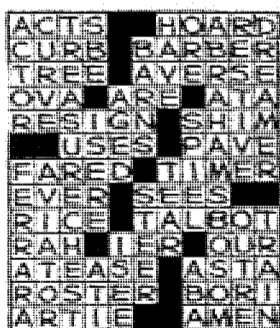
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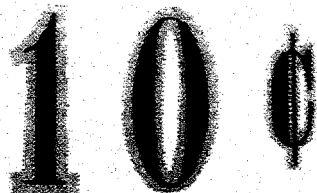
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Council adopts road assessment policy despite loud opposition

At their regular meeting last Tuesday in MacKenzie Hall, the Sanibel City Council adopted a policy of assessing Island property owners for neighboring road improvements on Sanibel despite loud objections from many Islanders who urged the council to fund all Island road improvements out of ad valorem property taxes.

City Manager Bill Nungester's proposed road assessment program for Sanibel met with similar opposition at two prior public hearings on the matter conducted by the city council in recent months. Nungester's proposal was modified somewhat following each public hearing, and strong opposition to any road assessments for Sanibel nearly delayed the council's decision once again last week.

Nungester's recommended assessment policy which was adopted by the council last week calls for the city to pay for the engineering and administrative costs plus one-third of the construction costs for residential street improvements on Sanibel, with the balance of the construction costs to be assessed against benefiting property

owners based on the linear footage of their property fronting on the street to be improved.

Nungester's recommendation was offered originally as a means of funding long-overdue improvements to six rapidly deteriorating city streets, including Rocks Drive, Coquina Drive and Pectin Court in the Rocks area, Tahiti Drive and Jamaica Drive in the Tradewinds Subdivision, and the portion of West Gulf Drive west of Rabbit Road.

Nungester estimated the cost of improving the six city streets listed above at almost \$100,000 with the city having little or no money available for the work in the current budget. He recommended that the council adopt a policy of assessment to fund improvements after city consulting engineers reported that the streets would fall into utter ruin if the city did not begin necessary repairs immediately.

For Tradewinds residents, Nungester calculated that the cost of repairing Tahiti and Jamaica Drive would come to roughly \$1.48 for each front foot of their property along the roads to be improved. He guessed that Rocks residents will be paying about \$1.45 per front foot for improvements in that

area.

Nungester's recommendation also calls for the city to pay fifty per cent of the construction costs for major improvements to city-owned collector streets on Sanibel, with remaining costs to be borne by affected property owners on a front footage basis. Thus, property owners along West Gulf Drive, which is classified as a collector street in the city's land use plan, will pay about \$1.57 per front foot of their property for improving the road, Nungester estimated.

For major improvements to arterial streets such as Sanibel-Captiva Road and Periwinkle Way, the city will pay for ninety per cent of the construction costs pursuant to the assessment policy adopted by the council last week. The remaining ten per cent, once again, will be assessed against benefiting property owners.

Nungester's recommendation also stipulated that in no instance will Island property owners be assessed more than \$3.00 per front foot for road improvements, while at the same time giving property owners a choice between paying off the assessment immediately in cash or via an ex-

tended payment over ten years with interest not to exceed eight per cent.

While the council adopted Nungester's latest recommendation as policy of the city last Tuesday, they have yet to determine how road assessments will be made against owners in multi-family developments on Sanibel. The council has directed the city planning department to work out an equitable formula for assessing road improvements costs against all property owners in an area where multi-family housing complexes are present.

The council's action last week was vociferously opposed by a large group of Islanders, many of whom own property along the six city streets to be improved at the outset of the city's new road assessment program.

Opponents of road assessments urged the council to fund all road improvements in the city out of general ad valorem tax revenues, but the council as a whole was loath to pursue the suggestion because of the inequities its presents for city taxpayers who live on privately owned and therefore privately maintained roads.

"Sanibel is different than most Florida cities in that many of the

streets within the subdivisions have not been dedicated for public use," said City Manager Nungester in a memorandum to the council.

"Therefore, any attempt to improve streets through ad valorem taxation would create an unfair, if not costly, burden on some taxpayers," he added.

"There are so many little inequities built into this program that it's no good," argued Paul Howe, a resident of the Rocks area. "I'd rather have one big inequity and let everyone pay for the roads."

Mayor Porter Goss, however, said that he was against anything which might have the effect of raising city taxes Islandwide, especially in light of the recent reappraisal of Island real estate. According to Nungester, city taxes would have gone up by almost a mil if the council had opted for ad valorem tax funding of improvements to the six streets listed above.

Goss also ruled out a suggestion offered by Councilman Francis Bailey to the effect that the city's assessment program should include a rebate clause for repaying taxpayers who participate in the program if a future city

council should abandon road assessment for ad valorem tax funding of city road repairs.

"I don't think we ought to embark on this policy unless we're convinced it's the way we're going to go for the next ten to twenty years," Goss cautioned.

"This does not apply to new road construction or routine road maintenance and minor repairs," Goss added. "How we're going to fund new construction is another matter that we haven't addressed yet."

Routine road maintenance on Sanibel is currently funded out of the city's annual operating budget.

"We don't have any money set aside for this purpose now," Councilman Bailey conceded. "We need to fix the roads and this seems to be the only way to do it."

Bailey's fellow councilmen ultimately agreed with him, as the council voted unanimously last Tuesday to adopt Nungester's recommended road assessment policy for Sanibel. They directed the city manager to draft the approved assessment policy in ordinance form for them to act upon at an unspecified future date, with a program of road repairs to follow shortly thereafter.



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