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## Sanibel police make a drug arrest

Sanibel Police Department officer Lew Phillips arrested five people last Friday morning on possession of marijuana and cocaine. Charged with two counts each in the case were Buzz Murphy, Sanibel; Derek Byron Sylvestry, Miami; Kathleen Jones Moore, North Carolina; Dr. Warner Daniels, Coral Gables; and Charles Stark Hammond, New Jersey.

Murphy is still in Lee County jail because of a parole violation while the other four were released on \$2,500 surety bond posted by a Miami bondsman on Saturday, August 13.

Responding to a call for assistance from Signal Inn co-owner Rick Kennedy in quieting his noisy tenants, Officer Phillips spotted large amounts of marijuana lying on a couch through the open door to the room and arrested the occupants for

possession of contraband. Chief Butler provided Phillips with police backup.

The out-of-towners who, according to Kennedy had called in for a reservation late the day before, each possessed an excessive amount of cash and communications equipment, described by Chief Butler as similar to that used by smugglers to monitor all law enforcement agency transmissions, including those of the Marine Patrol.

SPD also located a notebook containing names of some Islanders, including Murphy's as well as names from across the country.

Signal Inn opened on July first and has operated at near-capacity throughout the summer. Kennedy told the ISLANDER that he is preferring charges against the group, who have returned to the island, for destruction of private property.

## reports of possible IWA purchase

by gwen stevenson and don moody

Amid reports and speculation that a City of Sanibel purchase of the Island Water Association (IWA) may be in the offing, representatives from both groups sat down last week to hammer out the details of a franchise agreement between the two bodies.

At the same time, reports have been circulating that Mariner Properties, Inc., the Islands' largest developer, is considering a separate purchase for all or part of the system — an offer which could interject a new element into the

controversy surrounding the control of the utility.

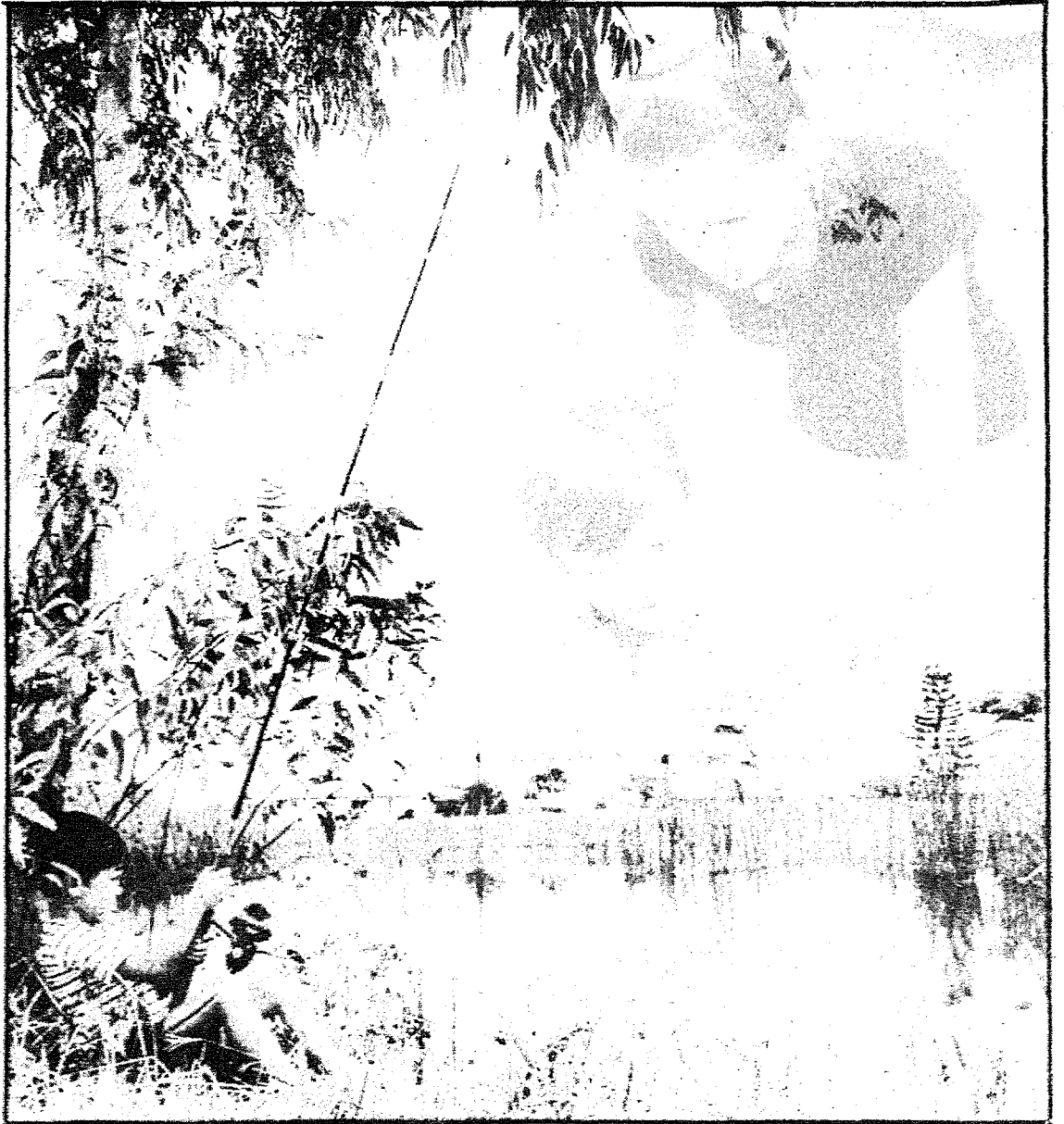
During the Thursday meeting, IWA general manager Larry Snell insisted on inserting a change to make the IWA saleable only at "fair market value."

The proposed agreement had originally stipulated that the IWA would be available for sale to the city at the price of its original installation.

"That would be like giving the company away wholesale," said Snell, "and I'm not going to do that. The IWA has appreciated, not depreciated and is now worth seven million dollars to its members. If it were ever to be sold, people would have to be paid back for their equity."

Snell also said during the meeting that he understood Mariner was interested in controlling the water on Captiva since they use over half of the water on that island anyway, according to Snell, and also have good producing wells on their own property.

Allan Ten Broek, Executive Vice-President for Mariner Properties would neither confirm nor deny the reports that Mariner had been approached to purchase the utility for themselves or to finance the City in its



It's back to the books  
See the special back-to-school section, pages 11-19.

bid for the water company.

Sanibel Acting Mayor Zee Butler said that the reports of Mariner interest in the IWA "are a complete surprise to me" and denied another report that she had met with Mariner officials to discuss the possibility of such a purchase.

"We have a franchise committee that is looking very closely at the whole question of purchase," she said, "but I haven't done any work on the question independent of theirs."

Mrs. Butler, who has been outspoken during City Council meetings about her belief that the City should purchase the system said that she is puzzled by the "turnaround" of IWA officials since the original franchise switch was proposed this spring.

"If you remember," Mrs. Butler pointed out, "it was the IWA Board of Directors who first came to us with the suggestion of taking over the franchise from the county (after a motion had been passed to that effect by the general membership at their annual meeting) and I frankly don't understand their negative attitude at this point."

IWA Board vice-president John Cook again raised the question about the advantages to having the franchise switched. Councilman Bailey replied that the advantages lay in being able to have the SPD enforce IWA regulations when necessary and also increasing cooperation and coordination between

the two groups.

Although city officials have consistently aired the theme of cooperation with the IWA as their goal in the franchise switch, political observers point out that a change in the franchise would lead to city control of water.

"I don't see how a change of franchise would change cooperation," Snell said. "I get along just fine with City Manager Bill Nungester right now." "Running the city is a real headache," he continued, "and running the IWA is a real headache and when you put the two headaches into one head, you have a real problem."

Paul Howe submitted a proposal at the meeting designed to simplify that problem: having the two groups consider a license format instead of a franchise.

"The IWA would receive a license from the County to operate on Captiva and one from the City to operate on Sanibel," Howe explained. "The major difference from a franchise is that it would eliminate the possibility of having another rate-making board."

City attorney Neal Bowen was reluctant to consider the idea of a license on that grounds that he felt the Committee had a clear mandate from the Council to explore the problem strictly from a franchise standpoint.

A report by the Committee will likely be made to the City Council at their next meeting.

### a new paper

An old friend in a new dress. The ISLANDER is the oldest Island newspaper and, though we will continue to report the news fairly and thoroughly, we thought a little dressing up for the occasion was in order. We hope you like it.

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- SANIBEL PLANNING COMMISSION** meets the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Mondays of every month at Sanibel City Hall unless meetings are called. The public is invited.
- FIRE DEPARTMENT** meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7:30, Palm Ridge Road Firehouse.
- SANIBEL-CAPTIVA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION** Board of Directors meets the second Tuesday of each month at 3:30.
- SANIBEL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS** meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the firehouse on Palm Ridge Road.

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- AMERICAN LEGION POST No. 123** - American Legion Home, second Tuesday of the month, 8:00 p.m.
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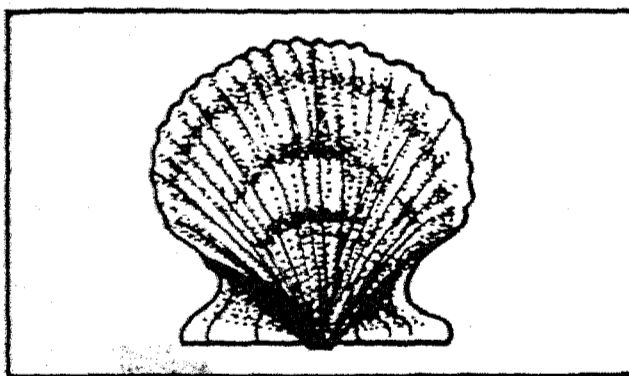
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-s- Max McCord, Chairman, CEPD.

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# Sanibel asks Humphrey to reconsider



In the Sanibel City Council meeting Sanibel Mayor Porter Goss initiated a resolution that passed unanimously requesting County Attorney James T. Humphrey to reconsider his recent decision to resign his position.

Goss hand-delivered the resolution to the county commissioners.

The resolution requested Humphrey's reconsideration because the county attorney has "The fullest respect of the Sanibel City Council and because of the many matters of mutual concern to both city and county still pending."

The resolution specifically named

Sanibel Causeway Bond Revalidation and the litigation involving the access to and ownership of Sanibel's public beaches known alternatively as Turner's and Bowman's.

The council's confidence in Humphrey was echoed by Sanibel City Attorney Neal Bowen who declared that both he and the city's consulting law firms of Ross, Hardies, et. al., had developed a tremendous rapport with Humphrey over the past months.

Humphrey's move on Monday apparently took the county commissioners by surprise. The board also registered great concern about the outcome of the Sanibel Causeway issue

and asked Humphrey to reconsider his decision.

"Although I can't speak for Jim," Mayor Goss told the council, "as his friend I'll be very surprised if he changes his mind. I am very hopeful, however, that he will continue to be involved in an appropriate manner with the Sanibel Issue."

Humphrey has cited both personal and professional reasons for his unexpected resignation and there was speculation in Sanibel Council Chambers that internal staff difficulties in the county attorney's office may have precipitated the decision which Sanibel Vice-Mayor Zella Butler termed, "tragic."

# proposed city budget calls for 3.5 millage

by gwen stevenson

A tax millage of 3.5 has been proposed by City Manager Bill Nungester in the first "incomplete" budget draft presented to the City Council last week.

Of the millage and the \$1.17 million budget, Nungester told Council he felt "reasonably sure, that barring no unforeseen circumstances, revenues will be adequate."

Although this is a drop in millage from 3.75 rate for Sanibel taxpayers, because of the recent property reappraisals, it will have the net effect of higher taxes for the taxpayer, according to Mayor Porter Goss.

He proclaimed himself satisfied with the proposed millage rate at this state of budget process, especially in view of the higher property appraisals. "By lowering the millage, we can ameliorate the higher appraisals somewhat," he said.

In addition to property taxes, which account for approximately 50 per cent of the total funds, Sanibel income is also derived from franchise fees (electric, telephone, cablevision, gargage and trash); licenses and permits, state revenue sharing, grants—which where the city really just acts as a pass-through agency and other miscellaneous sources.

According to Nungester, the city will lose approximately \$75,000 in revenue from off-Island contractors who,

because of a recent state ruling, are no longer required to purchase occupational licenses from Sanibel in order to do business there.

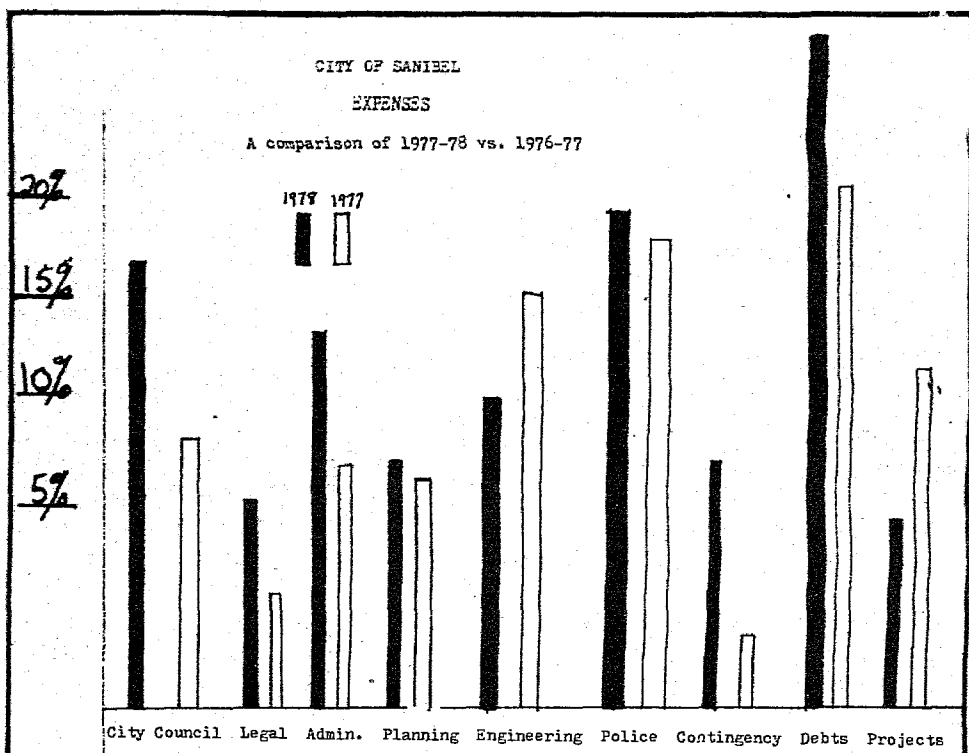
Employee additions scheduled for the next fiscal year include an assistant to the city manager, an engineer, a planning official and a secretary. The Sanibel Police Department has requested additional personnel which, at this stage of the budget, has been eliminated.

Mayor Goss suggested that a second list of priorities be set, such as the jet ranger air ambulance and an additional policeman. Councilman Bailey concurred but indicated that he wouldn't be adverse to setting a slightly higher millage in order to get the job done.

"We still don't know what Lee County is going to do about dual taxation," said Zee Butler.

The tendency from the county standpoint, according to Goss, is that we're going to have to provide our own special services. "I don't see them coming out with a charitable posture on dual taxation," he added.

Of the total budget, department service and police department and city council budgets are approximately equal and account for over half of the proposed budget. (The city council budget includes an allocation, however, of \$125,000 for outside legal



fees as well as provisions for other contractual services placed in their budget because, as Nungester explained, the Council lets out the contracts.)

Administrative services is the recipient of the next largest portion of the budget pie with a total budget of \$142,947 with engineering and public service right behind them at \$120,899.

The planning department accounts for about eight per cent of the total as

does the contingency fund. In-house legal services and projects account for the remainder, about five per cent each.

Nungester stressed that this is an incomplete draft of the budget and could change before the first reading slated for September 12. A special evening public hearing on the budget has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. September 13 in either MacKenzie Hall or the Community Association.

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### Cisterns Deemed Unecomonical By City Engineers

In a special workshop meeting last Monday, the Sanibel Planning Commission heard a report from city consulting engineers, Howard, Needles, Tammen and Bergendoff, on the feasibility of using cisterns on Sanibel to supplement water supplied by the Island Water Association (IWA).

The city had directed the engineering firm to prepare design standards for the construction of cisterns for private domestic use in the area of irrigation particularly.

Based on water use statistics supplied by the IWA, engineer Jack Carman calculated that a 7,500-gallon cistern would be required to store enough rainfall to water a residential yard of 7,000 square feet in area during the six months of the Islands' dry season.

Carman estimated the cost of a 4,000-gallon cistern at between \$3,000 and \$5,000, roughly comparable to the cost of installing a septic tank. He said that such a cistern would only be able to provide adequate irrigation for about 535 square feet of lawn area—far smaller than the average lot size on Sanibel.

"Cisterns just don't seem like an economical way to approach your problem," Carman told the planning commission. "A cistern won't accomplish what you are looking for because the dry season here is too long."

Carman added that while the city should not require Island homeowners to install cisterns, the use of cisterns to supplement IWA water should be encouraged.

Quoting water use figures compiled by IWA, Carman said that the average daily water usage per dwelling unit on Sanibel is 207 gallons per day during the dry season and 181 gallons per day during the traditionally rainy season between May and October.

Assuming that the 26 gallon per day per unit difference goes for irrigation in the dry season, Carman concluded that "there is little use of the Island Water Association supply for irrigation."

"The primary users of irrigation water are the condominiums located

near the Gulf," Carman's report continues. "These users apparently have their own well systems for irrigation."

Carman recommended that the city permit no additional private wells to be drilled for irrigational purposes because "continued use of these wells provides competition with the IWA for the limited supply in the Lower Hawthorn aquifer."

"Until you know the true capacity of that aquifer, I don't think you should let anyone use it except IWA," Carman recommended to the commission.

Carman said that one alternative to the expensive business of providing sufficient water for landscaping uses on the Island would be to eliminate the need to irrigate by requiring Island developers to employ only vegetation which is adaptable to dry season conditions on Sanibel.

"I think we're becoming increasingly profligate in our water usage," remarked Commissioner Betty Robinson in noting a dramatic increase in per unit water usage in recent years as indicated by IWA statistics. "It seems to me that conservation measures are in order."

In a related attempt to reduce the amount of potable water used for irrigation on Sanibel, the planning commission agreed last week to recommend that the city council amend Sanibel's comprehensive land use plan to permit the disposal of treated sewage effluent by spray irrigation, provided that the level of sewage treatment meets all standards imposed by the Department of Environmental Regulation for safe spray irrigation.

The planning commission's next meeting is slated for Monday, August 29.

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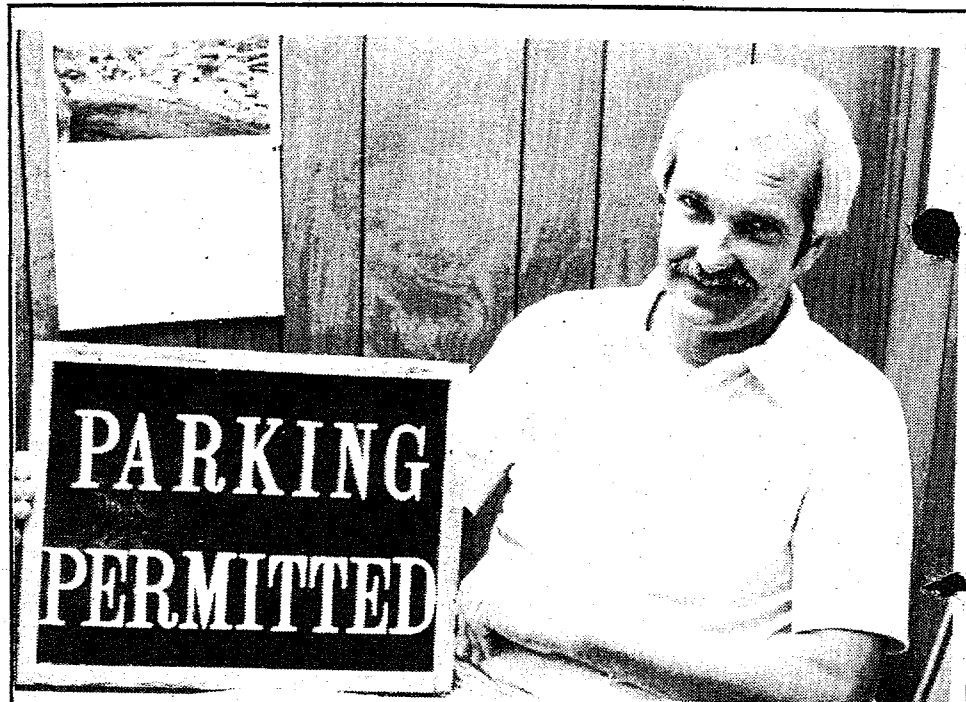
### Parking Ban to be Eased Near Easements

In response to Islanders' complaints over insufficient parking near beach access points along West Gulf Drive, the City of Sanibel is planning to institute an experimental project to provide limited parking along West

Gulf Drive in the near future, City Manager Bill Nungester revealed last week.

Nungester said that the city will bring down "No Parking" signs and will permit limited parking in the vicinity of various public easements to the beach once the location of public easements has been determined.

According to Nungester, the current



John Goode, director of Sanibel's Department of Public Services, unveils a sign which many Islanders have been hoping to see for quite some time.

Goode said last week that six of these signs are ready to be erected along West Gulf Drive as soon as the city can determine the locations of recorded public easements to the beach in that area.

The city was forced to halt parking along West Gulf Drive last year because of complaints from area residents.

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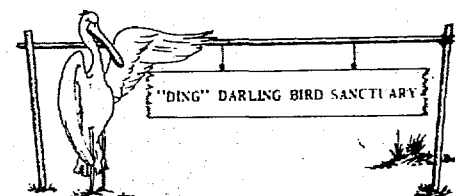
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problem is determining which of the numerous beach easements along West Gulf Drive are public and which are private, as many of the easements are clouded by uncertainties surrounding the legality of their conveyance to the public.

John Goode, director of the city's Department of Engineering and Public Services, has already prepared six "Parking Permitted" signs to be erected along the road as soon as the location of public beach easements can be clarified.

"We will attempt to put those signs in locations where parking will not interfere with the rights of private homeowners," Goode said last week.

He indicated that the signs will probably be installed adjacent to the undeveloped parcels of land along West Gulf Drive.

Goode said he could not estimate how much parking area this will provide without knowing the location and number of public easements along the road.

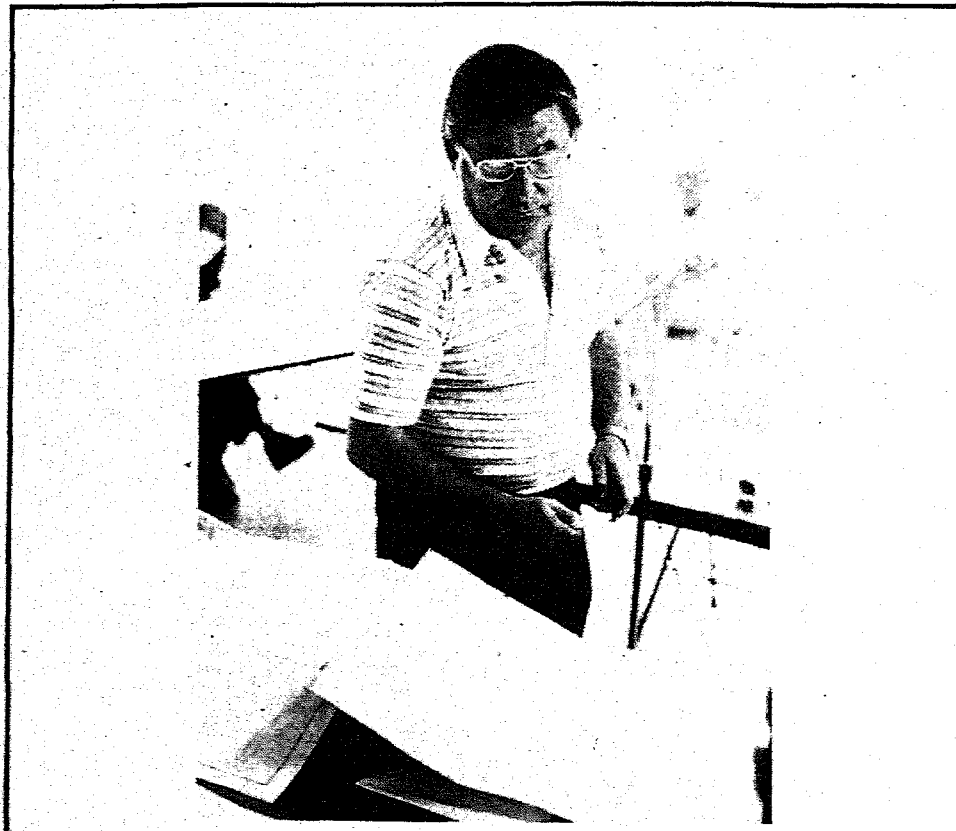
Goode added that he expects the location of public easements to be determined and the experimental parking signs to be erected by early September.

## Commercial Expansion Denied; Canopy Approved

The Sanibel City Council voted last Tuesday to deny Islander John Kontinos permission to expand the Island Shopping Center at the corner of Periwinkle Way and Tarpon Bay Road, despite strong arguments in favor of the request offered by both members of the city council and members of the public.

Kontinos had proposed to expand the Islands' central shopping facility onto a 5-acre immediately south of the existing shopping center. He said that the proposed increase was necessary primarily to enable the expansion of Bailey's General Store, the Islands' full-service supermarket, which Kontinos, Francis Bailey and many other Islanders claim has become too small to comfortably accommodate the growing numbers of people who squeeze into the building to shop for groceries and hardware during the peak of the tourist season as well as the other times of the year.

Kontinos' preliminary plans for the proposed expansion called for the creation of up to 12 new shops in the shopping center, as well as a new



Islander John Kontinos' plea for city permission to expand the Island Shopping Center at the corner of Periwinkle Way and Tarpon Bay Road was denied last Tuesday by a unanimous vote of the city council.

Kontinos argued that the proposed expansion is necessary to enable the expansion of Bailey's General Store, which has become increasingly clogged with shoppers as more and more visitors flock to the Islands.

Councilman Francis Bailey, owner and manager of Bailey's Store, abstained from voting on the matter.

were to permit any commercial uses in Sanibel's sensitive interior wetland areas.

The accuracy of the city's ecological zones map has been questioned, however, and the city is currently working to revise the map to conform to actual conditions of land on Sanibel.

A preliminary revision of the ecological zones for Kontinos' property was presented to the council for use in judging the request last Tuesday, although the revised map indicated that much of the site would still be classified as wetlands under the terms of the land use plan.

Kontinos questioned the accuracy of the revision last Tuesday, saying that the entire 5-acre parcel could not be wetlands as the area has long been altered by filling and clearing.

The council, however, was asked

building for Bailey's store and additional parking at the site.

To effect his proposal, Kontinos was forced to apply for a specific amendment to Sanibel's comprehensive land use plan in the attempt to extend his commercial zoning for the site to the 5-acre area south of the shopping center.

The request posed a difficult problem for the city council because the area immediately south of the shopping center is currently classified as interior wetlands in the ecological zones map upon which the land plan's development guidelines are founded. City consulting attorneys have warned the council that the plan's foundation could be legally jeopardized if the city

only to consider expanding the commercial zoning in that area. Thus far, the city has consistently turned down all requests for increased commercial zoning on Sanibel.

"I'm much opposed to expanding the commercial area at this time because I believe it should be done on an Island-wide basis," stated Vice-Mayor Zee Butler in paraphrasing the city's policy with respect to commercial zone designations in the plan.

"To enlarge only one commercial area and give no consideration to the others might be regarded as preferential treatment," added Councilman Duane White. "We're in litigation over the commercial designations already."

"The people on the Islands need expanded facilities where they can shop for groceries, especially in the winter," argued Councilman Francis Bailey, owner and manager of Bailey's General Store.

"There's no other commercial area on this Island large enough for a full-service grocery store," Bailey added, "and this has always been the central shopping area."

"Building a parking lot to accommodate the peak of the tourist season is like building a church for Easter," responded Vice-Mayor Butler.

"I think Bailey's needs can be accommodated in another way without building 12 new shops in there to complicate the parking problem," she added.

"It's definitely needed," said Paul Howe in behalf of Kontinos' request. "I think it's better to concentrate the commercial in one area rather than proliferate spot zoning."

Ultimately, the council voted 4 to 0 not to approve the requested specific amendment necessary to permit the proposed expansion. Because of his personal interest in the matter, Councilman Bailey abstained from voting.

In another hearing Tuesday afternoon, the council voted unanimously to approve a specific amendment to the plan requested by Kontinos to permit the construction of a canopy over the entrance to the Coconut Grove Restaurant in the Island Shopping Center.

The council also voted unanimously last Tuesday to grant Fred White a specific amendment to permit the construction of a single-family home in the Sanibel Isles Subdivision, while hearing a first reading of a specific amendment requested by Robert York to permit the construction of a single-family home on two contiguous lots off of Casa Ybel Road in the Sanibel Highlands Subdivision.

A second hearing and final action on York's request is scheduled for September 12 at 4:00 p.m.

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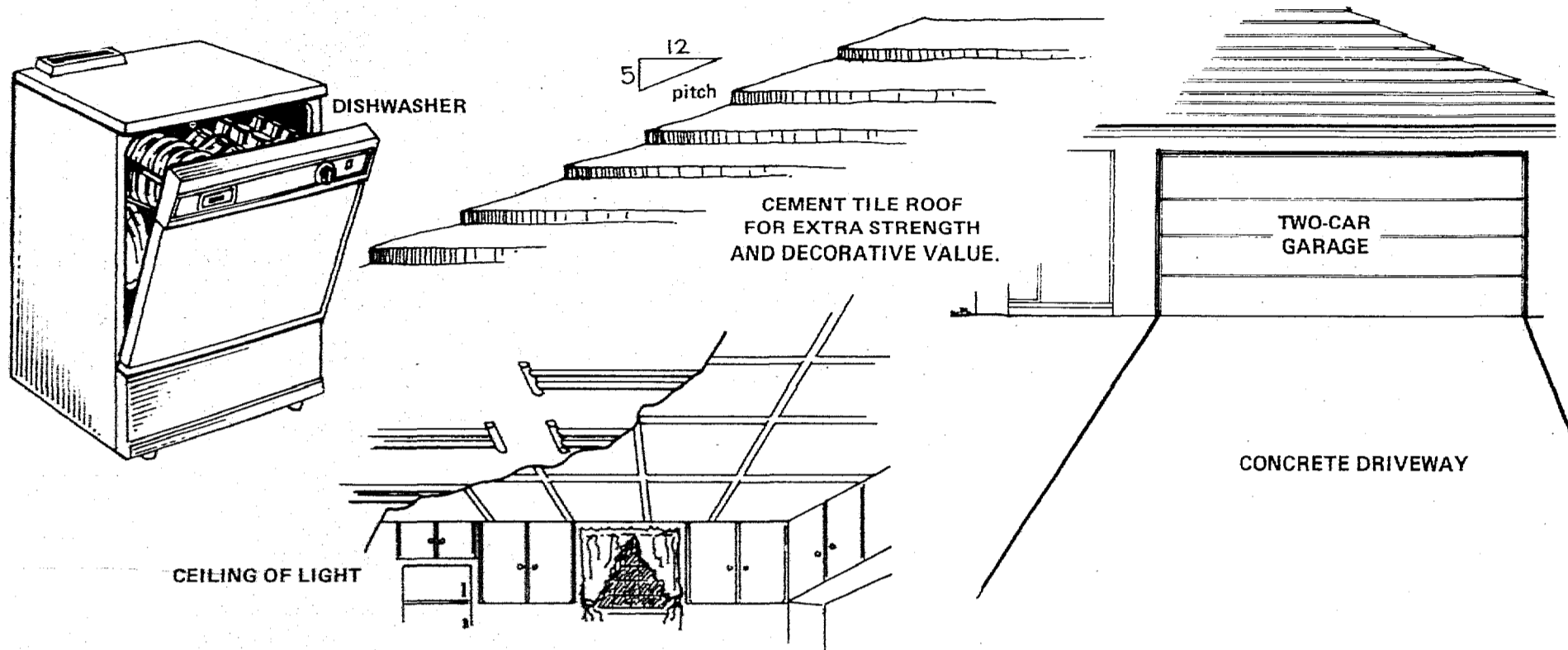
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# commentary

In a move that has been accorded adjectives ranging from surprising to tragic, County Attorney James T. Humphrey has announced his intention to resign his post. The move, coming as it does in the midst of important litigation involving the Islands, prompts a reflection on the role of bureaucratic law and the individuals who practice it.

The attorney for a governmental body, be it city, county or state, gets it in the neck from each of two major directions: the public whose servant he nominally is, and the governing group who hires him and eliminates him, whose employee he actually is.

"Unless you're the type who likes to see himself on TV every night," a Fort Myers lawyer commented recently, "I have no idea why anyone would want the job."

Amen.

Humphrey does not appear to be a glory-seeker and one can imagine that for those who fill these positions the motivation must be a combination of community achievement, for the challenges and the results of the jobs they do are highly visible, as well as the dubious benefit of "making a name" that will pay off, as it has in Humphrey's case, with an appointment to a well-known law firm.

The salaries available to those in the jobs are rarely, if ever, comparable to what a lawyer such as Humphrey can make in regular practice. And, a county attorney has only one client: the county. Should he offend his one client, he could, in short order, be on the street looking for a job with little or no backup in the way of a client list.

The taxpayer must also wonder if he is getting his dollar's worth from "his" attorney.

Nor are civic governments alone with this problem. The military is plagued with the problem in its judge advocate's system—so much so that there have been rumblings over the past five years to remove the sag entirely from the military system because of a multitude of problems where a military lawyer's orders from his commanding officer vary considerably from his concept of the law. That seems to be an eminently workable idea.

There are arguments on both sides of the fence for in-house attorneys, but an equitable solution seems to be the one chosen by the City of Fort Myers. They retain an independent counsel, knowledgeable in municipal law, freeing the lawyer from the burden of public and bureaucratic pressures and giving the city, when necessary, the advantage of more than one opinion. This

also reduces the pressure on any one individual.

While the hourly rate of a law firm would seem to be initially higher than that occasioned by an in-house lawyer, the cost of losing a municipal or county attorney at a critical stage in a court battle must be weighed against the cost. Outweighing the legal fee always looms the cost to the locality that the loss of litigation such as the Sanibel Causeway Bond re-validation means for the residents.

Nolo contendere.

*Am. Legion fish fry*


The American Legion will hold its annual Sunday-before-Labor Day Fish Fry at the American Legion home on Sanibel-Captiva Road this year. The fun begins at 12 noon and finishes at 4:30 p.m. or whenever they

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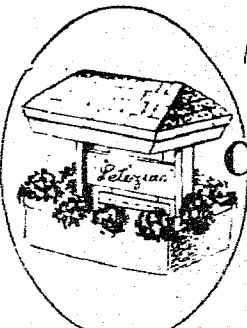
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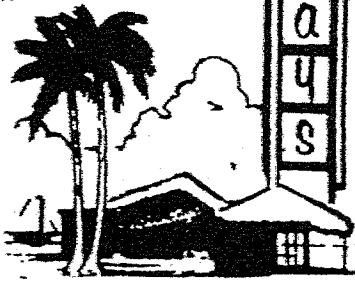

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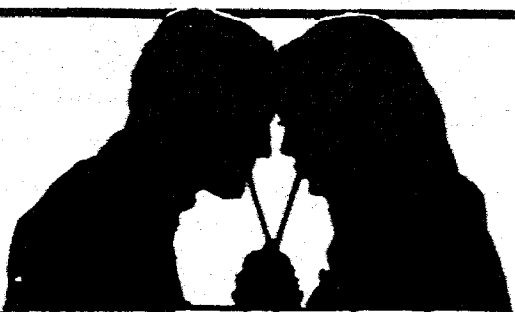
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# food for thought

by julie gray

Once upon a time, three years ago in Westfield, N.J., in a fourth grade classroom, my daughter Amy added to my huge collection of cookbooks with perhaps one of my favorites of all time.

It can best be described as a limited edition, as perhaps only 40 copies were printed and then the plates were destroyed forever! It was, however, an annual effort as my daughter Kathy had also been part of such a project several years before.

I frequently find myself turning the few pages of this select volume and will share some of its delights with you.

I feel that being involved in producing this book has helped to lead the way to a probable career in the food field for at least one of my daughters.

Being the children of a mother who is so involved with food on a daily basis has both advantages and disadvantages.

The chief problem is that "you're always in the kitchen, Mom, and we can't get there!

The advantages seem to outweigh the problems, however. According to daughter Kathy, 14, "I just love to cook. It makes me feel real good when I look at what I've made. I don't want to stop cooking ever!"

Amy, 12, considers cooking to be like a sport. She giggled as she said, "It's fun to chop. I like the rythm of cutting up all the stuff and not cutting off my fingers!"

Kathy is already planning a career in the food field. She has her eyes set on attending possibly Florida Atlantic

University for a course in Hotel and Restaurant Administration and Management.

"I want to supply the best food in the world to people," she says. "I like food to look pretty and to take charge of a kitchen and do the whole dinner. Cooking is like making a pretty picture to me."



Amy is not sure if she'll enter the food service field professionally yet for as she says "I like most just being Amy Gray."

## AMY GRAY'S HAMBURGER CHOP SUEY

1-2 lbs. chopped beef (even grind left overs for this)  
1 medium onion  
1 bunch of celery sliced  
1 can bean sprouts (optional)  
1 green pepper and 1 or more fresh tomatoes if available  
soy sauce  
1 bouillion cube dissolved in 1 cup water  
1 Tblsp. cornstarch

In a wok or else in a large frying pan brown chopped beef, drain fat and remove to a dish.

Add little bit of cooking oil (about 1 tablespoon) and saute quickly the green vegetables for about one minute at high heat. They will just start to cook. Add ground beef and soy sauce, bouillion, fresh tomato if desired and thicken with the cornstarch which has been diluted in a little water.

Serve on a bed of white rice. More vegetables can be added. This recipe can be increased as you wish or decreased accordingly. As it serves 6 people easily.

A young lad from Greece contributed the recipe for "Greek Lasagna" called:

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Cream sauce

6 Tblsp. butter  
¾ cup flour  
1 quart hot milk  
2 tsp salt  
3 eggs

Melt butter in saucepan. Add flour and cook, stirring until mixture is golden. Gradually stir in hot milk. Cook stirring constantly, until sauce is smooth and thickened. Stir in salt and set aside to cool. When partly cool, stir in eggs, lightly beaten.

## MAIN DISH

2 onions chopped  
4 Tblsp. butter  
2 lbs. ground meat (lamb or beef)  
dash of cinnamon  
salt and pepper  
½ cup water  
2 Tblsp. tomato paste  
1 lb. elbow macaroni  
2 eggs beaten  
1 Tblsp. salt  
grated cheese  
1 cup raisins (optional)  
Cream sauce from above recipe

Saute onions in butter until golden. Add meat and cook stirring until meat is browned. Add cinnamon and salt and pepper to taste. Add water and tomato paste and cook for five minutes. Cook macaroni according to directions on package. Drain and rinse. When luke warm, add eggs and one Tblsp. salt to the macaroni and mix well. Put half the macaroni in a buttered 9 x 13 x 2 inch pan and sprinkle generously with grated cheese. Add meat mixture and sprinkle with cheese. Add remaining macaroni and sprinkle with cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes. Top with cream sauce, sprinkle with cheese and bake for 30 minutes longer or until well browned. Serve with green salad.

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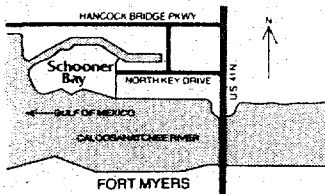
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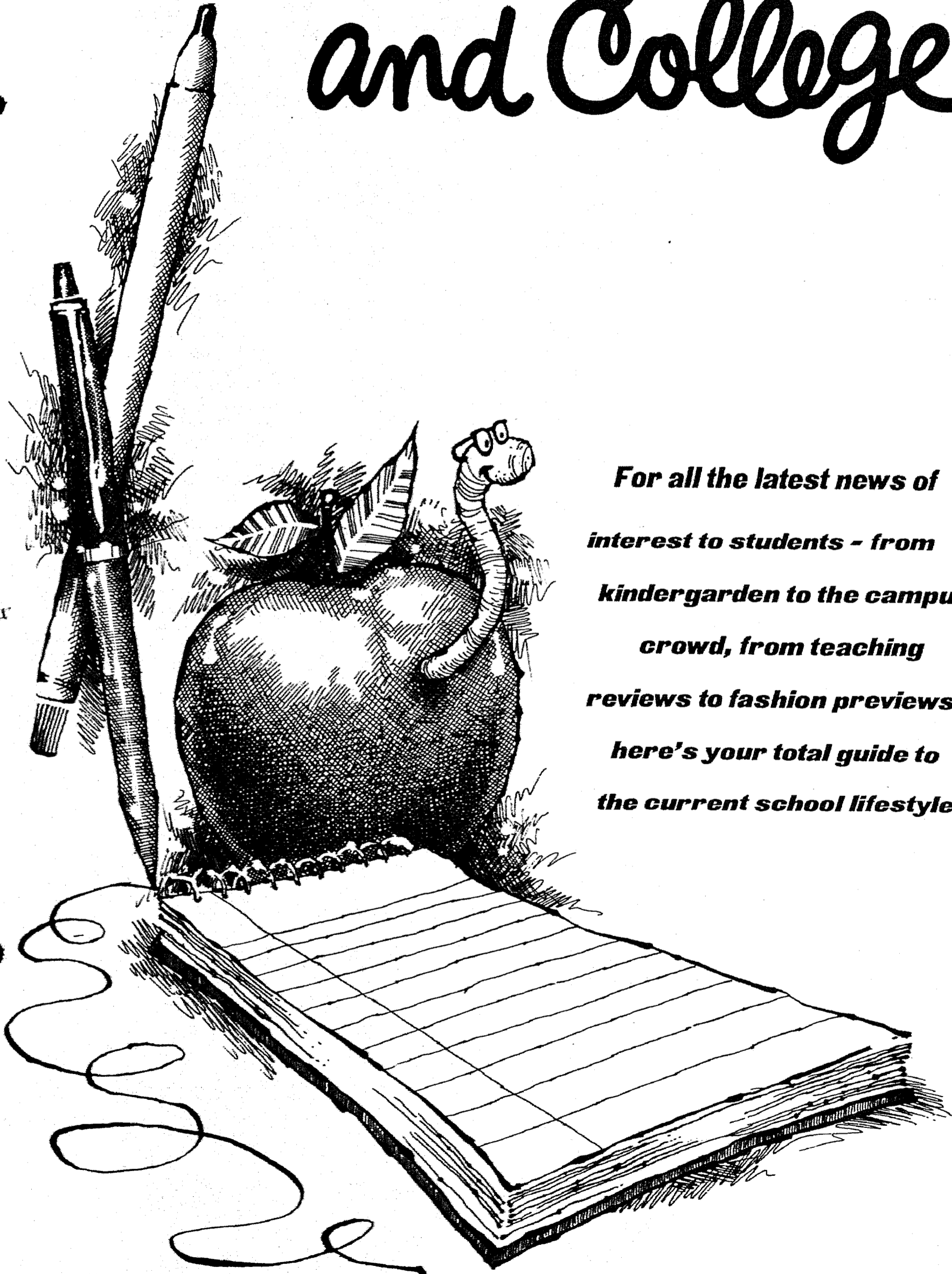
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# elementary school has new principal

"A dream come true" is how Charles Wainwright, Sanibel Elementary school's new principal describes his move to the Islands.

All my friends asked, "Why are they sending you to Sanibel? What did you do wrong?" Wainwright said, "and were astonished that I came by choice."

If their personal plans come to fruition, the Wainwrights will be fulltime Island residents this fall and Wainwright will be the first fulltime non-teaching, resident principal.

Being part of the community and having a staff who is part of the Island community is high on Wainwright's list of priorities. He has already consulted with Mayor Porter Goss and plans to back him 100 per cent on the bike paths.

"With the prospective addition of a new multipurpose room and sports complex, more kids will be coming here for activities, he said "and we need to have them come safely."

One important improvement already underway is moving the lunchroom inside the air conditioned school so both children and teachers will be able to enjoy their noontime breaks under more sanitary conditions.

"I feel the children will return to the classroom in a better frame of mind," Wainwright commented.

A cablevision system in the school is also on the new principal's priority list. He sees the children producing their own plays and putting them on tape as well as being able to exchange

programs from other school systems around the country.

He also sees the learning aid as a step in the education needs geared to the individual student rather than to a group.

Wainwright has plans to tap the community for its resources. "I would like to keep a file of some of the talented people on the Islands as resource people," he said, indicating that this might be another use for a cable TV system.

"The specialists could put their talks on tapes and they would be saved not only for Sanibel's use but also for use in other systems.

He is excited about all the Islands as a resource center. "There's so much here that even local children haven't been through," he said, comparing the situation to children who live in New York and never see the Statue of Liberty.

Peggy Wainwright, who holds a Master's degree in education, will serve as a media specialist at the school allowing the library to be open each day instead of once a week as it has been in previous years. She will also function as a guidance counselor on an ongoing basis and will work with gifted and exceptional children.

Charles Wainwright holds both a bachelor's and master's degree from the University of Florida and received a specialist's degree in administration from the University of Southern Florida. He joined the Lee County School System in 1959 and comes to Sanibel after 10 years as



Charles Wainright, Jr. school's new principal

principal of Edison Park Elementary School in Fort Myers. He has been an industrial arts teacher at elementary middle and high school levels and served for three years as principal of a

Jacksonville school before moving south.

In their spare time, the Wainwrights can be found enjoying boating and fishing on local waters.



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Chief Butler has advised the ISLANDER that there will be no warnings issued to motorists who do not obey the school bus laws. Citations will be issued for any violation.

Butler also said that all available police personnel will be working during the opening of school next Monday, August 29 and during the hours when children are travelling to and from school.

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August 30  
Spaghetti—Meat Sauce, Buttered Broccoli, Tossed Salad, Cheddar Bread, Orange Juice, Milk.  
+Hamburger Sandwich

August 31  
Chicken Salad-Lettuce,

Tomato Wedges, Buttered Peas & Carrots, Banana Bread, Ice Cream, Milk.  
+Beatnik

September 1  
Minute Steaks, Mashed Potato—Gravy, Hodge Podge Salad, Hot Roll, Fruited Jello, Milk.  
+Salisbury Steak

September 2  
Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Deviled Egg Half, French Fries, Tomato Wedges, Buttered Green Beans, No Bake Cookie, Milk.  
+Ham Sandwich

September 5  
(Holiday)

September 6  
Meatballs, Rice—Tomato Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Cornbread, Orange Juice, Milk.  
+Fishburger

September 7  
Pizza, Buttered Corn, Coleslaw, Mixed Fruit, Milk.  
+Assorted Sandwiches

September 8  
Oven Fried Chicken, Mashed Potato—Gravy,

Buttered Carrots, Apple Waldorf Salad, Cranberry Bread, Milk.

September 9  
BBQ Beef on Bun, Tri Taters, Buttered Spinach, Peanut Butter Bar, Milk  
+Hamburger—Bun

September 12  
Macaroni & Cheese, Baked Sausage, Tossed Salad, Turnip Greens, Cornbread, Chocolate Ice Cream, Milk.  
+Assorted Sandwiches

September 13  
LATIN AMERICAN MENU  
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Cheeseburger—Bun, Steamed Potato, Lettuce Tomatoe, Carrot Sticks, Orange Pudding Cake, Milk.  
+Fishburger

September 15  
Chicken & Noodles, Buttered Mix

Vegetables, Tomato Wedges, Cheese Stick, Biscuit, Peach Cobbler, Milk.  
+Spanish Rice—Meat

September 16  
Weiner Winks, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Applesauce, Peanut Butter Bars, Milk.  
+Grilled Cheese Sandwich

September 19  
Fish Cheese Burger—Bun, French Fries, Buttered Broccoli, Apple Wedge, Milk.  
+Corn Beef on Whole Wheat

September 20  
Meatloaf, Rice—Gravy, Buttered Carrot Coins, Slice Tomato Salad, 1/2 Bread & Butter Sand., Pineapple Upside Down Cake, Milk.  
+Bologna Sandwich

September 21  
Beatnik, Perfection Salad with O.J. Concentrate, Buttered Peas, Raisin Cup, Sugar Cookie, Milk.  
+Chicken Salad Sandwich

September 22  
Corndog, Tater Tots, Marinated Salad, Banana, Milk  
+Pizzaburger

September 23  
Beef Noodle Casserole, Buttered Carrots, 1/2 Peanut Butter Sand. on Whole Wheat Bread, Tossed Salad, Orange Juice Bar, Milk  
+BBQ Beef—Bun

September 26  
Pigs-in-a-Blanket, Buttered Corn, Tater Tots, Coleslaw, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Milk.  
+Creamed Chicken—Biscuit

September 27  
Hamburger—Bun, French Fries, Lettuce-Tomato-Pickle, Spice Cake, Chilled Peaches, Milk.  
+Cheeseburger—Bun

September 28  
STUDENT PLANNED MENU

September 29  
Beefaroni, Buttered Spinach, Tossed Salad with tomato, French Bread, Applesauce, Milk.  
+Ham & Cheese Sandwich

September 30  
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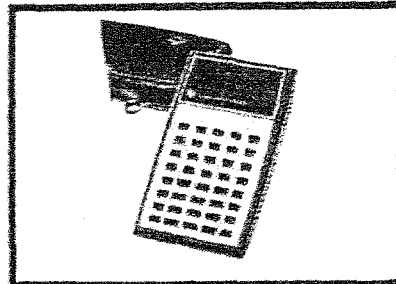
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# in your opinion...

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Our question and their responses are as follows:

*Are you excited about returning to school next week?*



"Yes, because we'll do work and we can learn how to read"...Ava Purdy, age 6.

"Yes, because I'm going to be in second grade and I'll have a new teacher"...Julie Santamaria, age 6.



"Yes, because I like my teachers and it's fun"...Margy Juhle, age 10.



"Yes, because the summer was boring. I want to get back to school to see my friends and make new friends I never had before"...Jackie Later, age 11.



"Yes, because the teachers think I'm a good reader. I also like Math a lot"...Jenni Muench, age 6.



"Yes. I like school because you get to do Math and I like to read"...Cheri Atkins, age 8.

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# in your opinion...

Do you look forward to your children going back to school.



Yes. They're bored.  
Sharon Brown, Indianapolis, Ind.



Yes, I guess so. I enjoy having them home for the summer but its time they go back so they can get their education.  
Charlie Brown, Fort Myers



Not really. They don't want to go.  
Mrs. John Litehfield, Baltimore, Md.



Yes. It gives me more freedom. They're happy to go back and that makes me happy - if they're happy.  
Asheri Engelman, N. Miami Beach.



Yes and no.  
Marcello Lobo, Ontario, Canada



Yes. I think they're ready to go back after a summer of busy activity.  
Bob O'May, Naperville, Ill.

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2. Please call your school for information on time and stops.

3. Students attending out of their areas will be required to provide their own transportation.

Private - Parochial schools call school office for times and bus numbers.

## REGULAR SCHOOLS

**Sanibel Elementary** [starting time 8:00 a.m.]

Bus #221 - 6:50 a.m. South Seas Plantation: Sanibel-Captiva Rd. & Wiles, Tween Waters Inn, Moss Driveway, Whiteman's, Wulfert Rd., Sea Belle Rd., Jamaica Dr., Gulf Pines, Belding Dr. - Rabbit Rd. & Gulf Realty - Gulf Dr. & Rabbit Rd., Lake Murex Blvd., Island Inn, Shalimar, Caribe Adventure - Casa Ybel & Sanibel Cottages, Ocean Reach, Highlands - Periwinkle Way & Casa Ybel Rd. - Dixie Beach Blvd. & Woodring Point, Stilson residence, Gumbo Limbo,

Periwinkle Way & Sanibel Estates, Bailey Store.

Bus #159 - 7:30 a.m. Causeway Rd. & Mariner Pointe: Lindgren Blvd. & Whelk Dr. - Gulf Dr. at the Colony - Periwinkle Way & Gulf Dr., Schooner Rd., Anchor Dr., Limpet, Standard Station - Donax Rd. at turn around - Periwinkle Way & Sanibel Inn - Captiva Rd. at Gavin's Old Place.

Cypress Lake Middle - Start time 9:00 a.m.

Bus #221 - 6:55 a.m. South Seas Plantation: Island Store - Captiva Post Office - Tween Waters Inn - Price residence - Wightman House - Castaways - Wulfert Rd. - Bowman's Beach Rd. - Watterson House - Jamaica Dr. - Gulf Pines Dr. - Rabbit Road at Surf Realty, at Gavin residence - Gulf Dr. & Rabbit Rd. - Kontinos house - Gulf Dr. at West Rocks - Clements' house - Gulf Dr. - West Winds Motel - Island Inn Motel - Shalimar - Gulf Dr. & Tarpon Bay Rd. - Periwinkle Way at Bailey store - Hunter house - Sanibel Lake Estates - Periwinkle Way Casa Ybel Rd. - Dixie Beach Blvd. & Woodring Point, Bunting house - Periwinkle Way & Sanibel Inn - Donax at turn

around - Periwinkle Way & Standard Station - Winkle Rd & Bass Circle.

Bus #159 - 8:10 a.m. Lindgren Blvd. & Whelk Dr. Gulf Dr. - Gulf Dr. & Blue Heron - Periwinkle Way & Gulf Dr., Schooner Pl., Anchor Dr. - Causeway Rd. at Mariner Pointe - McGregor Blvd. & Punta Rassa - McGregor Blvd. at Port Comfort Rd. - Shell Point Village - McGregor Blvd. & Davis Rd., Jacaranda, Thornton Rd., Gabriel Dr., Griffin, Bay Dr, 7-11 store.

## DOUBLE SESSION SCHOOLS

Cypress Lake High School, Start time: 7:20 a.m. 1st session - Grade 11-12.

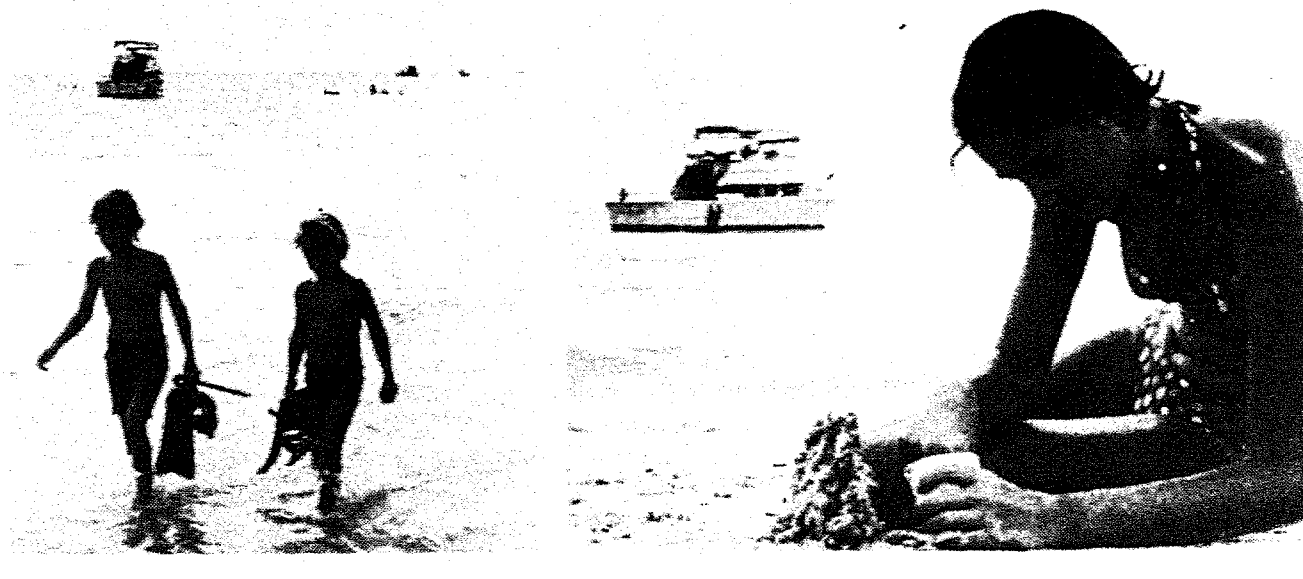
Bus #159 - 6:00 a.m. South Seas Plantation: Munson Dr. & Island Store, Captiva Post Office - Sanibel-Captiva Rd. & Bowman's Beach Rd., Watterson House - Rabbit Rd. & Gavins, just before Gulf Dr. - Gulf Dr. & Kontinos house, Rocks east, Jolly Roger Motel, Island Inn Motel - Periwinkle Way & Tarpon Bay Rd. (Bailey's), Hunter house - Dixie Beach Blvd. & Woodring Point, Gumbo Limbo - Periwinkle Way & Sanibel Inn - Donax & turn around - Periwinkle

Way & Scotty's, Standard Station - Lindgren Blvd. & Whelk Dr. - Periwinkle Way and Gulf Dr., Anchor Dr. - Mariner Pointe - McGregor Blvd. and Punta Rassa, Watson house (Iona).

Cypress Lake High School - Start time: 12:00 noon. 2nd session Grades 9-10

Bus #224 - 10:30 a.m. South Seas Plantation: Munson Dr. & Island Store, Captiva Post Office - Sanibel-Captiva Rd. & Whiteman house, Wulfert Rd., Bowman's Beach Rd., Watterson house - Rabbit Rd. & Surf Realty, Gavin residence - Gulf Dr. & Kontinos house, E. Rock Dr., West Rocks, Blue Dolphin Inn, Jolly Roger Motel, Island Inn Motel, Hurricane Motel, Tarpon Bay Rd., Shalimar Motel, West Winds Motel - Periwinkle Way & Tarpon Bay Rd. - Tarpon Bay Marina & Palm Ridge - Periwinkle Way & Hunter house, Sanibel Estates, Casa Ybel Rd. - Dixie Beach Blvd. & Woodring Point, Gumbo Limbo, Bunting house - Periwinkle Way & Sanibel Inn - Donax at turn around - Periwinkle Way & Scotty's Pub, Standard Station - Lindgren Blvd. & Whelk Dr. - Gulf Dr. & Sanibel Arms West, Blue Heron - Periwinkle Way & Gulf Dr. Schooner Place, Anchor Dr. - Mariner Pointe on Causeway Rd. - McGregor Blvd. & Port Comfort Marina - Shell Point Village.

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# outdoors

## on the water by mike fuery

As most schoolagers will be rediscovering in a few days, the dread of returning to classes is much worse than actually sitting down at the desk on the first day.

Fall seems to be a time when many of us get to looking at lists of night school courses, college extension classes, etc., to perhaps study something new to us.

It's also a time when boating courses are opened and I have some rather firm ideas about the relationship between the knowledge and use of boats in connection with these courses.

There is really only one requirement for having and running a boat: the ability to buy one. If a person wants to purchase a twin-engine airplane for instance, they still won't be able to fly it without taking the necessary instruction and passing a series of licenses.

But a guy with \$80,000 can walk into a boat showroom, pick out a 40-foot cruiser—just as difficult to handle as the airplane—and step aboard to power it off into the Gulf. No questions asked except of the credit bureau.

If you are around the water often

enough, you will see the same incidents on a smaller scale. It happened to me the other day when a couple tried to bring their new boat into the dock and had a rather difficult time of it. They had gone to a discount boat dealer and bought the biggest boat they could afford—a 22-footer—and the dealer had dropped the boat in the water at the ramp near the Sanibel Causeway.

The dealer's responsibility was over at that point. He waved good-bye to the couple who had no idea of how far it was to Captiva, or how to navigate nor was there a chart aboard. All they knew was to follow the markers up Pine Island Sound.

Fortunately for couples such as these, the U.S. Coast Guard and the Power Squadron offer free courses around the county for new boaters. They also have advanced instruction, going beyond the introduction classes.

Here are a few thoughts about the two organizations. I've taken one course and sat in on the other. I feel they are very helpful and I also think they should be mandatory. In other words, before you can buy and

operate the boat, I feel you should take and pass the lessons in Rules of the Road, navigation, boating safety and related studies in boating.

Sure, it would cut down on boat sales for a short time, but the first graduation of boaters would soon take up the brief lag in sales.

Now, that would take care of the "book learning" or theory instruction for boaters, but there is something the courses now offered are missing. That is practical boat handling experience under a qualified instructor.

You can read all the material and pass all the tests in the boating world, but when it comes to docking in a tight situation with the wind blowing you one way and the current the other—now that takes personal experience or someone standing behind you telling you how to work the boat.

In other words, I would like to see all Auxiliary and Power Squadron graduates get two hours of actual boat handling experience after they have learned the basic rules of proper boating. It could be set up in quiet waters and patterned after a

automobile drivers training course. It could teach docking, backing into a slip, boat engine checks and the proper way to secure a boat to pilings or a dock.

I can hear the groans out there now and someone is saying, "I know all that. I've been boating for years." I know you've been boating for years and the bow of your boat has the nicks out of the fiberglass to prove it!

And someone else is saying, "He's done it this time. Telling me I don't know how to handle my own boat. Telling me I should go back to school."

While you are saying that, don't forget to tell that youngster of yours why it's important for him to start school in a couple of weeks, but not for you to start or continue your education in boating.

Have a good week on the water and for you students out there—remember the Christmas break is only around the corner.

(Mike Fuery is captain of Captiva Charters offering sailing and fishing out of Tween waters Marina, Captiva, Fla.)

## a sporting chance

by bill covington

Hi, Sports fans!

The St. Louis Cardinals have never been known to play a ballgame on Sanibel or Captiva, but that doesn't mean that S.E. Freund and Julie can't pick up the slack.

Last week, a bunch of "natives" undertook a project to gather a "mess" of clams for a bake. (Shades of carousel-Billy Bigelow would have been proud!) Well, here's the way it went.

About 2:30 p.m. Skipper C. Miller hauled a bunch of us out of Timmy's

Nook: Linda and Jim Horne, Al Blank, Charlie and Judy, Mike, C.T. and other assorted Captivians and we set sail for the flats. There was very little action at first as the tide was still falling and we didn't have the proper bait.

Before long, however, we discovered (who am I kidding??) that the only bait necessary was you-know-what and elbows. We caught our limit off Useppa but not before Al and I fell in love with Lillie at Cabbage Key where we put in to wait out a squall.

To make a long story short, our trip

culminated in a most delightful clambake and rib roast—which brings me back to the St. Louis Cardinals (Ha! Bet you thought I had forgotten them?) Or is it S.E. waiting at the dock with a camera in hand. A good time was had by all—especially Edna and Bill Hagar.

S.E. has been coming to Captiva for 12 years and has one of the finest mates I've ever met. Rene. I thought he was a ballplayer when I tried to board the "Vivere IV" at South Seas Plantation and he said "Stop Short!" I could have sworn he said "Short Stop!" Ugh!

Look out you Christians, here come the (men's) Lions. After a shakey start, they're baring their fangs and clawing their way out of the pits. It might be too late to catch the front-runners, but they could wind up lords of the jumble. (Double Ugh!)

An old Frankie Laine song goes like this: "Sooner one morning, the angels will come knocking at your door." Unfortunately, for the Lady Lions, they answered it and were decalved 31 to 3 by the Angels. The Lady Lions are still the team to beat, however, but it looks

like some of the other tens are putting it together.

Which reminds me of a true story. When the New York Mets were first formed (Remember Clank at First Base?), New York State was permitting "run-pools" whereby you drew a team and if that team scored the most runs for the week, you had a winner. One unlucky soul who had drawn the Mets, and was tired of looking at goose eggs on the scoreboard, called a local New York station one night after work to check his team's score (The Phillies had no-hit them the night before.) When informed that the Mets had scored 23 runs, he paused and shakily asked: "Did they win?"

NEVER GIVE UP!

Remember to pass along the word about the All-Star Games on Labor Day, following Sunday's traditional fish fry at the American Legion. Bring your own food to the ballgames, but please leave pets at home. Fun is fun, games are games, but rules are rules! Please abide by them, O.K.?

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# conservation notes

## Work Proceeds in Preparation For Fall Opening

Work is proceeding steadily on the Conservation Foundation's 207-acre Nature Trail property south of Sanibel-Captiva Road in preparation for the opening of Conservation Center this fall.

Currently, Foundation staff and volunteers are engaged in clearing Brazilian pepper and other undesirable exotic plant species from the area adjacent to the Conservation Center building, and landscaping the Center with types of vegetation native to the Islands.

Other volunteers are at work preparing educational exhibits to be displayed at Conservation Center as part of the Foundation's effort to educate the public in environmental awareness.

While many Islanders have already offered their services to Conservation Center, other volunteers are needed to assist with various facets of the Conservation Center program.

Islanders may volunteer by calling the Center at 472-2329.

Conservation Center is slated to be opened to the public by November 1, although according to Foundation

Director Dick Workman, a grand opening of the facility will not come about until the time of the Foundation's annual meeting in December.

## Dietlein to be Aboard September 1

A recent arrival on the Islands is Donald Richard Dietlein, who has been hired by the Conservation Foundation to serve as director of education and science at Conservation Center.

A zoologist known internationally for his work with maintaining wild animals in captivity, Dietlein has visited many countries around the world studying insects and the diseases they carry and has authored numerous scientific papers on entomology and the diseases transmitted by insects.

In the past decade, Dietlein has held a number of positions in prominent zoos around the country, including directorships at the National Zoological Park in Washington, D. C. and at the Kansas City Zoo, among others.

According to Foundation Director Dick Workman, Dietlein's specialty is interpreting natural history and exhibiting it to the public, and his

duties at Conservation Center will include the preparation and coordination of the various educational and research programs planned by the Foundation, as well as the routine field work of the Island environmentalist.

Dietlein arrived on the Islands early last week with his wife, Nora, a biochemist who was responsible for developing the membrane used in the heart-lung machine.

Nora has volunteered to set up and operate the Foundation's research laboratory to be included in Conservation Center, and will assist her husband with his work on the Islands.

The Dietleins have rented a home on Poinciana Circle while awaiting the construction of their permanent Island residence on a Gulf-front lot they have purchased near the Rocks area along West Gulf Drive.

Dietlein is slated to start work at Conservation Center on September 1.

Dietlein's hiring by the Foundation was made possible by a \$12,000 per annum grant from the Freund Foundation in St. Louis, Missouri, which was provided to the Foundation specifically to fund a resident naturalist at Conservation Center.

## DONATIONS BOOST EQUIPPAGE

Shown here is Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation Director Dick Workman with two of twenty new chairs donated to Conservation Center recently by Julian Fiske of the Naples Dinner Theater.


Workman said that the comfy new chairs, all of a color which Dick calls "candy-apple red," will adorn the room used as a library and board of directors meeting room in Conservation Center.

Workman added that the donation was secured by Islander Robert Haynie, chairman of the board of directors of the Bank of the Islands here on Sanibel.

Since the completion of the Conservation Center building earlier this year, the Foundation has received a number of gifts of equipment and funds for use in environmental education and other programs to be sponsored by the Foundation at Conservation Center.

Workman added that such gifts are much appreciated by the Foundation.

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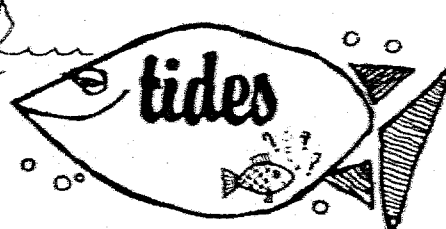
The Sanibel Community Church youth group, now in its second year, went on a beach clean-up last Saturday morning.

About 20 youngsters showed up and tackled the debris on the beaches from three starting points.

Two groups headed each way from Tarpon Bay beach access, a third started on Rabbit Road and a fourth at Pointe Santo de Sanibel.

After their exertions, the public-minded group enjoyed lunch and a swim at the Frey's.





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Sat	27	1:05 AM H	6:03 AM L	** 11:49 AM H	7:43 PM L
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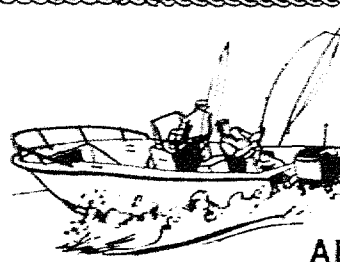
Tides courtesy of THE REAL EEL - Herb (Skip) Purdy

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

For Captiva Island, Gulf side, subtract 30 minutes from each high tide, and subtract 1 hour and 15 minutes for each low tide.

For Captiva Island, Pine Island Sound (Bay) side, add 1 hour and four (4) minutes for each high tide, and add 52 minutes for each low tide.

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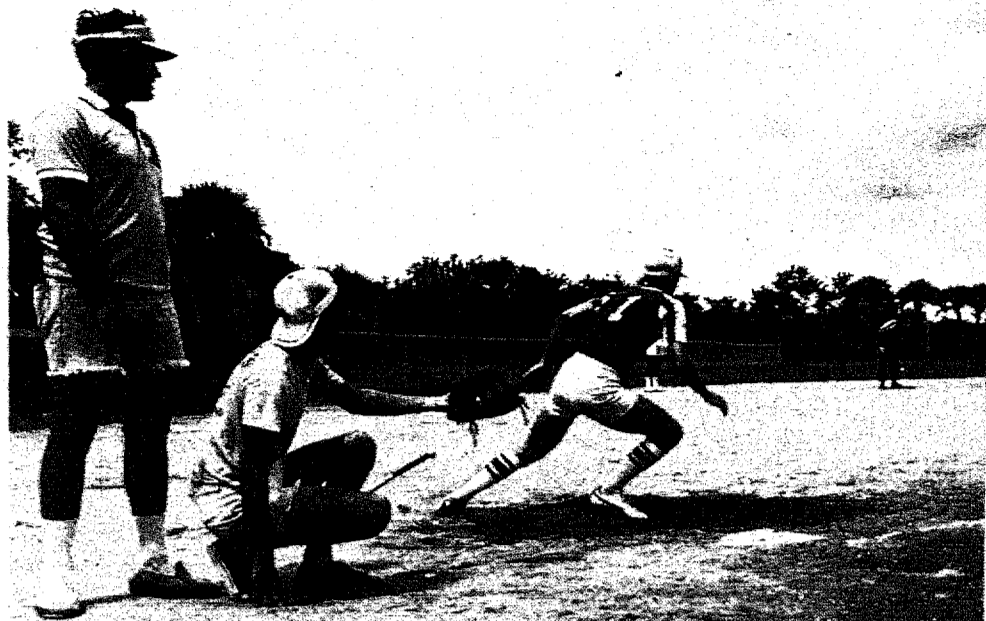
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# C.R.O.W. may finally get second home

Although little has been heard about the Island organization called CROW (Care and Rehabilitation of Wildlife) in the past year or more, CROW is nevertheless alive and functioning, and is presently on the verge of getting its long-awaited second home.

Founded in roughly November of 1972 by Islanders Shirley Walter and Jessie Dugger, CROW was and is a non-profit Island corporation dedicated to the task of caring for injured and orphaned birds and other wildlife until they are able to return to their rightful place in the wild.

Under the guidance of its founders, CROW was headquartered at Shirley Walter's home on Pectin Court in The Rocks area along West Gulf Drive and was active in nursing ill and injured wildlife back to health until early 1976, although CROW itself suffered from financial difficulties for months prior to its dissolution at that time.

CROW's foremost financial headache, according to founder Jessie Dugger, was trying to cover the cost of feeding the injured birds and animals during rehabilitation.

Among other species, the endangered brown pelican was a frequent patient of CROW during the organization's original efforts between late 1972 and early 1976. The most

common complaint among pelicans is fishermen, whose hooks, lures and monofilament line stay with the birds forever, often proving fatal, once the pelican becomes snagged or entangled.

Jessie Dugger estimates that CROW must have cared for hundreds, maybe thousands, of brown pelicans during that period, with weekly bills for the



A former CROW patient, this young great horned owl visited the Sanibel Shell Fair in 1975 to promote public awareness of the plight of injured wildlife.

fish necessary to feed the birds running between \$250 and \$400.

"A pelican eats about three pounds of fish per day," she said.

It was not the high overhead which brought CROW's original efforts to a standstill, however, but rather the complaints of Shirley Walter's neighbors in The Rocks area over the impropriety of keeping wild animals in a residential neighborhood.

A small group of Rocks residents brought pressure to bear upon the infant Sanibel City Council, and in November of 1975, the council was forced to declare CROW in violation of Lee County zoning regulations which were in effect at that time.

In finding CROW to be in violation of county codes prohibiting the raising of wild animals in a residential area, Sanibel Mayor Porter Goss called the floundering organization "a casualty of growth."

In the wake of the council's action, the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and other Island groups tendered offers of land to CROW to serve as alternate sites for the group's wildlife rehabilitation efforts.

Disputes over the feasibility of using any of the land offers as alternate sites for CROW's clinic flared up in the weeks thereafter, and when the city council declined to act as CROW's

agent in securing an alternate location, Shirley Walter gave up in discouragement.

CROW's efforts were halted early in 1976, and Shirley Walter later moved away from the Islands. She is now reported to be living in Idaho.

Within months after CROW folded its wings, another group of Islanders picked up the ball and in the spring of 1976 a new slate of officers and board of directors was created by the patrons, members, staff and advisors of CROW.

The reorganization of CROW was spearheaded by Captiva resident Adelaide Cherbonnier. The current president pro-tem of CROW, Miss Cherbonnier was in Canada last week and could not be reached for comment.

CROW's 1st vice-president is Dr. Phyllis Douglass, who has donated her veterinary skills to the organization throughout its existence.

Other officers are Ann Winterbotham, 2nd vice-president; Claire Walter, 3rd vice-president; Mariel Goss, secretary; and Fanetta Stahlin, treasurer.

CROW's board of directors includes George Campbell, Griffing Bancroft, Mario Hutton, and George Tenney,

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with ex-officio members: Richard Beebe of Sanibel-Captiva Audubon Society, Dick Workman of Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and Glen Bond of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The advisory board consists of Jessie Dugger, Bill Damroth, William Riley and George Weymouth.

Over much of the past year, CROW has sought a suitable location on the Islands on which to establish another rehabilitation clinic.

They think they have found their second home in a 186-acre State botanical preserve lying between Sanibel-Captiva Road and West Gulf Drive.

At present, the Conservation Foundation is near the point in a myriad series of bureaucratic negotiations of securing a sub-lease for the entire 186-acre tract from the State, which leases the property from the federal government, according to Foundation Director Dick Workman.

The Foundation, in turn, has agreed to sub-lease 10 acres of the land to CROW.

CROW's plans for the land entail the construction of two small buildings, President Pro-Tem Cherbonnier said in a letter to Mayor Goss. One of the buildings will serve as CROW's office-clinic, while the other will be a residence for CROW's current staff members, Holly Davies and Karen Booth.

Island architect Carol Quillinan has donated her time to assist CROW in designing the facility, which will consist of wooden frame structures on pilings, according to Miss Cherbonnier.

CROW proposes to employ a cistern to provide water for the clinic and dwelling, which will be designed to make use of breezes and exposures for cooling and warmth. Miss Cherbonnier indicated that alternate waste disposal systems to septic tanks are being considered for the environmentally sensitive site.

Holding cages and flight enclosures are to be set up as needed on the site, and recuperating wading birds will be kept in a number of small, above-

ground ponds, enclosed with fencing to discourage intrusion by predators of the weakened birds.

But the need for CROW's services on the Islands cannot await the completion of their proposed facility, as Vice-President Ann Winterbotham explained.

"When CROW was inactive, many people brought injured birds to me and left them on my doorstep, but I'm not really qualified to care for them," said Mrs. Winterbotham. "When there was nobody else to do it, I did it, but believe me, it's no easy proposition."

In May of this year, CROW obtained the necessary state and federal permits to enable staff members Davies and Booth to keep and care for injured, ill, and orphaned birds and other wildlife, including endangered species, and CROW spread its wings anew.

Since renewing its efforts on the Islands this past June, CROW staff members have cared for numerous crows, a baby red-headed woodpecker, about a dozen screech owls, an host of shore birds, a baby bluejay, 5 baby chimney-swifts, a sparrow hawk, a great-horned owl, a barn owl, a number of pelicans, and a roseate spoonbill, which unfortunately died due to lead poisoning attributed to a B-B pellet found embedded in its leg, according to Karen Booth.

Of the 46 injured and orphaned birds CROW has treated since resuming active service, only 11 were beyond help, Karen reported and two of those were dead on arrival.

Karen said that the remainder have all been returned to the wild except for a handful still in residence at CROW's present temporary clinic—an enviable track record for any rehabilitation effort.

CROW staff wished to acknowledge the assistance of Sam's Meats and Provisions on Sanibel for donations of meat for recuperating predatory birds, and Tarpon Bay Marina on Sanibel as well as Jim Hilbert's bait company on Pine Island for donations of fish.

Additionally, a group of young Captivans led by Jeff Thompson and Jim Stice have assisted CROW staff

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Karen Booth of C.R.O.W.

members in catching fish with which to nourish CROW's patients, while Pat and Jack Scott of Captiva have loaned CROW their boat on many occasions.

Many other Islanders have already offered their support, Karen reported, adding that most people may still be unaware that CROW is active once again.

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the cost of feeding CROW's patients alone is phenomenal.

"The value of CROW's operation to the Islands is without question," said Ann Winterbotham. "There's no other group which provides this service."

"I think it's important for responsible adults to show our children that someone cares for the wildlife we have here," she added. "It's a very expensive operation but one that is extremely important, and I think CROW's efforts will go far in behalf of Island wildlife if only people will support it."

"On Sanibel and Captiva, we strive to promote an awareness of wildlife and of man's role in the environment," said Dick Workman.

"These Islands are known for that awareness," Workman continued, "and when people come here to visit and see injured wildlife, it's important that they have a responsible group to turn to for help."

"Many injured wild creatures, most of which are injured either directly or indirectly through man's intervention in their environment, have been rehabilitated and returned to the wild thanks to CROW's efforts, and to me, that is a major contribution to the Islands," Workman concluded.

As a non-profit corporation, CROW is eligible to accept tax-deductible contributions, which should be mailed to Post Office Drawer "C", Sanibel, Florida 33957.

Only with the support of Islanders everywhere can CROW itself be revitalized and spread its wings to protect the priceless wildlife of Sanibel and Captiva.

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William B. Walker's article, "The Poisoning of Cape Cod," in the July issue of the Country Journal seems so important to me that I wish it were required reading for everyone on the Islands. It's about water! We have a chance to learn from Cape Cod's mistakes. The headline reads: If present trends of water use, sewage disposal, and dump abuse continue, the Cape may become uninhabitable by the year 2,000." This is not a fairy tale. Here are excerpts from Walker's article. Please think about our Island's water as you read.

Cape Cod's supply of fresh water is entirely independent of the rest of New England. Tales of a limitless underground supply, bottomless ponds, or a mysterious subterranean river are just so much hokum. There is but a single, limited body of fresh water on the Cape; rainfall is its only source of replenishment. This subterranean body, often called a "lens" by geologists, is in the shape of an inverted dome and saturates the Cape's sandy soil from Bourne to Provincetown.

Strahler recently completed Cape

Cod's first comprehensive hydrogeologic survey and published his findings in a report called The Environmental Impact of Groundwater Use on Cape Cod. According to Strahler, if present trends continue, Cape Cod may be virtually uninhabitable by the end of this CENTURY. His report explains that Cape Cod, formed by receding glaciation of the last ice age, was once a saline coastal marsh. As the Laurentide ice sheet moved southward across New England between seventy-five thousand and twelve thousand years ago, it scoured huge quantities of rock from mountainous regions. Much of this rock was pulverized into sand. When the glacier eventually receded, rivers of meltwater heaped hundreds of feet of sand on the coastal marsh, thus forming Cape Cod.

At first, the Cape's porous soil was saturated with salt water, which percolated up from beneath the peninsula. Gradually, rain accumulated in the sand and formed a giant subterranean layer of fresh water. The weight of this reservoir forced much of the salt water down-

ward and back into the sea. Over a period of several thousand years, a stable freshwater-saltwater interface was established beneath the peninsula. Every drop of freshwater on Cape Cod is part of the system that maintains this freshwater-saltwater balance.

Today, as always, rainfall serves as the only source of replenishment for the Cape's subterranean reservoir. The amount of water in this underground supply determines the water level of every lake and pond on the peninsula. It provides all water for household and commercial use and, through outfalls along the perimeter of the Cape, maintains the brackish balance of the region's estuaries. The water cycle that sustains this complex balance is extraordinarily delicate. Cape Cod receives forty-four to forty-five inches of rainfall in an average year. Street and parking lot runoff, channeled by storm drains into the sea, is immediately removed from the freshwater cycle. And much of what lands on the ground evaporates before it can percolate into the underground reservoir. Green plants withdraw huge quantities of water from the soil and transpire it directly back into the atmosphere through their leaves (evapotranspiration), creating a significant water loss during the growing season. In addition, the Cape's seventeen square miles of lakes, ponds, and bogs are exposed to constant evaporation. According to Strahler, approximately twenty-eight inches of the Cape's annual rainfall never reaches ground water. (See explanation below)

Strahler calls the seventeen inches of rain that does reach groundwater, the "water budget." He calculates that this amounts to an average of 188 million gallons per day for the entire Cape. Strahler says that if Cape residents remove as much as ten per cent of this water for drinking, waste disposal, and other uses, they will notice a number of minor environmental changes. If Cape residents begin to withdraw more than ten per cent, more drastic changes will occur. First, the water level of the freshwater lens will drop. As the water table drops, many shallow wells will go dry and shallow ponds will dry up. The water level in larger lakes will also drop, effecting a general increase in water temperature. The warmer temperatures will throw aquatic plant and animal relationships out of balance and many species, most noticeably game fish, may die.

As the water table continues to drop, the weight of the underground reservoir will diminish and salt water will percolate upward from beneath. The salt water will contaminate the deep wells used to supply municipal water systems. Without a steady supply of potable water, Cape residents will be forced to abandon their peninsula.

Strahler says that if water use ever exceeds fifty per cent of the annual water budget, disaster will ensue. Some larger lakes will dry up, estuaries will grow too saline for many fish, and virtually all wells will dry up

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or become contaminated with salt.

Given Strahler's findings, the present situation is relatively simple to assess. There are 128,000 year-round residents of Cape Cod, who use an annual average of one hundred gallons of water per person, per day. On a typical winter day, Cape residents withdraw almost 13 million gallons from their subterranean reservoir—about seven per cent of their daily water budget. However, the Cape's summer population of 382,000 uses more than 38 million gallons per day, if we assume water-use patterns do not change seasonally. In fact, water demands change drastically from winter to summer.

In summer, people spend far more time on activities involving high water consumption—filling swimming pools, washing cars, watering lawns. Thus, per capita water consumption in summer greatly exceeds one hundred gallons per person, per day. During July and August, when evapo-transpiration is at its peak and precipitation at its lowest ebb, human water demands are highest and may approach forty per cent of the daily water budget, calculated on a year-round basis. If the water budget is calculated on a seasonal basis, Cape Cod experiences a water deficit from May to September. If it were not for winter's high precipitation rates, diminished population, and lack of evapo-transpiration, Cape Cod would rapidly become an uninhabitable desert.

The outlook is bleak. Cape Cod's precipitation rate cannot be changed. While it is possible to enforce a ban on car washing, lawn watering, and the use of swimming pools, it is practically impossible to regulate water consumption within private dwellings. Thus, it seems unlikely that the per capita water consumption will be reduced below one hundred gallons per day. According to the latest estimates of the Cape Cod Planning and Economic Development Commission, the Cape's summer population will increase by twenty-five per cent in the next nine years.

Unfortunately, that is not the worst of the problem. For every four gallons that Cape residents withdraw from their underground lens, they return three—as raw sewage.

Since only ten per cent of the Cape's year-round population has municipal sewage disposal, most of this waste is released directly into the ground through septic systems. Eventually, the sewage reaches groundwater. There, it serves as a general contaminant and may end up in a neighbor's well. By the summer of 1985, if present practices continue, Cape residents will be discharging upwards of 50 million gallons of raw sewage per

day into their underground reservoir. If, to avoid drinking this foul mixture, they opt for seaward discharge of sewage, they will be on a short road to ruin.

Strahler explains: "If Cape residents discharge anything like 50 million gallons of sewage per day at sea, they might just as well pack their bags and leave. As the water level in the subterranean lens diminishes, contaminants already in the system will become more and more concentrated. This poses a public health problem, of course, to say nothing of what would happen to the water quality of the surrounding ocean. Dozens of lakes and ponds would dry up and there could be massive fish kills. Drinking water would undoubtedly grow more saline."

Although sewage is the most abundant pollutant in Cape Cod's drinking water supply, it is by no means the most toxic. DDT and dieldrin are found everywhere in the Cape's drinking water. Cranberry growers, who often use these pesticides in the past, are no longer allowed to do so. Thus, while levels are not likely to increase, the long-lived toxins will continue to plague Cape residents for many years.

Other noxious elements are entering the Cape's drinking water supply at unprecedented rates. Among them are heavy metals—lead, arsenic, mercury, cadmium, iron, and copper. Most of these metals, especially mercury and lead, are well known for their deleterious effects on the central nervous system. Even iron, probably the least noxious of this group, leaches out of town dumps in staggering concentrations. The amount of iron in a gallon of dump leachate often requires a dilution factor of more than 2,500 to 1 in order to reach minimum drinking water standards.

While no town dump is beautiful or in complete harmony with its surroundings, few are as foul, ill-planned, or poorly maintained as those on Cape Cod. In an effort to curb the threat to environment and public health, Massachusetts outlawed the Cape's more despicable dump practices in April 1971. However, Cape officials involved with the problem either have been ignorant of the law or defied it. With the exception of the installation at Orleans, there is not one single dump on Cape Cod that is operating legally. Raw sewage from trucks that pump out clogged septic systems is discharged at the dumps in tremendous quantities. The Falmouth dump alone has nearly a score of these arrivals daily. Many of the dumps are located near surface water. Others make no effort to separate dangerous substances—pesticides, petroleum discharges, and heavy metals. Poor law enforcement by the state permits these abuses to continue.

"The residents of Cape Cod have done as many others have done," says Strahler. "They have paid homage to the idea that a man can do anything he wants to do to a piece of land, so long as he hold title to it. When land was plentiful and people relatively scarce, you could get away with that kind of thing. But no longer. The Cape environment is far more delicate than most. In light of the way Cape Codders dispose of their wastes, there are probably more people on the Cape already than its water budget can sustain."

In an effort to prevent a public health disaster on Cape Cod, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) began a three-hundred-and-fifty-thousand-dollar study to evaluate different methods of ending groundwater pollution. The study will provide Cape residents with a list of options. There will not be many.

Dr. William Kerfoot, formerly a research scientist at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, is working on the EPA study. According to Kerfoot, "Clearly, the concept of unlimited growth on Cape Cod is untenable. There is no waste-disposal system in the world capable of handling an unlimited number of people in an environment like the Cape's."

"It is most unlikely that Cape residents will be able to effect a substantial reduction in total sewage output. Therefore, the key to maintaining groundwater quality and quantity is returning sewage to groundwater in an unpolluted state. There are several systems capable of this. So it's not a matter of what is technically possible, but a matter of which system best fits the Cape's requirements. Living filter beds, activated charcoal, and ion exchange systems are all possibilities." Unfortunately, all of these methods are very expensive, far more costly in the short run than seaward discharge.

The EPA study may reiterate a point

that Dr. Strahler made some time ago: seaward discharge is feasible under certain conditions. "If Cape residents could somehow find a new source of water from an off-Cape area, it might make sense to discharge treated sewage at sea," Strahler said. "For example, it would be relatively simple to engineer an aqueduct system to carry large quantities of water over long distances." Strahler noted that south-central New Hampshire has an abundance of high quality groundwater. "Of course, to make such a system work, you would need a sizable reservoir near your source of supply. Understandably, residents (of south-central New Hampshire) might be less than enthusiastic about sacrificing their homes and land just to keep Cape Cod going. And the initial cost of construction and land acquisition would be enormous. Cape Codders would probably hesitate to double or triple their tax bills to pay for an aqueduct." An aqueduct system offers another advantage. By avoiding dependence on the Cape's own groundwater, residents could virtually ignore the problem of town dump leachates.

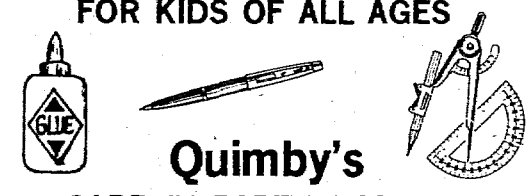
But unless Cape residents opt for an expensive off-Cape water source, they will eventually be forced to deal with the toxic residues of dumps. Certainly, more stringent law enforcement by state officials would help to alleviate the immediate problem. But in the long run, if Cape residents hope to depend upon their own groundwater supply, most dump leachates will have to be eliminated.

One solution might be to relocate town dumps to shoreside areas. Leachates would then flow into the sea rather than into the groundwater. This is clearly not an attractive proposal. However, many might consider it preferable to mass poisoning.

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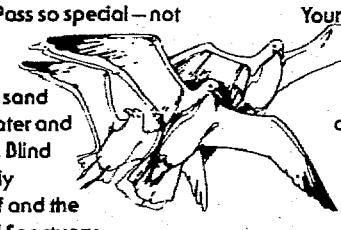
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mandatory recycling. Even if such a program required subsidizing from town coffers, at least it would eliminate heavy-metal contamination. More careful dump monitoring could eliminate the indiscriminate discharge of herbicides and insecticides.

Cape Cod's future is uncertain at best. Without an adequate supply of safe drinking water, Cape residents really have but one alternative—abandon their homes, schools, and communities. Many Cape residents have already taken in dangerous substances with their drinking water. It is also clear that if present practices continue, the number who ingest such toxins will increase. The Cape's rapidly rising population can only exacerbate this problem.

In less than fifteen years, four

municipal wells on Cape Cod have been sealed off due to contamination. At Otis Air Force Base a well capable of providing one million gallons per day was lost to petroleum contamination. It is still toxic fourteen years after closing. In Yarmouth there have been two major closings in the past three years; one due to salt, the other to herbicide contamination. Provincetown's residents are now completely dependent upon neighboring Truro for water. One of Truro's two well fields has recently shown the early signs of salt contamination.

Municipal water supplies in Massachusetts are tested quarterly. This means that residents supplied by a municipal system could be ingesting sublethal doses of toxic substances for up to three months before discovery.

It is safe to bet that scores of privately owned wells are contaminated as well. Since most Cape residents never have their wells tested, few know which toxins they are ingesting or in what quantities. As Dr. Strahler points out, Herbert Andrews was lucky. You can smell gasoline, and

all he lost was his home.

(Explain above: This figure is still in dispute. Among geologists who have attempted to determine such a figure, Strahler's is the most widely accepted.)

## Islander arrested

Mary Elizabeth Blaufuss of Sanibel was arrested on August 13 at the McGregor Boulevard Shopping Plaza in Fort Myers and charged with buying, receiving and concealing stolen property and extortion. Agents from the Lee County Sheriff's

Department made the arrest and booked her into Lee County Jail.

The property purportedly was taken from 344 Balboa on August 8th and Bill Blaufuss was arrested for that robbery two days later. Mrs. Blaufuss was alleged to

have offered to return the stolen goods if charges were dropped against her husband.

Both Bill and Mary Elizabeth Blaufuss are currently in Lee County Jail. Bond for Mrs. Blaufuss has been set at \$5,000.



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# police report

An Island resort manager has reported the theft of roughly 452 towels from the resort.

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Meanwhile, guests at the

resort are evidently sharing the remaining towels after swimming or bathing, much to their discontent.

A resident of an Island condominium phoned SPD to report that the hubcaps of his car were missing.

After determining that the hubcaps were in fact

absent from the wheels of the car, SPD put out an all-points bulletin for their recovery and return.

The missing hubcaps have not materialized, however, and are rumored to be serving as ashtrays in some of the Islands' finer homes.

An Islander called SPD last week to request assistance in locating her pet skunk, which escaped from her home one night wearing a sporty black flea collar.

Complainant advised SPD that said skunk is a promiscuous rake and probably sallied forth in search of loose women and cheap liquor.

Complainant later called back to report that her pet

had been located in an Island lounge, where the bartender was unable to distinguish the descended quadroped from the establishment's regular patrons.

The bartender did complain, however, that the skunk was acting rudely toward his waitresses, although no charges were filed.

SPD investigated an Islander's report of a stolen bicycle last week, but the bike eventually turned up in the underbrush near an Island condominium.

The bicycle's speech seemed incoherent and it could offer no explanation as to how it ended up where it did.

The bike was subsequently booked on charges of violating the controlled substances act.

An SPD aide issued 25 verbal warnings last week to violators of the city's ordinance governing the operation of bicycles on Sanibel.

Among other things, Island cyclists should equip their bikes with those eye and branch-catching orange bicycle flags, not to mention a horn or bell and lights for night riding.

Bikes are to be operated in a safe and courteous manner and should be ridden only on the bike path where the path is provided.

A complainant called SPD

to report that persons unknown were riding motorcycles up and down Sanibel's Gulf beach, which is strictly verboten by city ordinance. In fact, no motor vehicles are to be operated on city beaches without special permission.

By the time SPD could arrive on the scene, however, no trace of the alleged motorcycles was to be found.

An Island visitor reported the theft of two bicycles from outside his motel room one night.

No clues as to the identity of the thieves could be found, although SPD has maintained regular surveillance of the motel ever since.

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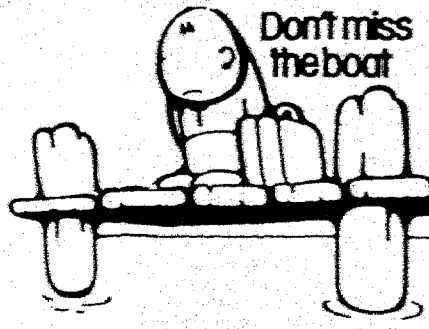
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## hurricane protection: A GROWING CONCERN

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A second advantage to hurricane protection devices is the conservation of energy along with storm protection for, while they many shut out a storm, they keep in cooling or heating.

A third advantage offered by Hurricane Protection, Inc. is that of security.

"With so many Island residents away for half the year," Roy explained, "some of our systems have the capabilities of locking their homes up tighter than a fortress."

The custom colors also offered by these devices have the added ability to make the protective devices coordinate with the remainder of a home's decor.

Besides installation, adds the company's co-founder Bill Hughes, Hurricane Protection has a complete service crew—who service both their own and other company's protection devices. The company also offers trade-in values on other manufacturer's equipment.

One particular service is especially beneficial to Island women in business. (The company did a survey of the businesses on the Island and found that over half of them are owned and operated by women.) Hurricane Protection will design a system for your particular business and then store it until necessary—the necessity being determined by Miami's hurricane protection center.

When Miami decides they go up, they go up, according to Bill and Roy. Even if it

amounts to half a dozen times a season. Another feature of the same corporation comes when you have a business where you close for a few months a year—the same thing applies. They'll put up your shutters when you leave and take them down when you return.

Another security advantage to their storm protection devices comes after a storm when, historically, there is looting and pilferage.

Both Davis and Hughes have been in construction for a number of years, and one gets the impression, know whereof they speak.

Although their coverage area does extend to Fort Myers Beach and other Lee County areas, they are most at home on the Islands. Like all good Island service businesses, they not only stand behind the products they sell, but are prepared to fully service them as well.

After hurricane season, the company will be ready to deal in fireplaces—both the kind that is installed during construction and the type that are free-hanging.

With the kind of product and customer service attitude such as Hurricane Protection practices, one can only feel reassured about dealing with the company.

## refuge staff undergoes changes

In recent weeks, two significant changes in the administrative staff of the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge here on Sanibel have been announced by officials of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, a division of the Department of the Interior which is responsible for managing the numerous national wildlife refuge throughout the country.

The Service announced recently that Glen Bond, manager of the 4,700-acre Darling Refuge on Sanibel for the past 3½ years, will be transferred to the Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge near Virginia Beach, Virginia, in the near future.

Bond began his work with the Fish and Wildlife Service in 1965 as a management trainee. The service has been his full-time career since 1968.

Prior to coming to Sanibel, Bond served as assistant manager of the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge on the east coast of Florida.

During Bond's 3½ years as manager of the Darling Refuge, he has worked with a fixed budget and decreasing staff to expand the land area of the Refuge and plan for its future needs.

Under Bond's management, the Refuge was expanded by the addition of over 30 acres at Woodring Point, while negotiations have been launched toward the acquisition of a large tract near Wulfert Point.

In terms of long-range planning, Bond has laid the groundwork for the future installation of new offices for the Refuge staff on land near the entrance to the Main Tract of the sanctuary. The present Fish and Wildlife Service headquarters in the Sanibel Lighthouse are leased from the U.S. Coast Guard,

which owns the Lighthouse and adjoining undeveloped property at Sanibel's east end.

In his new position at the Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge, Bond will be responsible for managing two islands in Chesapeake Bay with a combined land area of over 16,000 acres.

Bond's term of service on the Island will end on Wednesday, September 7. His replacement has yet to be appointed.

"Working on the Islands has been a great experience for me, and I wouldn't be leaving if I hadn't been offered a promotion," said Bond last week.

"The Islands are a beautiful place to live, and my wife and I are going to miss them," he added.

A recent arrival at the Refuge is year-old Mark Musaus.

Musaus was recently appointed to the post of assistant manager of the Darling Refuge, where he replaces Pat Hagan, the former assistant manager who was transferred earlier this year.

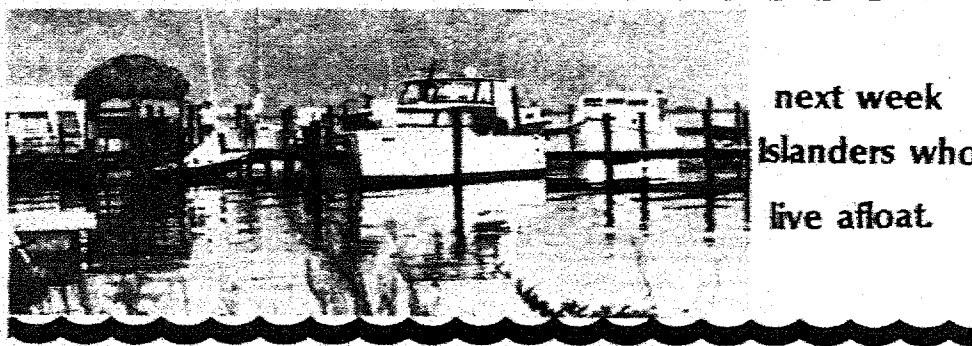
Musaus received his management training with the Fish and Wildlife Service at the Loxhatchee National Wildlife Refuge in Delray Beach, Florida, in 1974.

A graduate of Grove City College in Grove City, Pennsylvania, Musaus holds a degree in biology.

Prior to his assignment on Sanibel, he served as assistant manager of the Choctaw National Wildlife Refuge near Jackson, Alabama, for two years.

He began work at the Darling Refuge last Monday.

"I'm looking forward to working on Sanibel very much," said Musaus. "Once I get used to the sand fleas, it should be fun," he added jokingly.



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