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City is sued over CLUP

A lawsuit has been filed in Lee County Circuit Court against the members of the Planning Commission, Sanibel City Council, various task forces and the consulting firm of Wallace, McHarg, Roberts and Todd (WMRT) alleging that the city's comprehensive land use plan was formulated in an unconstitutional manner and that those who participated in its composition "definitely sought to arbitrarily restrict the growth of the City so as to convey specific benefits and privileges upon certain landowners and residents in the eastern sector of the Island, while depriving other landowners of proper economic use and enjoyment of their property".

The plaintiffs, an Illinois based corporation entitled Sanibel Bayshore Associates, own 415 acres of property

generally referred to as Wulfert Point. They contend that they had been granted a density of 3272 net dwelling units by Lee County and this was lowered by the land use plan to 46, or one-seventieth of the original density. They are now seeking a density of 1600 dwelling units on the property.

The plaintiffs claim that the Commission and Council members "engineered the incorporation of the city of Sanibel, thereby improperly depriving certain landowners of the Island of Sanibel of their rights and interests in their property."

Lowering the density of their land "constitutes the virtual confiscation of real property", they contend.

The voluminous pleading, over 80 pages in length, also alleges that the lower density on Sanibel will cause an unfair tax burden to other Lee County

Communities. (Sanibel was recently reassessed by Lee County with an average Island-wide increase in property appraisals of 50 percent).

In addition to their argument for the unconstitutionality of the plan, the plaintiffs also allege that the formulator's "definitely engaged in secret

deliverations through phone and informal conferences....reaching an informal understanding of the plan's basic provisions which were designed to confer benefits to special interest groups." These understandings, the suit continues, were reached behind

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Contractors petition City Hall

Building permit ban lifted

The City of Sanibel's recent moratorium on the issuance of building permits for construction requiring Island Water Association (IWA) hookups was lifted by the city council last Tuesday at the insistence of a group of about thirty Island builders, contractors, developers and realtors.

The group appeared before the council en masse late Tuesday afternoon to request that the city abandon an administrative policy adopted in August of 1975 requiring applicants for city development permits to furnish proof of their ability to hook into the Island's potable water system, which is operated by IWA.

On June 1, the IWA imposed a moratorium on the acceptance of any new hookups to the system because of the South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD) uncertainty over the adequacy of the Islands' potable water supply to meet the future demand for water on Sanibel and Captiva. SFWMD has permitting authority for all consumptive use of water within its jurisdiction.

As a result, the city was forced to withhold the issuance of development permits to applicants who had failed to obtain the IWA's obligation for a water hookup by June 1. According to City Planning Director Carleton Ryffel, the city has continued to process development permit applications but has not issued any permits for construction for which a water hookup is lacking.

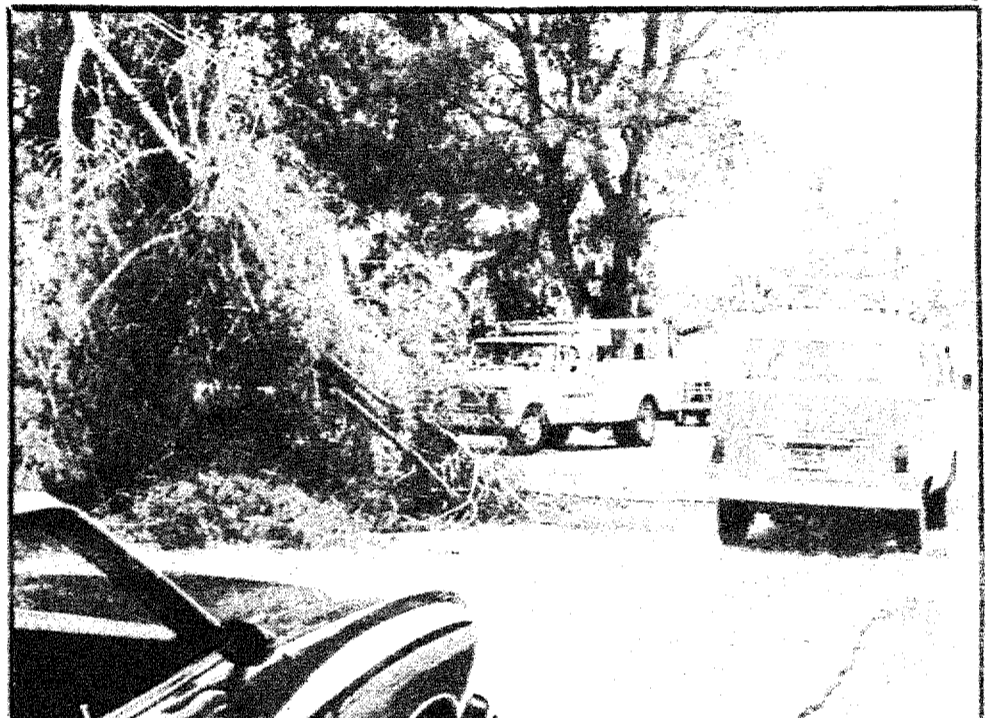
Thus, faced with the prospect of no new development on Sanibel until the Island's water quandary is resolved and the IWA's hookup ban is lifted, the Island's real estate community and construction industry have lodged numerous pleas in recent weeks for the city to rescind its policy requiring water hookups for the issuance of development permits.

The matter came to a head last Tuesday when a group of Island builders, developers and realtors made use of the time allotted for public input on the city council's regular meeting agenda to present their interests to the city fathers.

"We've got a problem and we need your help," the group's self-appointed spokesman, Banks Prevatt, told the council. "We need it now."

Prevatt explained that the current water situation and associated moratoriums have had a severe economic impact on Island builders and contractors, some of whom have been forced to lay-off employees because of lack of work. He said that some construction firms might be forced out of business if the moratoriums continue.

"Some of the businesses on the Island will not survive without a break-even cash flow," Prevatt warned. "There's got to be a way to let industry survive throughout the next six months to a



This fallen Casuarina limb occasioned minor traffic problems for motorists on Periwinkle Way in front of the 7-11 convenience store last Monday, although city road crews reacted quickly to remove the debris within about 45 minutes, according to John Goode, director of the city's Engineering and Public Service Department.

Goode said that the branch fell because it

was weakened when the tree was hit by lightning over the preceding weekend. Australian pines are notorious for their instability during high winds and storms, and the city periodically trims back the Casuarina branches along Periwinkle Way to minimize the danger of falling limbs.

According to Goode, only a temporary inconvenience and no human or property damage resulted from this incident last week.

year."

Prevatt asked the council to release those development permits which have been processed thus far and give prospective home builders the choice of whether or not to build their homes, knowing that an IWA hookup may or may not be available in the months to come.

He requested, in effect, that the city abandon its adopted policy of requiring all dwelling units on Sanibel to be served by the IWA.

"We're kind of caught on the horns of a dilemma here," responded Vice-Mayor Zee Butler. "If we now change this policy without an alternate source of potable water, I don't think that's a responsible action on our part."

"Any trend toward unemployment on this Island affect the city, and when one part of the city is sick, we're all sick," she added. "We're looking for a solution to this problem just as you are."

In recent weeks, the city has considered allowing Islanders to use cisterns in the absence of IWA water and has directed city consulting engineers to draft specifications for the construction of cisterns for the city to

adopt.

Prevatt suggested that Islanders could resort to another traditional source of water by buying bottled water for drinking and cooking and by digging shallow wells to provide water for other domestic uses. The council, however, rejected the idea as largely infeasible.

Prevatt then charged the city with imposing an undue hardship on those people who plan to retire on Sanibel in a year or two but who would like to begin construction of a home on the Island today. In such cases, the home would not be occupied for a few years and would not present a demand for water in that length of time, Prevatt said, while rapidly rising construction costs might preclude some individuals from building on Sanibel a year or so hence after they have retired and are on a fixed income.

Prevatt asked the council to allow such people the option of whether or not to build, with the stipulation that the city withhold a certificate of occupancy for the dwelling until such time as water is available to serve the home.

City Attorney Neal Bowen informed

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the council that such a practice would be legal if the city drafter the appropriate disclaimers to warn the prospective home builder that he will not be able to occupy the dwelling until water is available, and that a water hookup may or may not be available in the future.

Other Island builders suggested that the city ban the irrigational use of water on Sanibel, thereby conserving enough water to enable the IWA to accept new customers on the system. IWA records indicate that over half of the water used on the Islands during the dry season is used for landscaping and irrigation.

IWA president Jim Robson, on the other hand, said that a ban on irrigation should not be imposed during the summer rainy season because demand for water on the Islands is low and the IWA needs to sell as much water during this season as possible to cover the fixed costs of operating the water plant.

Both the city planning commission and Water Resources Conservation Committee have recommended that the city impose a ban on the use of water for irrigation and lawn sprinkling on Sanibel.

"We will undoubtedly have to impose a ban on sprinkling this coming winter," said Robson. "There's no question about it."

"The system as it exists now can't accommodate more people," Robson added. He said that in an attempt to solve the Islands' long-range problem, the IWA has been investigating the feasibility of building a reverse osmosis plant for use in the desalination of sea water. The IWA has also been trying to negotiate a contract to purchase one-billion gallons of water from the Greater Pine Island Water Association over the next ten years, Robson reported.

He further asked that if the council agreed to lifting the moratorium on issuing development permits, the city should require all units built hereafter to be connected to the IWA system when the IWA's hookup ban is removed.

Some Island builders objected to Robson's suggestion, saying that a homeowner who has gone to the expense of constructing a cistern, digging a well, or in some other way providing water for his own use should not be further penalized by having to pay the rather substantial fee charged for a

hookup to the IWA system.

"We want to be responsive to your problem, but we must also be responsible in our actions," replied Vice-Mayor Butler.

Councilman Francis Bailey made a motion for the city to proceed with the issuance of development permits for all types of construction on Sanibel under the condition that the applicant is informed that a certificate of occupancy for the unit will be withheld until such time as the council deems there is an adequate water supply to serve the unit.

While Bailey's motion was not specific as to what constitutes an adequate water supply to serve the unit, he stipulated that all units constructed under these guidelines must be connected to the IWA system when the IWA is able to accommodate new customers.

His motion was passed by a unanimous vote of the council, and the city attorney was directed to prepare the necessary disclaimers to protect the city from liability for units built under city permits but for which a certificate of occupancy may never be issued.

According to Planning Director Ryffel, all applicants for city development permits as well as their contractors and lending institutions will be asked to sign an agreement notifying them of the situation and releasing the city from any liability in this regard.

Ryffel said that there were about 20 permit applications pending in city hall at the time of the council's decision last Tuesday.

Islander Paul Howe objected violently to the council's action last Tuesday, saying that their formal vote on a matter of city policy should only have been taken in an advertised public hearing.

Howe complained that the council had been "railroaded" into their hasty action, which he averred constituted a violation of city charter and the state Sunshine Law.

Howe reported later last week that a small group of Island residents was planning to petition the city for a referendum on the way in which the council took action in response to the concerns of Island builders last Tuesday.

"I'm not opposed to the action the council took," Howe said last week. "But we want a reconsideration of the way they did it, and this is the only vehicle we have."

Howe said that Sanibel resident George Christensen would file such a request for a referendum under Section 602 of the city charter, but Vice-Mayor Butler subsequently directed the city attorney to draft the council's action last week in ordinance form for formal consideration by the city fathers.

The ordinance is slated for a public hearing at the council's next regular meeting, which will be held on August 2.

SPECIAL NOTICE:

The Captiva Erosion Prevention District Commission announces that, until further notice, the Board will meet at the Captiva Island Association building, starting at 4:00 p.m., on the first Tuesday of Each Month. Workshop meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month, with the meeting place determined at the regular monthly meeting.

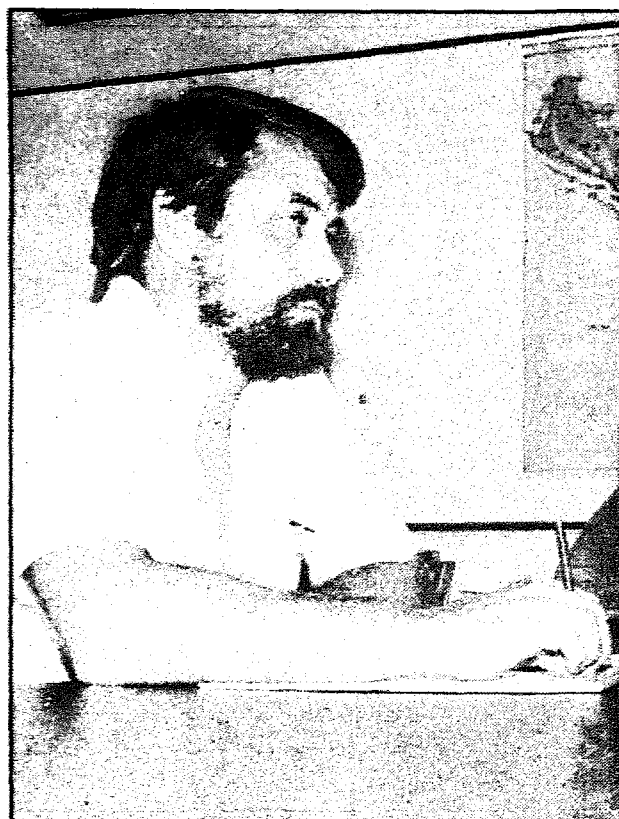
-s- Max McCord, Chairman, CEPD.

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"We need your help!" Banks Prevatt, spokesman for the Island's building and development community, told the City Council last Tuesday.

Prevatt's plea prevailed and the Council agreed to lift a City moratorium on the issuance of building and development permits.

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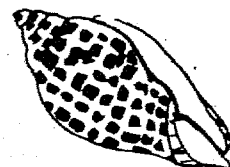
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Girl Scouts enjoy Sanibel shelling

In recent weeks, the Island Inn on West Gulf Drive has been overrun by 72 Cadette Girl Scouts and at least 20 counselors, hailing from 33 states all across the continental United States as well as the Panama Canal Zone.

For most Floridians shells are a part of life, but for many of the Girl Scouts who stayed on Sanibel from July 10-23, a shell was only something you read about.

These scouts were selected from over 200 applicants nationwide to participate in "Sanibel Shelling," a national opportunity sponsored by the Gulfcoast Girl Scout Council and approved by the Girl Scouts of America.

During their ten days on the Island, the scouts divided their time between shelling, studying shells with some of the nation's foremost malacologists, and the customary recreational activities such as swimming and shopping the Islands for gifts to take back home.

The scouts did not overlook the Islands' unique environment during

their brief stay either, as their program included field trips to the Woodmere Botanical Preserve and the J.N. (Ding) Darling National Wildlife Refuge to observe the rare tropical flora and fauna.

Perhaps the highlight of Sanibel Shelling for its 72 youthful participants was a talk given by world renowned shell expert Dr. R. Tucker Abbott, who holds the duPont Chair of Malacology at the Delaware Museum of Natural History. (See inset)

Dr. Abbott came for Sanibel Shelling to foster the work of the Gulfcoast Council in encouraging Girl Scout interest in shell conservation.

Shell seminars and craft workshops for the girls were conducted by Louise Danforth, staff conchologist for Sanibel Shelling, who was assisted by Roberta Omlor.

Other consultants and guest speakers for Sanibel Shelling included Dr. William J. Clench, Honorary Curator of the Department of Mollusks at the Harvard Museum of Comparative

Zoology; Lt. Col. Corinne E. Edwards, amateur conchologist and writer; Charles and Violet Hertweck of the Sarasota Shell Club, winners of many shell awards and specialists in fine shell art; Mr. and Mrs. Steward Armington of the Sarasota and Hawaii Shell Clubs; and William Old of the American Museum of Natural History in New York, who gave a talk on rare shells of the world for the girls' enjoyment.

"Our council has one of the three great shelling beaches in the world at Sanibel Island," said Elizabeth Ethal, executive director of the Gulfcoast Girl Scout Council and assistant director of Sanibel Shelling. "In Sanibel Shelling, we try to help the girls plan a lifestyle based on the belief that we can enjoy, rather than destroy, the world around us."

The program for Sanibel Shelling was organized by environmentalist and camping specialist Dr. Elinor Crawford, head of the Physical Education Department for women at the University of Northern Iowa. Her goal in Sanibel Shelling was to teach the girls to identify shells, start educational collections, and to study shell history, as well as to provide the girls with an opportunity to visit Sanibel's outstanding shell collections.

Scouts were selected for Sanibel Shelling on the basis of their interest in shelling and marine biology as well as for their concern with the environment. In the best conservation tradition, the girls were encouraged to use nature



Benita Seiffert, a Girl Scout from Darlington, Maryland, took a fancy to shellcraft during Sanibel Shelling '77.

"Around the world for shells"

While it was in actuality only the title of his recent guest lecture to the 72 Girl Scouts participating in Sanibel Shelling '77, "Around the World for Shells," could just as easily serve as the epithet for Dr. R. Tucker Abbott himself.

An internationally prominent malacologist and currently Assistant Director of the Delaware Museum of Natural History where he holds the duPont Chair of Malacology, Dr. Abbott spent a weekend on the Island recently to address a group of visiting Girl Scouts on his experiences of more than thirty years of studying seashells all around the world.

Dr. Abbott developed his initial interest in shells as a student at Harvard in 1938. His subsequent scientific studies of mollusks have taken him to places as remote as India, Thailand, the West Indies, China, Africa and other famous shelling beaches of the world.

Aside from his talk to the Girl Scouts, Dr. Abbott's recent visit to Florida included a speaking appearance at the annual meeting of the American Malacological Union in Naples.

Dr. Abbott is a past-president of the American Malacological Union, the national

society for the study of mollusks.

Travel seems to be a commonplace in the life of the malacologist. Dr. Abbott's current study of edible mollusks commissioned by the United Nations has recently taken him to Rome, Italy, and will soon find him journeying to West Africa to conduct his survey.

The author of nearly 100 monographs and scholarly reports in scientific journals as well as almost a dozen books, including "The Golden Guide to Seashells of the World," and "A Field Guide to the Identification of Seashells of North America," Dr. Abbott was an oft-quoted authority in the live shelling debate which has flared up a number of times on Sanibel within the past year.

Last week we asked Dr. Abbott for his opinion on whether or not widespread collection of live shells along Island beaches can have a detrimental effect on mollusk populations in the waters surrounding Sanibel.

"The shell populations here come and go depending on mother nature and the climate," explained Dr. Abbott. "If you have a major disturbance, however, like bridge building for instance, it will alter the shell's environment for about ten years. The mollusks which were there originally, of course, will probably disappear, but they will eventually be replaced by another type of shell more suited to the new environment."

Dr. Abbott added that the shell beds which feed Sanibel's Gulf beach extend out an average of 30 miles into the Gulf, such that the taking of live shells on Island beaches poses little threat to the molluscan community as a whole.

"When a shell is carried to within a hundred feet or so of the shore it is already destined to wash up and die on the beach, so there's no harm in picking it up," he said. "And it doesn't do any good to throw it back because it will just wash in again with the tide."

"I'm of the opinion that the city should allow moderate collecting by tourists and residents, and, if possible, control major commercial shell collecting," Dr. Abbott said.



Dr. R. Tucker Abbott

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Commentary

We need a little Christmas

Yes, that's right—Christmas! And yes, in July. We don't mean the work that normally goes along with the holiday—the shopping and cards and baking and entertaining. We're talking about the fun—and fun for all ages.

Last Christmas was the first holiday season on the Islands and, while Christmas Day was magical because of the company of dear friends, it seemed that the season slipped away without the kind of community activity that characterizes so many of our other special events—Shell Fair, Fourth of July, Memorial Day—occasions that truly unite adults and youngsters, forming a bond that truly unites Islanders of all ages and backgrounds.

What better time to do this than during the season when everyone is most conscious of the need and joys of harmony and unity.

The lighting of the Kiwanis Christmas tree, for example, passed by rather lightly last year, the only carollers in prominent evidence were Don Bissell's spirited little troop who stuck their heads inside the Harbor House door on Christmas Eve to the absolute delight of both guests and staff.

There is no dearth of talent on these Islands—talent that could surely be structured to form a Christmas pageant of fun and festivities that would become an annual highlight of the holiday season.

There have been Christmas parties in the past, it's true; but what we're proposing is more than a Christmas party—it's a combined party and pageant, involving children of all ages, and their parents.

Reasons that were given for lack of

same have revolved around familiar obstacles: many Islanders are away at that time of year. True! There's no place to hold it. M-m-m-m. We aren't sure about that one.

A program combining indoor and outdoor activities could accommodate a fairly large crowd in the community association—or at the proposed school cafeteria.

If it's popular enough, then such a program could be run on successive nights. It would be ideal, though, to see a community pageant combined with the Kiwanis tree-lighting.

The reason we're addressing the subject in July is because August is the

time to get underway with something like this. It will take some organization, planning and, come fall, implementation.

Where to now? Well, that's up to you, dear Islanders. From the messages we received, we know there are some talented folk out there who really wish to be part of this. If you are one we haven't heard from, or know someone you think is amenable to being drafted for the job, please write the ISLANDER, Box 3, Sanibel or call us at 472-1418.

Because, yes, we need a little Christmas, right this very minute!

Letters to the ISLANDER

The news article concerning "Beach access ideas" in your July 12, 1977 issue contains a reference to my letter to the City Council. The reference as written is slightly misleading, as my letter did not specifically support more and easier beach accesses. It did rather forcefully recommend the use of great caution by the Council when dealing with this potentially explosive issue.

The key paragraph in this letter reads as follows:

"Projected populations of 16,000 permanent, 6,000 rental and a floating 10,000 or more day tourists presents a situation calling for most serious consideration by Sanibel taxpayers."

The solution to this problem would be relatively easy were it not for the day tourists who demand to use Sanibel beaches at the expense of Sanibel taxpayers. If the causeway tolls are substantially reduced, the result may well be complete chaos.

I regret not giving your reporter a copy of the letter referred to. The room was so crowded when I arrived that breathing room for myself was difficult to find.

WILLIAM W. KIMBALL

It would seem like a pretty irresponsible statement for Vice-Mayor Zelda P. Butler to make conserving the proposed city acquisition of the so-called "causeway property." According to your article of July 12, she was quoted as saying in regards to this property "since they have already suggested the City has taken their property—it might not be such a bad idea to do just that."

She might feel a great deal different if she were one of the group of ten individuals threatened with such an action on the City's part.

Thank God in a country like America we have constitutional protection of the confiscation of private property without just compensation to its owners. It concerns me that a person in her position would make such an irresponsible statement even if in an attempt at levity.

JIM FINNEGAN
Arlington Heights
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Ed. note: James Finnegan is listed as one of the plaintiffs in the Sanibel Bayshores lawsuit against the City.

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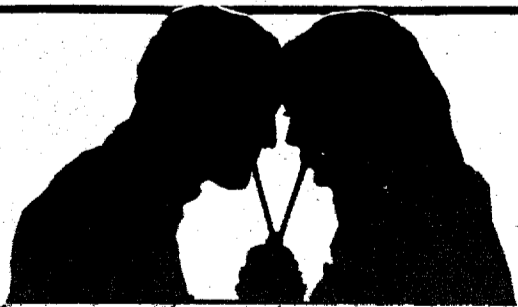


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Coti may lead challenge to property reassessments

The board of directors of the Committee of the Islands (COTI) met in emergency session last Friday morning to organize Island opposition to the recent reassessments of Island property values conducted by the office of Lee County Property Appraiser Harry Schooley.

The special meeting of the board was called by COTI Chairman Melina Eskew for the purpose of bringing the board up to date on the recent property assessments which have irked so many Islanders in the past few weeks.

At their prior meeting, the COTI board had agreed to sponsor a town meeting on the reassessment issue until the Sanibel City Council decided to file suit against Schooley, alleging that the reassessments are discriminatory in that they are based on the fact that Sanibel is the only area of the county to adopt a comprehensive land use plan as mandated by state law.

In the wake of the council's action, the COTI board decided that a town meeting to discuss the matter would be "antichimatic," according to Chairman Eskew.

In her talks with many Island residents,

however, Melina Eskew recognized a need for unified action on the part of all Island property owners to bring their dissatisfaction over the recent reassessments to the attention of the courts.

The COTI board decided last Friday to hold another special meeting on Monday, July 25, to meet with representatives of many neighborhood associations on Sanibel to formulate a unified course of action.

While COTI's meeting yesterday at the Sanibel Community House came too late for our deadline for this issue, Chairman Eskew indicated that the COTI board might attempt to enlist the aid of the many neighborhood associations on the Island in hiring a lawyer to take their mutual grievance to court.

In other action at their meeting last Friday, the COTI board discussed the city council's decision last Tuesday to ease the moratorium on the issuance of city building permits in the absence of water hookups to the Island Water Association.

The board took no formal action on the matter last Friday but will continue to monitor the council's action in this regard, according to Chairman Eskew.

Corps reviewing dock expansion

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville office, is currently reviewing a request from Rochester Realty, Inc. for permission to expand the boat docking area at Tween Waters Inn on Captiva.

According to Sanibel resident Frank Vellake, architect for the project, the proposed work includes the rehabilitation of three existing docks at the Inn as well as the construction of three new docks and a wooden boardwalk along the edge of Roosevelt Channel.

The docks and boardwalk are intended primarily for the use of guests at the Inn and for limited commercial use, Vellake reported. He said the additional docking area is needed to accommodate increasing demand for docking space and fishing at the Inn, which is also slated for expansion

in coming years.

While the Corps' preliminary review of the application indicates that an environmental impact statement will not be required, the approval of the State Department of Natural Resources and Department of Environmental Regulation is necessary to gain the Corps'

approval of the proposed work, Vellake reported.

Islanders having any comments regarding the application should submit them in writing to the Corps' District Engineer by August 8.

Anyone having questions concerning the proposal is urged to call R.S. Stedt at 904-791-2211.

island weather report

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July 15	90	76	1.15
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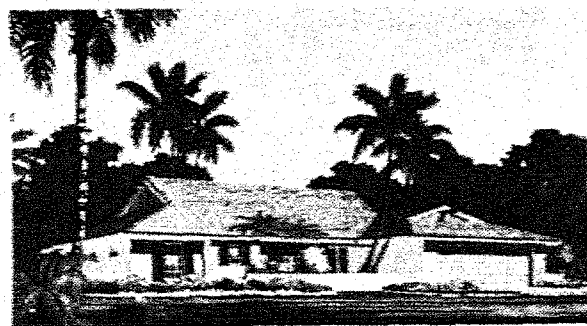
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Shelling . . .

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marks the fifth installment of Sanibel Shelling since its creation in 1970. Originally planned for local scouts only, Sanibel Shelling proved so popular and successful that it was soon expanded to include Girl Scouts from all over Florida.

In 1973, the event was enlarged upon again and scouts from all parts of the Southeastern United States were invited to participate. The first national version of the program was offered in 1975.

"I think Sanibel Shelling '77 has been very, very successful," said assistant director Elizabeth Ethal last week. "The girls were extremely interested in finding shells and learning as much about them as they could."

"This was totally new to many of the girls and so they were very eager to learn," she commented. "They've really been a lively group of girls and I think they've learned a tremendous

amount this year."

Miss Ethal added that the Gulfcoast Girl Scout Council has recently initiated a shelling merit badge for this particular age group.

"If the baggage of the Sanibel Sheller is heavy," said Miss Ethal, "it's because she took a lifetime of memories home with her."

Although Sanibel Shelling ended last

week, Miss Ethal said that plans are already afoot for a sixth installment of the popular program which has delighted so many Girl Scouts from all parts of the United States.

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Picnics are parties

by Julie Gray

One person's picnic (a bolonga sandwich and a bottle of root beer?) could be another person's panic. What one eats on a picnic is determined chiefly by one's taste, and how easily the food can be transported to the picnic spot of your choice.

Roast goose seems unlikely (although nothing is impossible) but given the range of packaging materials available today to keep things hot, cold, or in-between, we are never restricted to the bucket filled with you-know-what and a hope that the ice cubes hold out.

Today, the picnicker is restricted only by time, budget and disposition. A pate is out of the question for some, while a simple turkey sandwich is not romantic enough for others.

Whether or not barbecuing is actually picnicking would be a subject for long and heated debate with some. For our part, the foods we have included

are meant to be prepared ahead of time, to come out of the picnic basket ready to be devoured on the spot without hauling mounds of stuff and waiting for it to cook.

More than anything else, a picnic is an exercise in imagination. From what to eat to where to go, inventiveness is probably the determining factor in "picnicking." You can go on a picnic to your own backyard. Or you might not necessarily be picnicking at all, but merely munching a sandwich on the beaches of Sanibel, or on the high seas.

Like certain other things in life, the art of picnicking can be inherited or learned. It requires, at the least, a disposition toward "abandon" and a willingness to compromise (when the iced tea leaks all over the potato salad, or a favorite hidden cove near the bay suddenly becomes a housing development).

The recipes that follow are but a few of the many, many things it would be

delicious to find inside your picnic basket in the beginning, in the middle and at the end.

To start off your picnic meal, obtain a widemouth thermos type bottle and into it pour:

GAZPACHO

- 4 tomatoes, peeled and quartered
- 1/2 green pepper, seeded and cubed
- 1/2 onion, sliced
- 2 stalks celery, sliced
- 3 scallions, sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled
- 1/2 cup cold water
- 2 tblsp. tarragon wine vinegar
- 2 tblsp. olive oil
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1/8 tsp. black pepper
- 1/2 tsp. basil

Place all ingredients in a blender and whirl until mixed but not smooth. Delicious served with breadsticks; especially fine in summer when all the vegetables can be obtained fresh picked. Serve chilled.

ANTIPASTO ROLL-UPS

- 1 7 oz. can tuna, drained and flaked
- 1 hard-cooked egg, chopped
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1 tsp. lemon juice
- 8 oz. package mozzarella cheese
- 1/4 lb. Genoa or similar salami sliced paper thin

Mash together tuna, egg, mayonnaise and lemon juice, set aside. Slice mozzarella as thin as possible. Arrange one slice of cheese on each slice of salami. Spread approximately 1 tsp. of the tuna fish mixture over the cheese. Roll up and secure with toothpicks. Serve chilled with slices of Italian bread and a glass of chianti.

How about a loaf of crusty French or Italian bread and a delicious meatloaf sandwich?

MEATLOAF

- 1 1/4 lb. ground chuck or meatloaf mixture
- 1 diced green pepper
- 1 chopped small onion or 1 package onion soup mix
- pepper and salt to taste
- 3 tsp. catsup
- 1 egg
- 1 can mushroom soup
- 1 cup prepared stuffing mix

Mix all of the above together well, either by hands or in mixer. Bake at 350 degrees for about one and a half hours. Cool overnight and slice very thinly for sandwiches. Serve with your own homemade mayonnaise.

PLUGGED MELON

- 1 honeydew melon
- 1/2 cup of white wine

Cut a plug from the stem end of a ripe honeydew and scoop out the seeds. Pout white wine into melon, replace plug and refrigerate for at least one hour. To serve, unplug, divide "juice" among participants and slice melon into wedges!

Julie Grey's column will be a regular feature in the ISLANDER. "I always wanted to do a column," Julie told us and we said, "Welcome!"

Julie has written several cookbooks: "Recipes Children Won't Say 'Yuk' to" and "Landmark Guide to Bread Baking," being two of her more recent.

She and husband Allen have six children and moved into the area last December after her youngest son had asked Julie if the sun were ever going to come out again in their Westfield, N.J. town.

Julie operates her own catering service and will be opening the "Unusual Delicatessen" in the Dragon Plaza on Tamiami Trail this week.

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Fire drill "hot" success

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There were smoke-burned eyes, charred throats and plugged up noses; it made the seeing tough and the going even tougher.

Although as close to the real thing as anyone would want, this was a regular drill for the Sanibel Fire District and its Corps of 14 volunteers... cotton bales, buried deep in the heart of the old Stokes house, just off Periwinkle Way, was the location. The smouldering material was contained within trash barrels which produced enough smoke to simulate fire conditions, but with no hazard to the structure.

The men entered in teams, feeling their way through the smoke-filled passages to locate a "victim" and guide him to safety and fresh air.

Life safety is the first responsibility of every fireman entering a burning structure—the second is to put the fire out. In this case, the second part of the drill consisted of a fireman operating a valve that controlled the "fire" he would release the "fire" just as the volunteers got close to it and it was their job, of course, to put out the fire.

"Everyone did real well," District Captain Jake Mathews said on Saturday. "No one panicked and no one left when faced with the real thing."



This house sits peacefully in a leafy glade... unbeknownst to the casual onlooker a fire is smouldering away inside its rooms. But not to worry, this is the scene of a practice drill for the Sanibel Fire District.

Although drills are held twice a month, this was the first time that an actual simulated house fire was available for practice to the volunteers.

"You can't tell someone what to do," said Mathews. "they just have to experience it for themselves."

In addition to the Sanibel members, four Captiva volunteers participated in the event.



Volunteers emerge from the smoke-filled rooms after dragging a "victim" to safety, looking more like Men from Mars than Islanders.



Whew it's hot under here, says Rick RaPorte, doffing his mask after setting the "fire". The gas masks are mandatory equipment for all volunteers.

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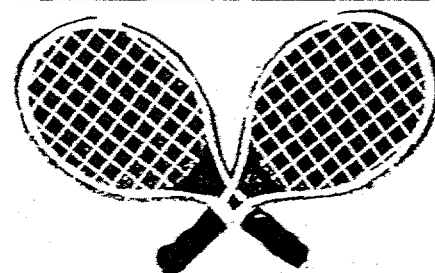
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Waste makes want, conservation makes sense

In light of the current uncertainty surrounding the adequacy of the Islands' potable water supply to meet the growing demand for water on Sanibel and Captiva, Islanders would do well to remember that water is, after all, a finite commodity.

Like many other common necessities that we far too often take for granted, its cost, quality and availability are to a great extent determined by the way in which we, the consumers, use water.

This is especially true when one considers that the human population and thus demand for potable water not only on the Islands but all across the United States and throughout the world is steadily growing, while water resources vacillate over time due to factors such as rainfall, most notably, and in some cases due to pollution caused by human agents.

The care we exercise in using water, therefore, goes a long way toward insuring that there will be an adequate supply of potable water to meet the needs of ourselves and of our descendants in the future.

Thus, we are under a grave obligation to become aware that water is a valuable natural resource which must be conserved both for ourselves and for generations to come. Only after we have attained this awareness can we begin to use water accordingly.

wash-rinse cycle.

While there are obviously as many ways to conserve water as there are ways to waste it, here are a few practical suggestions for conserving the Islands' most controversial resource:

—Do not let water run continually while washing hands. Rather, plug the sink and draw only enough water to take care of your personal cleanup. This simple technique can result in a saving of 2,000 gallons of water per person per year.

—The above maxim also applies to brushing teeth. Turn the water on initially to wet the toothbrush, then turn the water off while brushing. Turn the water back on long enough to draw rinse-water into a glass or paper cup for washing the brush and rinsing the mouth. Good water-use habits in this facet of personal hygiene can mean the difference between using a pint of water and wasting several gallons of water.

—When shaving, the basic rule is once again to use the drain plug to "pond" the water for shaving rather than to let it run down the drain while you shave. Rinse the razor in the ponded water rather than under a free-flowing spigot. While motorized razors do require electricity in most cases, the power shaver probably does strike a heavier blow in behalf of conservation

obtain a quick separation of ice from the frosty tray.

—With both automatic dishwashers and clothes washing machines, the cardinal rule of thumb is make every load count. If you don't put a full load in the machine, you are cheating yourself out of the full benefit of machine operation and water use.

—Do not wastefully flush toilets for a piece of tissue or other bits of trash. While the toilet is a wonderful invention, it is also potentially the biggest water-waster in the home. Do not use the toilet for a trash basket. Here again, make every flush count.

—As indicated earlier in this report, defective toilets cause the greatest amount of water waste and are hardest malfunctions to detect. To detect a leaky toilet there are two common methods. Place food coloring in the tank at night. If, in the morning there are traces of food coloring in the bowl, you have a leak. Another method is to turn off the valve directly under the toilet. If the tank is full in the morning, there is no leak' if empty, repairs are needed. Every homeowner is urged to check the interior of his water closet several times a year to make sure all parts are in the proper position and are not showing wear. If in doubt, consult a plumber.

—It is no secret that some conventional toilets are over-designed from the standpoint of the amount of water they require to accomplish an effective flush. In recent years, a number of suggestions based on the famous "brick in the toilet" technique have been offered to help reduce water use in the toilet to the minimum level for efficient flushing. The "brick" principle is aimed at displacement of water in the toilet tank with something solid to minimize the over-design factor. While plain building bricks do displace water in the tank quite effectively, they have some disadvantages in terms of maintaining the toilet's fixtures. If accidentally dropped into the tank during displacement, bricks can break or shatter the china of the tank. Also, ordinary bricks tend to disintegrate after a time of soaking in a water tank, and the clay material flakes off to become a probable trouble-maker to the operation of valves and other moving parts in the toilet.

—For many reasons, plastic bottles seem to be the safest and most versatile tools for implementing the brick concept. The top portion of the plastic contained should be cut off with scissors or knife. Then, place a small weight in the container to keep it from floating or shifting, fill the container with water and stand it in a corner of the toilet tank. When the tank is emptied by flushing, the container will remain full of water and will have accomplished the desired displacement of flush water. As plastic containers weigh very little, they place minimal added stress on the toilet tank. As plastic bottles come in all shapes and sizes, it is easy to find combinations of containers to suit the contours of almost every tank design.

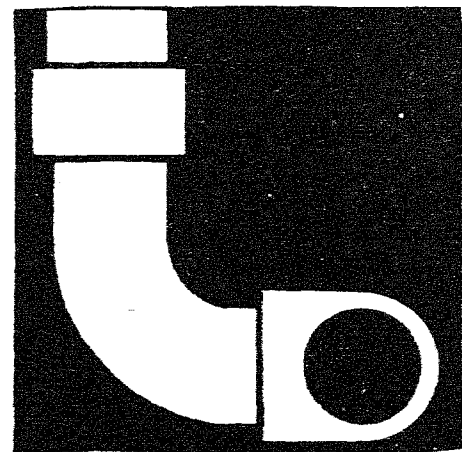
Additionally, there are currently a number of water-saving appliances or devices on the market which we urge the homeowner or prospective home-builder to consider before purchasing the more conventional (and in some cases more wasteful) plumbing fixtures. While the following suggestions by no means exhaust all of the possibilities these are some of them:

—If you are in the market for a new toilet, many manufacturers have produced and marketed a water closet that requires only about three and a half gallons per flush. You can get further information by contacting a plumbing appliance dealer or your plumber.

—Also, a patented device called the "Fluidmaster" has been developed and fits most conventional toilets. This appliance is designed to provide a rapid shut-off of water when the tank is emptied and also turns itself on and makes noise when the tank ball is defective, thus serving as a toilet leak alarm. The device is stocked by plumbing supply firms and is available through master plumbers.

—At a fairly low cost, your plumber can install a pressure reducing valve on the

main service line coming into the home which will automatically adjust service in the house to a consistent, normal pressure. A homeowner who is in a high pressure area can definitely benefit from such an installation in saving on water and sewer costs since the reduction in the rate of flow also



reduces the amount of water used and registered on the meter. This device can also play a part in reducing wear on water-using fixtures in the home.

—Most major plumbing fixture manufacturers have developed flow control devices, designed to reduce the rate of water flow through a fixture (spigot, showerhead or other outlet). The basic flow control devices may be built into the fixture or obtained as separate, small units to adapt an existing fixture to water-saving. On the Islands, these flow control devices have been and may still be available through the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club at a very reasonable price. They should also be offered by most plumbers and hardware stores.

—A number of plumbing appliance manufacturers offer single-handed mixing of hot and cold water for shower and sink spigots. Some of these products have a dial setting that permits you to pre-set the "just right" hot and cold mix before you turn the water on. Thus, you save time, some possible aggravation and water waste involved in the mutual adjustment of water temperature on a two-spigot system.

—Another method of water volume reduction in the shower is the manual flow of restriction or cut-off (for soaping). Most major plumbing fixture manufacturers have developed showerheads with manual adjustments that permit throttling back and in some cases shutting off the flow. This enables the homeowner with a two-handle mix to cut back the flow at the showerhead and still maintain the proper temperature mix when he goes back to a full stream for rinsing.

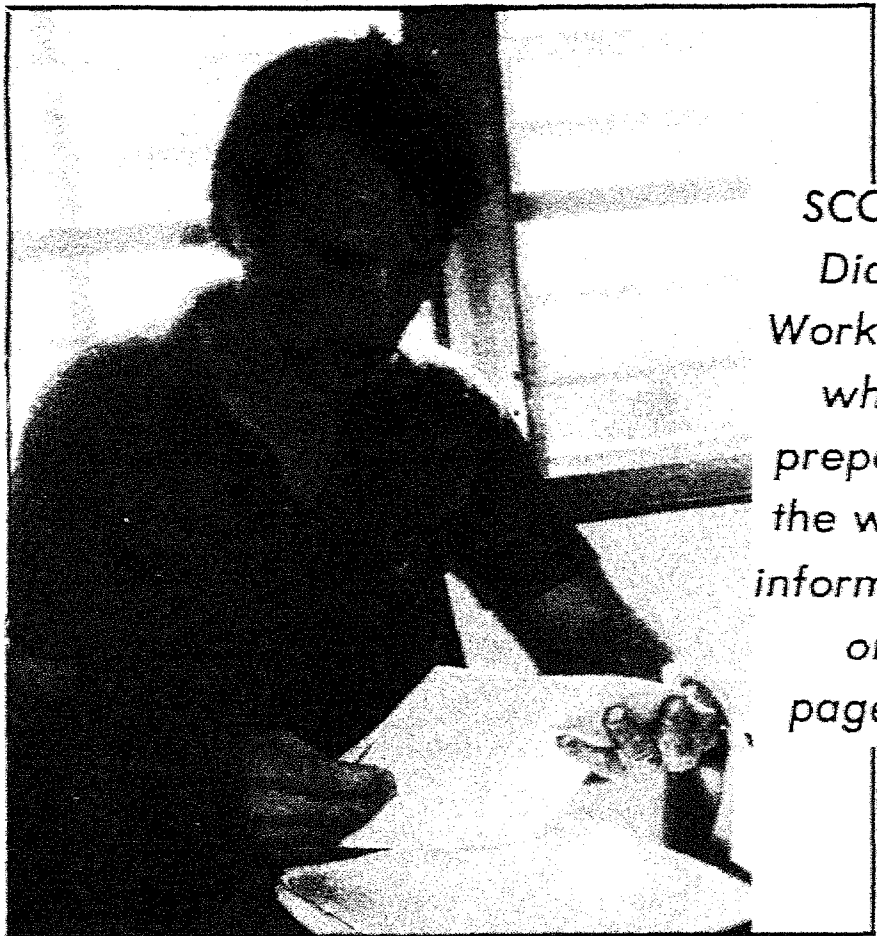
—Other fixtures which have some potential for water-saving are spring faucets (shut off immediately when not held in "on" position) and timed faucets (stay on for a pre-set period, then shut off automatically). Their application is best suited to businesses, industrial and public use, rather than home application where manual on-off faucets are more effective.

But whether or not the Island homeowner chooses to invest in any or all of the water-saving devices mentioned above, all visitors and residents of Sanibel, Captiva and elsewhere are strongly urged to remember that waste makes want and conservation makes sense when it comes to using water.

You never know but that five or ten years hence, the water you wasted today may prove to have been your own for the future.

Anyone having water-saving ideas not included in this report is urged to submit them in writing to Water Conservation, c-o The ISLANDER, P.O. Box 3, Sanibel, Florida, so that we may pass your suggestions along to our readers in future issues.

The current water dilemma on the Island can best be resolved for future generations if we all work together now to conserve our most precious resource.



SCCF's
Dick
Workman
who
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DID YOU KNOW?

—That dependent upon household water pressure, a household faucet normally runs at the rate of three to five gallons a minute.

—That if a kitchen or bathroom faucet were accidentally left running for just one hour, it might be expected to send as much as 300 gallons (more than a ton) of water down the drain.

—That a leaky faucet can waste between 170 and 3,600 gallons of water in 24 hours depending on the size of the leak and the water pressure.

—That an unrestricted showerhead lets water pass at the rate of five to ten gallons per minute, such that an average shower of five minutes duration might use between 25 and 50 gallons of water.

—That an average tub bath uses only 25 gallons of water or less, making it the more economical and environmentally preferable way to bathe.

—That one flush of a conventional toilet uses from 5 to 7 gallons of water.

—That defective toilets account for the greatest waste of water and are the most difficult malfunctions to detect.

—That a modern dishwasher uses about 25 gallons of water per cycle.

—That the U.S. Government has determined that per capita water use in America is about 120 gallons per day.

—That a modern washing machine uses from 42-45 gallons of water for a complete

because he saves water and the power-fuel used in heating water, not to mention metal blades, soap, towels, and etc. Some ardent conservationists suggest that when in doubt, grow a beard!

—When showering and particularly when washing hair in the shower, turn off the water while soaping or lathering and then turn on the shower again for a good rinse. This precaution saves at least ten gallons of water per shower. Obviously, the briefer the shower, the less water you waste. Statistics indicate that a ten-minute shower uses between 50 and 100 gallons of precious drinking water.

—For cool drinking water, place a container of water from the tap in the refrigerator rather than running water in an effort to cool it. This is one of the foremost areas of common household water waste.

—Housewives and other food handlers are also urged to employ the kitchen drain stopper when washing vegetables and fruits, and in other areas of food preparation. When cooking, barely cover the food with water. Use a tight fitting lid to conserve moisture and there is no need to drain off and throw away the water used in cooking.

—Another conservation tip for the kitchen is to remove ice trays from the freezer a few minutes before you need the ice. The cubes will soon loosen at room temperature and eliminate the waste of several quarts of water some family members employ to

Water:

Are we running out?

"It is important that people with an interest in the islands attempt to understand the water supply situation."

Recently the Island Water Association invoked a ban on additional water hookups creating an effective building moratorium on Sanibel and Captiva. The reason—the water demand is simply growing faster than supply.

As anticipated, IWA's unpopular action interrupted real estate sales and the home building industry. Further, it got the attention of the community. People whose understanding of water supply previously

had not gone beyond the tap were subjected to discussions about aquifers, desalination, and cones of depression.

Water supply for Sanibel-Captiva is a complex subject with far-reaching implications. The future of water supply on the islands is probably the largest single factor affecting the future of the islands' growth and development.

It is most important then that persons with an interest in the islands attempt to understand the water supply situation and work to responsibly influence the critical decisions to be made.

domestic use.

Little more is known about these deep artesian aquifers. Very limited study to gain needed information about water quantity, quality and other aquifer characteristics has been completed.

Whats in it

The amount of dissolved solids in water is a very important factor to be considered in any discussion of the islands' water resource. This salt content of water or salinity is generally expressed in milligrams per liter (mg-1) which is nearly the same as parts per million (ppm).

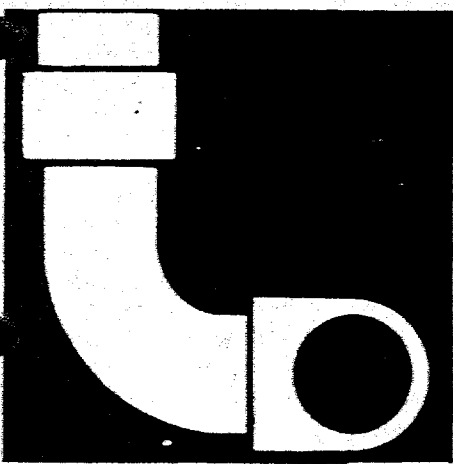
There is an endless variety of dissolved materials that occur in natural water. The most common ions are chlorides, sulfates, carbonates, bicarbonates, sodium, potassium, calcium and magnesium. A high level of salts in water can be poisonous to living organisms, but pure water (distilled) will not support life. Different organisms vary in their optimum salinity requirements as well as to their tolerance to variations from the optimum.

Waters with less than about 500 mg-1 dissolved solids are generally considered useable for domestic purposes while waters with dissolved solids up to 5,000 mg-1 are suitable for irrigation purposes.

Terms used to describe the relative salt content of water like fresh water, brackish water and salt water are used so generally that confusion usually results. The terminology accepted by the U.S. Geological Survey using amounts of total dissolved solids for definition is shown in Figure 1.

Accepted Terminology	Total Dissolved Solids in mg-1
Fresh	0 to 500
Brackish	500 to 1,000
Slightly Saline	1,000 to 3,000
Moderately Saline	3,000 to 10,000
Very Saline	10,000 to 35,000
Briny	35,000 +

Source: U.S. Geological Survey



Where it is

GROUND WATER SYSTEM

Geologically Sanibel and Captiva are but thin strips of quartz and sand and shell lying on the top of a thick accumulation of limestone, muds, dolomites and quartz sands. These materials lie in layers of varying thickness beneath the islands. Some of the limestone and sand layers are quite permeable and contain large quantities of water. Impermeable mud and clay layers can occur above and below various permeable zones thusly confining water in them. These permeable zones that contain water are known as artesian aquifers.

Beneath Sanibel's surface there are four aquifers. The first is the shallow water table aquifer in the upper 20 to 25 feet of sand and shell. This aquifer collects rain that falls or runs off in the islands' interior and is separated from salt water below by a layer of mud. It is not confined on top but is exposed to the atmosphere.

Sea water is denser or heavier than fresh water, because it contains greater quantities of dissolved solids. The sea water tends to sink in the water table aquifer and is pushed out by the pressure of the fresh water above it. When the amount of fresh water in the aquifer is low, sea water tends to wedge in from the sides but is forced back out when the fresh water is replenished.

The next aquifer, which begins at about 25 to 30 feet below the surface, is known as the shallow artesian aquifer. This layer of mostly permeable limestone containing very saline water has no value for water supply.

All water-bearing zones discussed in this article that underlie the islands are artesian aquifers except the water table aquifer. These aquifers are confined above and below by impermeable layers and are under greater than atmospheric pressure.

There are two deep artesian aquifers beneath Sanibel that yield significant quantities of water. The deeper of the two is called the Suwannee aquifer. It contains salty water that is freshest at the surface and increases in salt content with depth.

The other deep aquifer, the lower Hawthorn is the hydrologic unit from which the Island Water Association draws water for treatment and distribution. The upper part of the lower Hawthorn is quite salty but near the base of the aquifer a thin layer of water occurs that is fresh enough for irrigation and, with some treatment, for

How we get our drinking water

DESALINATION

The process of removing dissolved solids from water is known as desalination. The technology is relatively new and several methods have been developed. The more common methods used are: distillation, reverse osmosis, electro dialysis, freezing and solar evaporation.

In distillation, saline water is heated in a vessel to produce vapors of pure water. The vapors are condensed to potable water and distributed. Though this process is by far the most common method in use today, energy requirements are quite high and there are numerous technological problems.

Solar evaporation works on the same principle as distillation except the sun's energy is used to power the process. Solar energy evaporates water in shallow basins, the vapor is condensed on a glass covering and collected in troughs. The problem is that this method produces only about one pint of water per day per square foot of basin.

Freezing water creates pure ice crystals that can be separated from salt water but unless the plant is located in a cold climate, energy costs to freeze the water are out of sight.

The two systems used where the water to be treated is brackish or slightly saline are called reverse osmosis (RO) and electro dialysis (ED). The RO process uses a semi-permeable membrane to separate salts from raw water. In principle, if a suitable membrane is fashioned as the boundary of a vessel containing salt water and an appropriate pressure is applied to the saline solution, almost pure water will be forced through the membrane. Recent technological improvements in membranes have made RO the preferred process for desalinating brackish to slightly saline waters. The Pine Island Water Association and more recently Cape Coral have constructed and operate RO plants.

In the ED process, which is utilized by IWA, electric currents are used to separate salt components from the raw water. In solution the component parts of salt, one of which has a positive charge, the other negative, can be removed by passing the saline water through a narrow electrically charged channel. One wall of the channel passes positively charged parts, the other negative. With the components of the salts gone, the water is made fresh.

Treating water by the ED method requires tremendous amounts of electricity to remove the salinity. The amount of electrical energy required is proportional to the amount of salt that has to be removed. At today's energy costs, raw water of increasing salinity could soon become uneconomical to treat.

When the salinity of well water entering IWA's ED plant exceeds a certain level, the water cannot be treated or it has to be cycled through the plant twice which reduces production capacity by half. It is possible to utilize this moderately saline water, however, if it is blended with brackish water to produce slightly saline water which can

be treated in one cycle through the plant.

Performance of the ED process has been less efficient than hoped. The plant, designed to produce 2.1 million gallons per day, produces only 1.6 million gallons per day.

Water yielded by the lower Hawthorn wells is getting saltier. Only six of IWA's ten wells produce water that is treatable in their ED plant. Further, these good wells are showing signs of degrading quality.

What's ahead

ALTERNATIVES

IWA is now investigating modifications to the existing system that will enable the desalination of slightly to moderately saline water. One proposal calls for the development of a reverse osmosis pretreatment system. The costs of such an improvement are major and would have to be absorbed by IWA members.

An alternative to creating more supply to help alleviate the problem in the short term is to restrict user consumption. It has been demonstrated in drought stricken areas of California that communities can reduce water consumption by 30 percent or more. This is possible only through enforced water use restriction applied throughout the community.

IWA clearly has the authority to limit water use and has done so in the past by calling for a ban on lawn sprinkling and relying on voluntary compliance.

Should such conservation measures as have been called for in California be required here, IWA would have difficulty enforcing water restrictions. IWA president Jim Robson said that in such an event they could call on the Sanibel Police for assistance but no city ordinance addresses water use restrictions. The authority by which Sanibel Police could act to enforce a ban is questionable.

The City of Sanibel does have an advisory committee on water resources conservation that has discussed the problem of water rationing but has yet to recommend any course of action to the City Council. The committee did recommend that Council "consider and evaluate the feasibility of acquiring and revising the IWA charter." At present City Council has no control over the utility which is chartered with the county and regulated by the South Florida Water Management District.

Though referred to as a "fresh" water aquifer, the water table aquifer has been so altered by development and consequent salt water intrusion that some test wells yield water in the very saline range. Further it has been demonstrated that pumping the aquifer can cause additional salt water intrusion.

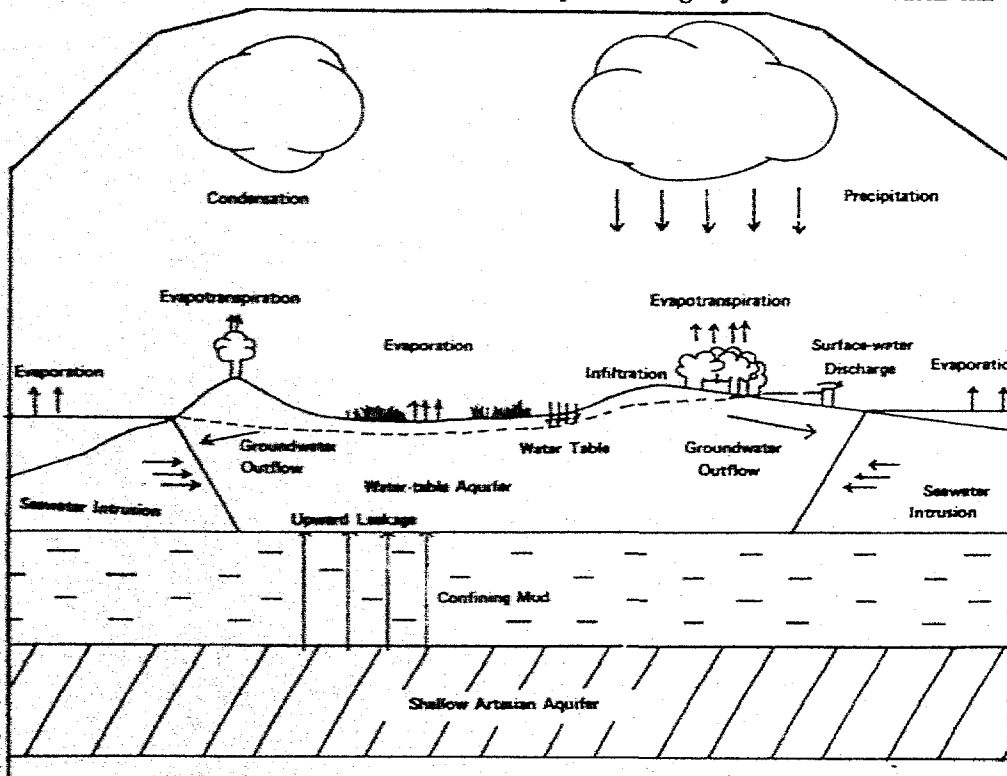
Many species of Sanibel vegetation and wildlife sustained by the interior fresh water system are already threatened by disruption of the ecosystem. Drawing additional large quantities of water from the aquifer could only aggravate the condition.

Robert Taylor of Mariner Properties, owners of the Jamestown-Beachview sewage treatment plant, proposed recently that treated effluent from the plant could be piped to some of the major users of water for irrigation. This would save a considerable amount of IWA supplied water and would utilize the nutrient rich effluent which is now wasted.

While efforts to develop the mainland water supply to the islands are going on interim measures can be taken to more efficiently use present supplies. Enforced water conservation could cut consumption by 20 to 30 percent with restrictions on irrigation and other uses not related to the public health.

Whatever decisions are made or techniques employed the water problems of the islands will ultimately be resolved. The major variable is that of cost.

It is important that persons with an interest in the islands attempt to understand the water supply situation and work responsibly to influence the critical decisions to be made.





Municipal

Planning commission recaps land use plan

In a recap of the Planning Commission's first annual review of the plan, Commission Chairman Winterbotham said that the plan is a growing and flexible thing—Chairman Winterbotham added that of the 71 applications for amendments to the plan in the past year, 22 were recommended for approval.

Acting Mayor Zee Butler commended the Commission for the extensive work the Commission has put into the plan's review in addition to their regular lengthy sessions.

Other planning recommendations included:

—the study of cisterns by a sub-committee headed by Chairman Marshall. The Commission has also asked for recommendations by the City's consulting engineers.

—that Wallace, MacHarg, Roberts and Todd, Philadelphia-based planning consultants, make a feasibility study of the acquisition of the Causeway property by the City.

—that the Council take action immediately to prohibit the use of potable water for irrigation.

City Council approves occupational license ordinance

The City Council gave second and final reading to an ordinance establishing the fees

and conditions for occupational licenses for Sanibel.

Changes from the first hearing primarily involved the establishment of a rate structure for the rental of commercial real estate or space. The fee was changed from a square-foot basis to a flat charge of \$15 per unit, regardless of size.

Anyone who owns or operates a business on Sanibel, with a permanent Sanibel location or an Island branch office, is required to obtain a license. Employees of contractors or owners who have a license are exempt and any business not required to procure a license must still register with the City and pay a \$10.00 administrative fee. The registration was deemed necessary by the City so that they could keep on top of the economic activities on the Island.

SCCF obtains lease offer

Action by City Council on Tuesday to rescind a previous decision to sub-lease a 186-acre botanical site on Sanibel from the Florida Division of Recreation and Parks opened the door for the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's management of the same site.

The Council had accepted the State's offer for the land before learning that the SCCF was interested in the same site. According to law, the property must be offered to both county and city governments before the Conservation Foundation (SCCF) could accept it.

Both the Foundation and the state are amenable to sub-leasing a portion of the property to CROW (Care and Rehabilitation of Wildlife) according to Dewitt Jones,

Chairman of the SCCF Board.

"The lease term involved should run twenty years," SCCF Director Dick Workman told the Council.

John Cook, a member of the audience, told the Council that he thought the SCCF had proven to be good land managers in the past and he saw no reason for the City to get into the business of land management which, City Manager Bill Nungester admitted the City had neither the talent nor the time.

George Campbell told the Council that, while he thought the SCCF had good intentions, some of their volunteers occasionally deviated from strict adherence to the plan's vegetation provisions. Campbell's alternate suggestion was to have the Audubon Society take over the 186-acre site.

Council voted, however, to withdraw their claims to the property and that the SCCF should proceed to lease the land from the State of Florida with a sub-lease to CROW.

An objection to the motion was raised by Paul Howe who felt that the SCCF's site management should "not be hamstrung by telling them they must sub-lease to a particular organization," but the motion was carried as proposed.

Quillinan property offer

Carol Quillinan appeared before City Council on Tuesday to alter the terms of her offer to the City for a four-acre parcel of land adjacent to Bowman's Beach Road. Two weeks ago, she proposed to the Council to sell the entire parcel of her land to the City, including the house, for \$200,000. She also offered to withdraw her suit against Lee County for quiet title to the beachlands in front of the Quillinan property if her offer were accepted by the City.

At the recent Council meeting, she offered to lease the four acres of property to the city for \$20,000 per year for a period of time deemed mutually satisfactory to both parties.

Acting Mayor Zee Butler and Attorney Neal Bowen concurred that a decision on the four acres is premature, pending the outcome of litigation with William Brodeur, trustee, involving the access from the end of Bowman's Beach Road to the footbridge.

"Without a decision on that access," Bowen said later, "any decision to obtain four acres for parking would be academic."

Consideration of the new proposal is postponed until there is further word on that litigation.



City celebrates 1 year birthday of Sanibel's land use plan

In a packed and quiet MacKenzie Hall on Tuesday morning, the tapes from a City Council meeting held exactly one year ago when Sanibel's land use plan was officially adopted, were replayed for the appreciation of Council members and concerned Islanders who participated in the historic event.

Vernon MacKenzie, a past member of the Council and a major supporter of the Plan, appropriately held the seat of honor next to Acting Mayor Zee Butler at the Council table.

"Just listening to those tapes gives me

goose bumps," Mrs. Butler said. "I'm glad you're all here to share this with us."

MacKenzie said that he had been following both planning commission and city council meetings and he felt that the plan was both workable and acceptable to a majority of the Islanders.

At this juncture, Alice Kylio placed a cake in front of the former councilman and acting mayor which bore one large candle. Council activities were suspended briefly to give everyone an opportunity to sample Mrs. Kylio's handiwork.

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Fact finding team created for Sanibel Bayous

During their regular meeting last Tuesday, the Sanibel City Council agreed to appoint a city fact-finding team to investigate a density dispute involving Nationwide Realty Corporation's 208-acre Sanibel Bayous Subdivision, located in the vicinity of the intersection of Sanibel-Captiva and Wulfert Roads.

Nationwide Realty has proposed a general amendment to the city's comprehensive land use plan to permit the build-out of 270 dwelling units on the remaining unsold portion of the subdivision, as originally permitted by Lee County prior to the city's incorporation.

The city's land use plan, on the other hand, allocates a total density of only 37 units to the remainder of the subdivision, and Nationwide has filed suit against the city for injunctive relief from the plan's provisions.

The city's planning department and planning commission have proposed an interpretive general amendment for the property which would allow Nationwide the buildout of phases I and II of Sanibel Bayous as platted by Lee County and the development of the remainder of the subdivision in two-acre lots, if the developers will agree to preserve the sensitive peninsula area of the subdivision adjacent to Blind Pass.

"We feel that we have a vested right to develop this property as it was zoned by Lee County," Nationwide attorney Steve Helgemo told the council last week during the council's first hearing on the proposed general amendment.

Saying that his clients would not accept the compromise offered by the city in the proposed interpretive amendment, Helgemo asked that a city fact-finding team be

established to attempt to negotiate an amicable settlement to the dispute.

The council agreed to grant Helgemo's request and a fact-finding team was appointed, including Vice-Mayor Zee Butler, Planning Commission Chairman Ann Winterbotham, City Manager Bill Nungester, City Attorney Neal Bowen, and Councilman Duane White.

According to Vice-Mayor Butler, the group will meet with Nationwide representatives sometime prior to the council's second and final hearing on the proposed general amendment, which is set for September 12.

In other hearings last Tuesday, the city council voted to deny specific amendments to the plan proposed by:

—Frank and Edward Cassavell to permit the development of a 6-unit multi-family project seaward of the city's coastal construction setback line on West Gulf Drive between the Beachview Cottages and West Wind Inn; and

—Edward Graesser of Porto and Graesser Corporation to permit the construction of an 11-unit multi-family building at the Seawind Condominium on East Gulf Drive.

The council also conducted a first hearing last week on a specific amendment proposed by Claire and E.W.P. Smith to permit the construction of an addition to an existing residence on Hurricane Lane at a distance of 20 feet from the front property line.

The case is slated for a final hearing by the council on September 12.

Last Monday, the city planning commission voted to approve the issuance of development permits to:

—James and Hugh Bone for the con-

struction of a 4-unit condominium complex and tennis court in Sawyer's Subdivision on West Gulf Drive; and

—Gordon Tracey for the development of a 10-unit shopping center just north of Weeds 'n Things on Periwinkle Way.

Density allocations increase due to error

During their meeting last Monday, the Sanibel Planning Commission reviewed their original intent in assigning development intensities to two pieces of property on Sanibel because of recent errors made by the city in calculating the city land use plan's density allocations to the land in question.

In recent hearings on general amendments proposed for phase II of the Dunes Subdivision and the Little Murex Subdivision as a whole, City Planning Director Carleton Ryffel calculated allowable density for the properties on the basis of land area excluding bodies of water. In looking back through old minutes of meetings held by the commission in formulating the land use plan, Ryffel discovered that the commission had intended that the plan's density allocations be applied to the gross acreage of each tract.

Thus, Ryffel's earlier density calculations for the two properties allocated fewer units for the land than the commission had intended.

A total of 78 units would be allocated to Dunes phase II by this token, as opposed to only 32 units under the erroneous calculations. The application of this principle to Little Murex results in an increase density from 14 to 26 units.

The planning commission voted last week to verify that their original intent called for density to be allocated to the gross acreage of the two properties in question.

City to prohibit clearing in advance of development

Due to complaints over the recent clearing of a 14-acre Gulf-front parcel of land west of Sundial on Middle Gulf Drive, the City of Sanibel will no longer permit Islanders to clear their land in advance of applying for a city development permit.

According to City Planning Director Carleton Ryffel, the city has in the past permitted permits to allow construction on the property. Ryffel said that this was done as a convenience to property owners who do not live on the Island and who wanted to clear their land before formulating a development plan for the property.

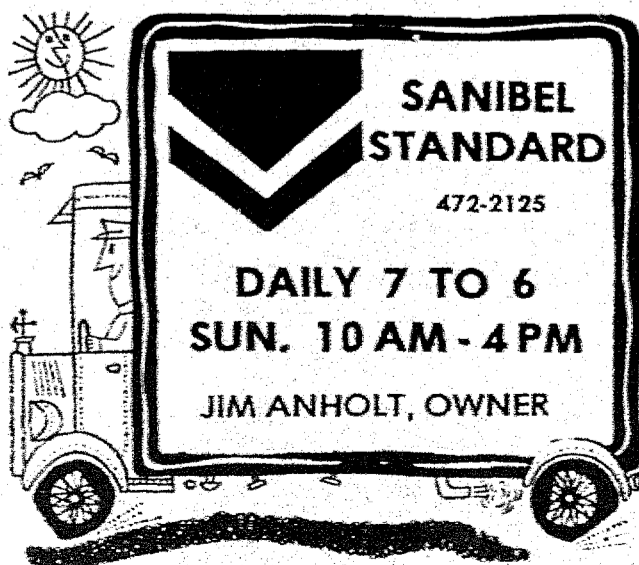
The recent clearing on Middle Gulf Drive was done with Ryffel's permission and was sanctioned by Vegetation Committee Chairman George Campbell. Campbell said the property was covered only with Australian pine, and undesirable exotic and bore no valuable native vegetation.

But members of the planning commission called the result an "eyesore" and a "dustbowl," saying that windblown sand from the land could present a nuisance to nearby residents.

They directed Ryffel to withhold city permission for vegetation clearance in the future until such time as the landowner applies for city development permits and informs the city as to how he proposes to use the land.



Former City Councilman Vernon MacKenzie slices the first piece of the CLUP's birthday cake.



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Obviously, there is a certain set of rules for correctly picking out a fishing partner. Some say it's more important than choosing a marriage partner, but I won't comment on that. However, I will emphasize that there are some guidelines for picking that fishing partner, and we'll examine some of them today.

First: Your potential partner should be able to lie his way in and out of Heaven, if called upon to do so. This is important because whatever you do, don't get someone who is afraid to bend the hell out of the truth at the slightest provocation. This same principle holds true for selecting a golf partner. Over a lifetime of fishing,

the fishing partner's extraordinary ability to stretch the size of fish and reduce the actual cost of fishing trips to the wives, can be a very valuable asset indeed.

Second: There are vital characteristics you should look for in the personality of

all. Either man or woman, here is what to find appealing. The nominee should be able to; spit with accuracy — change lucky fishing clothes only once a week — drink whiskey from the bottle — swear with great dedication — hate scrambled egg sandwiches and emit a



the man or woman you want for sharing your fishing adventures and misadventures. I mention women here because some of the best partners are women. They regularly catch more than their share of fish and if they are thoroughly ugly, your wife won't mind you having a female partner at

body odor better than any bug repellent.

Third: On the other hand, if that potential fishing person does any of the following: refuses to go to the toilet over the side of the boat — won't open beer bottles with their teeth — won't light a match for the cigars using their fly zipper-

- and assures you they won't throw up on your boat and then do anyway — well, you can tell them they can't pass the test and keep looking.

Fourth: Put your present or potential fishing partner to the test. Answer yes or no. Would the nominee bring a large frozen fish to a contest if he or she knew that it would make your boat win?

Fifth: Would your current partner cast his line over that of a neighboring fisherman with a big one on the line, just so your partner could claim half of said fish? Answer yes or no.

Sixth: Would your potential fishing partner put two undersized snook down the front of his or her pants if a Florida Marina Patrol boat came into view? Yes or no.

Seventh: On the subject of loyalty, would your partner eat the day-old sandwiches your wife made and then say they were really good?

Eighth: On the subject of honesty, if there were 12 snook tied carefully under your boat and a game officer stopped the boat, would he or she point at you and say, "He caught 'em all!" or would he ask the officer, "What snook?"

Well, perhaps you are getting the idea of what it takes to get or become an ideal fishing partner. It's not an easy job—what with the lying, cheating and stealing, but it's certainly exciting and builds character. If you've got a good partner, you know what I mean. Have a good week on the water.



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Thu	28	1:29 AM H	4:23 AM L	**10:46 AM H	7:26 PM L
Fri	29	2:01 AM H	5:31 AM L	**11:40 AM H	8:10 PM L
Sat	30	2:22 AM H	6:31 AM L	**12:22 PM H	8:47 PM L
Sun	31	2:41 AM H	7:24 AM L	** 1:18 PM H	9:19 PM L
Mon	1	3:02 AM H	8:17 AM L	2:03 PM H	9:51 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 high tide, subtract two (2) minutes for every low tide. (NO, we don't know why, but it works. Instructions following are even less sense-sical but as we stated, they do work.)

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

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By Bill Covington

Hi, Sports Fans! Hopefully this column can be as informative as it is confusing. This past week has seen some surprising results at the ballfield. Weeds 'n Things upset the mighty West Wind team and Doug Quimby, the pitcher, for W&T has to have the Purple Heart Award for defending himself against the shots off the bats of the West Wind sluggers.

Other action saw Timmy's Nook lose a "goody" to a potent Island Water Association team, 12-9, in extra innings. We don't have time or space this week to list all the activities at the ballfield but perhaps in the future we can give you a more detailed report. The scores and standings are listed elsewhere in the ISLANDER.

A bit of advice to Jim Hermes. The next time you see a wounded water buffalo approaching from third base—get out of the way, dummy! (Hope you're okay, babe!)

Mighty Hunter Award of the week has to go to Rev. John Wilcox. Several days ago he was exhibiting an artifact that he identified as a "wock." When asked to elaborate, he replied that it was something "you frow at a wabbit."

There are other plans in the works for additional sports action. Ideas for a soccer team have been kicked around, as well as some talk about a touch football team and-or league. That may, however, be just a passing fancy. Thoughts of volleyball activity may be temporarily spiked, and the discussions of another tennis ladder may be just a lot of racquet. Oh, well.

Along the fishing scene, we'll be having reports from Capt. Jerry Way and hopefully any of the other guides that would like to contribute. One parting shot. Apparently a new record has been set in that Bill Johnston did not fall overboard or off the dock at Dry Tortugas. When asked about this Charlie Miller replied: "He was in New York trying on his wedding shoes!"



Can't believe he's out . . . The Lions/South Seas game left the Lions in undisputed possession of the cellar.



Bob Horack comes home in a close one . . .

Sanibel Softball Association Summer Schedule

July - August

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| 26th — Teams 4- 7 | 27th — Teams 14- 9 |
| 28th — Teams 6- 1 | 29th — Teams 11- 13 |
| 31st — Teams 8- 12 | 31st — Teams 3- 5*** |
| 1st — Teams 1- 2 | |

Key of number denoting
TEAM NAMES

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1. WEST WIND INN | 8. SOUTH SEAS |
| 2. KIWANIS | 9. FOXES |
| 3. NAVE PLUMBING | 10. ANGLES |
| 4. IWA | 11. LIONS (WOMEN) |
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July 20 South Seas 14 vs. Lions 10

July 21 Lady Lions 15 vs. ESI 6

July 22 IWA 8 vs. West Wind 7

July 24 Nook 13 vs.
Weeds 'n Things 12

July 24 Sea Horses vs. Cedar Chest
rained out

Canada candidly

by Lorraine Ashford

It's been too many years since I've been to the States, but last week, my son-in-law, Doug, and I went to Plattsburgh to take in the equestrian jumping trials. When we arrived, we discovered that the trials were being held in Lake Placid, about 40 miles into the Adirondacks, but nothing daunts Doug, and we finally arrived there at 4:30 in the afternoon.

Most of the delay, though, was my fault. We went to a large shopping mall for lunch and then toured the stores. As we were only there for a few hours, ex-

tensive shopping was out, but there's no law against drooling. I could have spent half-a-day in the Hallmark shop alone and it was nostalgic to see names I haven't seen in years—J.C. Penney and Montgomery Ward.

Also spent a lot of time in the liquor store, which was really out of bounds, but the packaging of goods and the prices held our interest. My favorite brand of vodka sells for \$4.68 there and we pay \$6.90 for the same size here. (Since we've gone metric, a Canadian 26 is about equal to the American fifth.)

After dealing with provincial liquor commissions which are a law unto themselves, the tour was quite an eyeopener. Our stores close on every holiday, federal, provincial, religious and when the moon is on the wane. Every other store and business over here will be open on Ascension Day but don't try and buy booze.

Let it not be said that I am not adventurous however, where it comes to Customs Officials. I've crossed the border in the past a good many times and as I always look guilty, I figure I might as well BE guilty.

My smuggling is on a

small scale, but this trip, I brought back a Venus fly trap plant for my younger daughter. It was all sealed up in a starter package, yet, there are stiff agriculture laws between the two countries. Doug and I amused ourselves about what we'd tell Customs should they find it. An epidemic of Venus flies in Montreal? Somehow we didn't think he'd buy that and our Customs Officials have no sense of humor at all. In fact, that is an essential requirement for employment with those fellows. If a child doesn't smile much up to the age of 18, his parents then educate him for Customs duty. Of course, if worse came to worse, we could always remove the top from the plant and let it enjoy its first taste of French cuisine.

Happily, we sailed across the border with no problem at all.

We wasted some time at the pinball machines. Little does anyone know that when I was 16, I was the Pinball Queen of Martin's Soda Shop in Lindsay, Ontario. At one time, I was 14,000 points ahead of Doug and he was a little worried about it. Imagine a young man with his fast reflexes being beaten at pinball by his grey-haired mother-in-law! However, he rallied in time to win the game. One of these days, I'll take him.

I am going to save the trip through the Adirondacks for another time. Suffice to say right now, it was one of the most enjoyable motor trips I have ever had. So, as the mother chimp said to her first born as he headed out the jungle, swing easy now

Lee coastal setback

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (UPI)—For once, the Cabinet hasn't had to force a coastal construction setback line on a kicking and screaming county.

Cabinet members approved a setback line Tuesday proposed by the Lee County Commission as an alternative to the Department of Natural Resources line. It will be enforced jointly by the state and county.

Coastal areas will be

divided up into three zones. Construction in the zone closest to the ocean will have to meet minimum standards developed by DNR and the county or property owner will be required to go to the Cabinet for a variance. Construction in the two landward zones will require a county permit. All but five of the 27 coastal counties now have setback lines. The Cabinet authorized DNR to begin hearings on a setback line for Manatee County.

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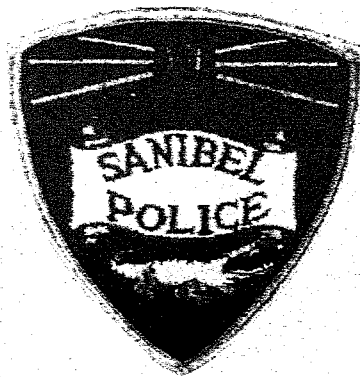
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Police reports

During a recent rainshower, SPD received a call to the effect that at least half-a-dozen cars were stalled in standing water at Blind Pass.

The county sheriff's department was called but no deputies were available to reconnoiter the situation, and by the time SPD arrived on the scene, the disabled vehicles had disappeared, evidently under their own power.

A complainant called the station to report that a car had scratched the paint of complainant's car while it was parked at an Island shopping center.

The complainant furnished a description of the suspect car as well as the license number and in a short order SPD was able to locate the vehicle and its driver.

The driver explained that he had just arrived on the Islands after the alleged damage was done, and the paint scratches on his vehicle did not match up with the paint of the complainant's car.

Thus, the suspect was released and no further action taken.

SPD is still searching for a young white male seen attempting to make unlawful entry into various condominium apartments on the Islands.

The young suspect was seen by a complainant, who claimed that the young man was acting suspiciously and trying to enter a number of unoccupied condominium apartments through rear windows and doors.

SPD has obtained a smudged fingerprint of the suspect from one of the apartments entered, although it has not been determined if anything was stolen from any of the apartments mentioned by the complainant.

A complainant came to the station to report that he had been chased off an Island street by residents of the neighborhood, who told him it was a private road.

Complainant asked SPD to investigate this claim and advise him of his rights in this regard.

A call to residents of the neighborhood and city hall revealed that the road was indeed private, and that the residents were within their rights to chase people from their property.

A complainant flagged down a patrolman in the vicinity of an Island marina to report that her son and daughter had disappeared hours ago on a boat and had not returned.

Soon thereafter, complainant called the station to inform SPD that the missing persons had returned safe and sound.

Viola!

Complainant phoned station to report that a pair of motorcycles had just crossed her backyard in most uproarious fashion.

The patrolman dispatched to the scene could find no such motorcycles, which is not to say that motorcycles had not been there only moments earlier.

Motorcycles can be pretty speedy, you know.

An Island resort resident called SPD to complain of trespassers who offered physical resistance when asked to leave the premises.

En route to the scene, patrolman passed a vehicle such as that described by the complainant as belonging to the trespassers. By the time the patrolman turned his car around to give chase, the suspect vehicle was nowhere to be found and eluded all attempts to locate.

Complainant got no satisfaction.

A complainant called the SPD to report that he had heard gunshots in the neighborhood.

Patrolman dispatched to the scene found children setting off firecrackers and asked them to cease and desist.

Children acquiesced, and gunshots were heard no more in that area.

A Fort Myers towing service called SPD last week to be on the lookout for an automobile which had evaded a tow.

Complainant said that he had been called the whole way out from town to render towing service to a man whose battery was then dead.

Upon arriving on the Island, complainant said that he was passed by the vehicle which he had been called to tow.

The vehicle had evidently got its second wind and had no need of the towtruck or the customary fee therefore.

Complainant asked SPD to help him find the car and recover the cost of his trip.

Complainant called station to report that her truck had been stolen by a friend. She said she would file charges if the suspect could be located.

Suspect soon put in an appearance at SPD of his own volition, asking, "What the — is going on here?"

He was informed that he had been accused of car theft.

Suspect and patrolman then went to return the stolen truck to the complainant, who filed no charges after all.

And that's what the — is going on.

SPD received a call to be on the lookout for a runaway juvenile last week.

Lee County Sheriff's Department was also called, as the juvenile had run away with a friend who lives in Fort Myers.

Both runaways were later located in Port Charlotte, and parents were relieved.

SPD patrolman traveled to Pasco County, Florida last week to bring back a suspect who had been arrested there in connection

with a car theft on Sanibel.

Suspect and stolen vehicle were transported back to Lee County where suspect was booked into Lee County Jail and stolen vehicle returned to its Island owner.

Suspect was later arraigned on charges of auto theft and other counts of grand larceny allegedly perpetrated on the Island.

Suspect was incarcerated awaiting trial. Tsk, tsk, tsk!

An attuned Islander called SPD last week to report that an elderly woman was seen picking sea oats on Sanibel's beach.

When located by SPD, the elderly oat picker said that she did not know it was unlawful to pick sea oats as there were no signs to that effect posted along the beach.

Because of the offender's advancing age and overall gentility, she was given only a verbal warning and 33 stalks of sea oats were confiscated.

The plucked oats were later turned over to the manager of Sundial Beach Club, whereat the plucker was staying, where the oats will be used in a display to notify other visitors to the resort that it is indeed unlawful to pluck the sea oats from the sands of Sanibel.

An Island resort manager chanced to find a bag of marijuana (the weed with its roots in hell) one night in the bathroom in the lobby of the resort.

He called in SPD and patrolman removed the controlled substance to the safety of police headquarters.

The bag contained in excess of one ounce of marijuana and is now in the SPD safe.

Another worried mother lost a child on the Island and called SPD to locate the lad, which was accomplished in short order and the mother rendered calm once again.

A young female Islander called SPD last week to report that she had received a number of obscene phone calls from a suspect who she said has followed her and taken her picture much to her distaste.

A patrolman located the suspect, who refused to explain the purpose of his un-

warranted photography and so departed.

SPD was called by an Island businessman who was holding a shoplifter he had apprehended in his store.

The article taken was of nominal value, and the shoplifter, a juvenile, was escorted home.

On a rough and windy day last week, SPD was called to investigate a number of reports of small sailboats in danger of capsizing in the Gulf.

A check revealed that all sailboats spotted by complainant returned safely to shore, but not without considerable tacking, veering, heaving to and heaving over the side no doubt.

Gosh, I love that nautical talk!

SPD received one report of a UFO sighting on the Islands last week.

The unidentified object was not actually flying, but was imbedded in the sand on Sanibel's Gulf beach.

The object was described as a cylinder 18 inches long and 3 inches in diameter. It was hot to the touch.

The Coast Guard was eventually called in and the object was determined to be a smoke marking flare.

Its origin, however, remained shrouded in mystery.

It was indeed a busy week for SPD last week.

Aside from investigating three traffic accidents, two faulty burglar alarms, escorting two large trucks across the Islands and securing four insecure premises, Sanibel patrolmen answered more than twenty calls for assistance, reports of suspicious persons, lost and founds, and the like.

The Sanibel Fire Department was called into action seven times last week, while the emergency medical technicians answered at least three calls for assistance last week.

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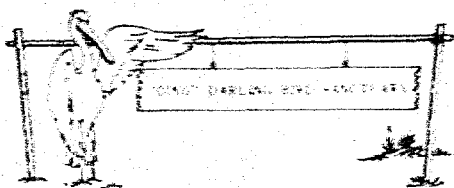
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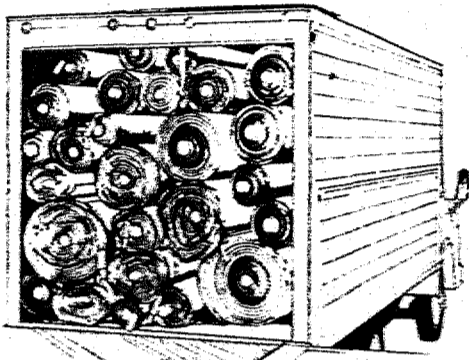
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So, those who have yet to take a chance on the gala holiday package had better hurry, as the offer ends in just over a month.

New window cleaning service

Within the past few weeks, a new one-man window cleaning service has been operating on the Islands.

The service is offered by Sanibel resident William N. Fero. Fero will clean windows of both residential and commercial buildings on the Islands, and gives free estimates for the work on request. He uses only industrial cleaning solvent for his work.

A relative newcomer to the Islands, Fero is also new



William Fero

to the business of professional window cleaning.

Prior to moving to Sanibel about a year ago, William Fero worked as the foreman of a power station for the Niagara-Mohawk Corporation in upstate New York.

He and his wife, Mary, live on Pen Shell Drive in the Shell Harbor Subdivision. They have eight children.

William Fero launched his new business about two weeks ago with an inadvertent advertising gimmick.

To inform Islanders of his new service, Fero mailed out 1,100 advertising flyers to the residents of Sanibel and Captiva. After mailing the flyers, he remembered noticing that a few of the postage stamps on the envelopes were upside down.

Thus, he decided to offer a free introductory window-cleaning to those Islanders who received flyers with the inverted stamps.

William Fero views his new occupation more as a pleasure than as a chore.

"What I like about cleaning windows is that I get a chance to meet so many nice people, really interesting people," said Fero. "It makes it very nice when you can talk to new people all the time."

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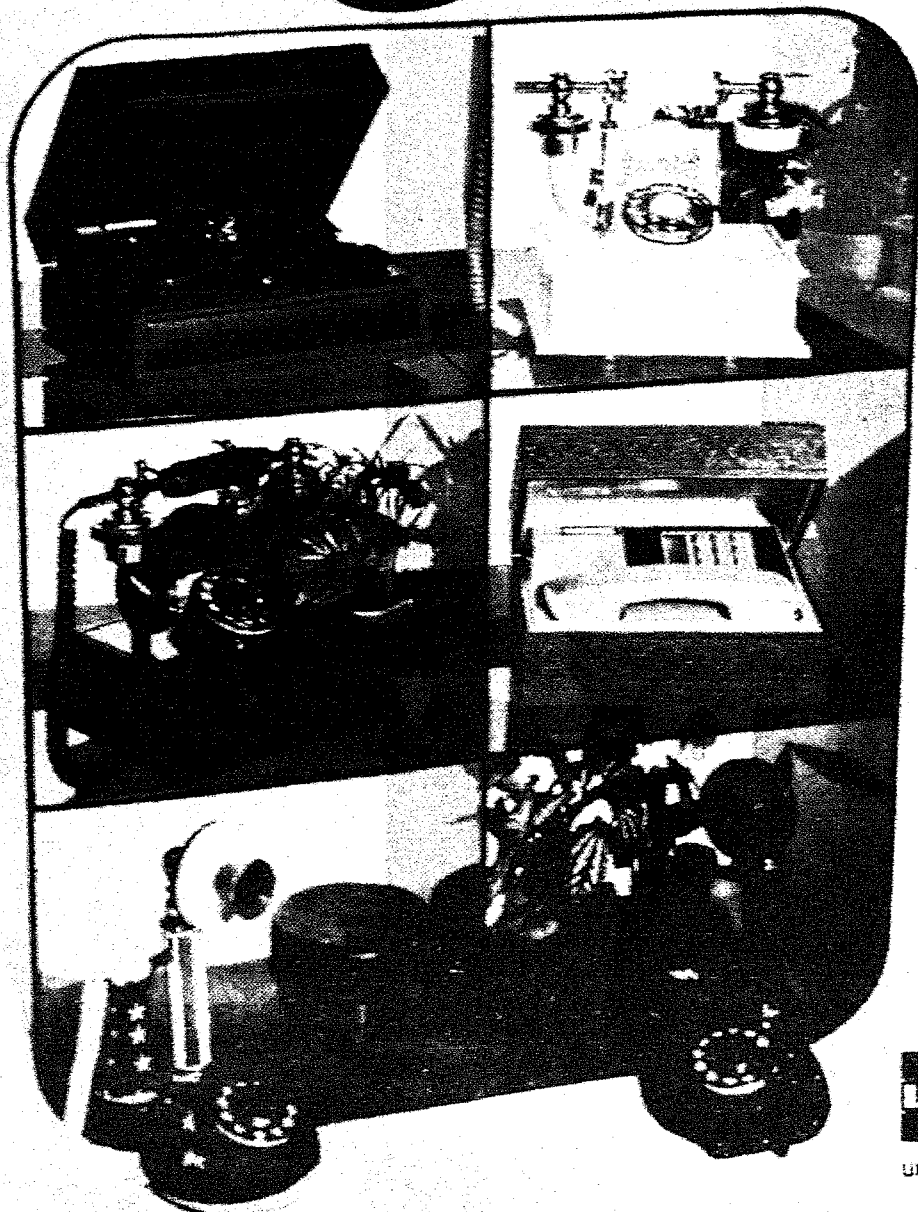
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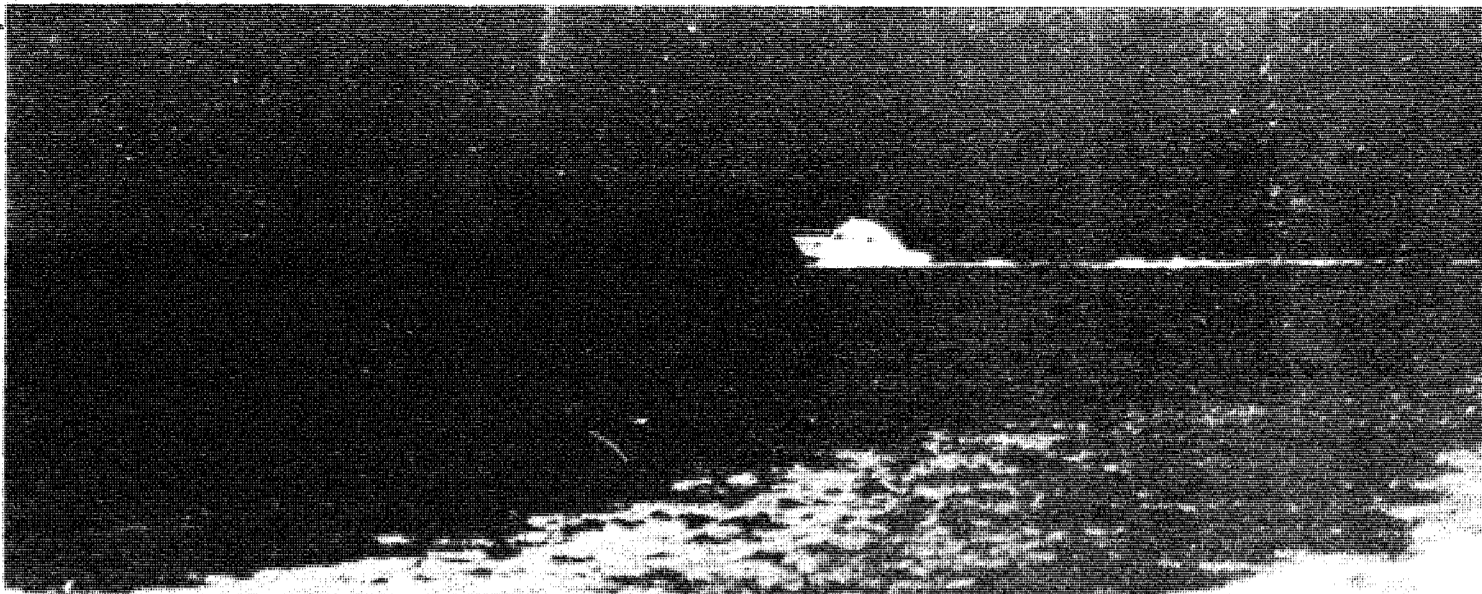


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The following was submitted to the ISLANDER for publication:
 George R. Blake
 Managing Editor
 Fort Myers News Press
 P.O. Box 10
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 Subject: News Press Lawman Award Nomination - Patrolwoman Betty Weir, Sanibel Police Department
 Dear Mr. Blake:

The purpose of this communication is to nominate Patrolwoman Betty Weir, of our Department, for the Fort Myers News Press Lawman Award, in reference to Sanibel Police Department Report 1826-77.

On the night of July 17, at approximately 10:00 p.m., Patrolwoman Weir, who was the lone police officer working on Sanibel, responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the vicinity of the Wegryn Medical Clinic on Sanibel-Captiva Road.

Upon arrival, Patrolwoman Weir observed the rear metal door of the clinic pried open and a male and female inside. She commanded them to vacate the clinic and held both subjects at gunpoint. At this time, the closest

backup police unit was twenty minutes away. She recognized both burglars as known heroin addicts and residents of Sanibel. While being held at gunpoint, the female burglar broke and ran from the scene. Patrolwoman Weir used good judgment in not shooting the fleeing felon, knowing she could be apprehended at a later date. The male subject was still held at gunpoint until backup help arrived. He was then transported to the Lee County Jail. The female was apprehended by our Department approximately sixteen hours later.

With the arrest of these misguided individuals, two burglaries are cleared immediately and evidence at this time indicates subjects are responsible for other home and business burglaries on Sanibel and Captiva.

The professional action taken by Patrolwoman Weir during and after this police incident reflects credit upon the Sanibel Police Department and law enforcement in general.

Sincerely,
 John P. Butler
 Chief of Police

Officer Weir has been nominated for Lawmen of the year award given annually by the Fort Myers News Press at the end of the year.

Police work is not new to officer Betty - before moving to the Island, she was a Detective in New York's Mt. Vernon precinct. "There were 197 men and I was the only woman, she said, so I did everything in police work.

She came down to the Islands on a vacation and moved down permanently almost two years ago.

Officer Weir says that there is a feeling of rapport between the police force and Island residents. On my shift work, I see three different sets of

people - daytime people, social people and those who work from midnight to morn.

Officer Weir's nomination for the coveted designation has met with wholehearted support from other SPD members.

"I hope she gets it, said Don Case, himself a recipient of a News-Press award. "She deserves it."

When not on duty, Officer Weir relaxes by airboating in the Everglades with friends.

What are her plans? Certainly not to leave police work, she says. "There's nothing else I would rather do."

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closed doors and merely awaited scheduled hearings for ceremonial acceptance.

Conflict of interest is also charged in the suit, which claims that members of the planning commission, city council and other task forces failed to file conflict of interest statements "providing them with a motive for improper use of public position."

Specifically named are former Planning Commission Chairman Duane C. White and Commissioner Donald Marshall, whom Sanibel Bayshore Associates says were involved in the promise of land sale and/or the development of a subdivision for profit on the Island.

Mariner properties president Robert Taylor is also cited for conflict of interest because he was a member of the real estate task force and, according to the plaintiffs, the Florida Ethics Committee prohibits a real estate developer to be involved with the formulation of a comprehensive land use plan.

The suit goes on to allege that Mayor Porter Goss and Twink Underhill had a conflict of interest situation because of their part ownership of the Island Reporter.

Sanibel Bayshore Associates also alleges that because WMRT, went over the budget by \$116,000, this money should be returned to the City of

Sanibel. During the public hearings prior to the adoption of the plan, the plaintiffs allege that there was improper notice and improper procedure followed by not allowing individual landowners to speak to the city council in a public hearing about their forthcoming density allotments, but were only able to raise Island-wide issues that pertained to the whole Island.

City attorney Neal Bowen told the ISLANDER that the pleading was too copious and all-inclusive for him to make a comment on it at this time. "I'll have to reserve comment until the response is filed," he said yesterday. "I do intend to recommend that the city engage the services of Ross, Hardies and O'Keefe on this case. Ross, Hardies is a Chicago-based law firm usually employed by the city to handle litigation involving challenges to the comprehensive land use plan.

Acting Mayor Zee Butler said that the lawsuit uses a pretty broad brush to outline charges against the land use plan but feels that there is nothing in the suit that the city can't defend.

Another lawsuit was received by the City of Sanibel yesterday in which the plaintiffs, the MacHails' allege a similar issue - that the change in the density of their property constitutes confiscation of property.

In each case, the city has twenty days to file a response.

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