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highest county concentration of encephalitis-carrying mosquito found on Sanibel

Culex nigripalpus, the type of mosquito that carries St. Louis encephalitis, has its highest county concentration on Sanibel Island, according to Wayne Miller, director of Lee County Mosquito Control. There has been one reported case of the disease in the Fort Myers area.

"We are instituting a massive program on the Islands," Miller said in an interview Monday. "The mosquito becomes infected after biting a bird carrying the disease. Since it is reasonable to assume that Sanibel has a large bird population, as well as mosquitoes, we are going all-out," Miller said.

Right now, mosquito Control does not have facilities on the Island for trapping and bleeding birds, but will have before the end of this week, according to Miller.

The heavy rains over Labor Day are credited with an unusually high number of *Culex nigripalpus*, even for Sanibel. This particular mosquito breeds in standing water and breeds 24 hours a day.

"But for a new mosquito to hatch, mature enough to have a blood meal and bite an infected bird takes about ten days," Miller said.

An infected bird is only capable of transmitting the disease a short time, according to Miller, who acknowledges that how long a period "a short time" involves is difficult to estimate. "The best guess is two-three days," he says.

Another problem in pinpointing control efforts is that when a bird is tagged and encephalitic antibodies are found there is no way of telling when the bird had the disease, or where it originated. The bird just acts as a

carrier for encephalitis; he does not become sick. The disease is transmitted from one bird to another by mosquitoes." Once a mosquito is infected, however, it can live well over 30 days in the field," Miller said.

The *Culex nigripalpus* is essentially a night biter. Dusk, dawn and throughout the night are the times when he is out feeding, according to Miller.

He recommends that while they are in the process of fighting this mosquito, people avoid placing themselves in vulnerable positions.

"Walking from the house to the car is nothing to get worried about," said Miller, "but sitting quietly around a pool watching the sunset is not advised."

Wearing mosquito repellent is also recommended.

The *Culex nigripalpus* has a very short flight range - only 200 feet. So, Miller recommends that Islanders clean up their premises and remove any container that might fill with water - pails, garbage cans, birdbaths. "You are really protecting yourself," he said. Because of the short flight range, they usually bite those people where they have been bred.

Miller also said that they have added staff members to Mosquito Control who will be checking people's grounds for potential breeding areas. Miller requests that if his staff members visit your home, you allow them to conduct their work.

With the program that is underway by Lee County Mosquito Control and a few sensible precautions the danger for Islanders in contracting St. Louis encephalitis should be greatly reduced.



a blue heron takes in the sun

test well possibly defective

city, IWA review hook-ups

Sanibel Mayor Porter Goss, and City Manager Bill Nungester met with Island Water Association (IWA) officials yesterday, Monday, Oct. 3, to discuss the status of the water hook-up lists.

Goss later described the outlook for water permits as "extremely guarded," at this time.

"It will be at least October 15 before the IWA will be able to make any hard decisions about the length of the moratorium or even what is going to happen to those individuals on the "B" and "C" lists for water permits," he said.

Of the 300 names on the "A" list, 28 names were voluntarily withdrawn;

107 permits were issued and the IWA is currently in the process of determining how many of the 165 remaining permits actually began construction by the cut-off date of Sept. 30th.

Meanwhile, the IWA has received information indicating the presence of a serious defect in the \$70,000 test well at the Sanibel Elementary School. A large segment of the well casing has apparently collapsed at a level that contains highly brackish water. If the well is pumped hard, it might result in the intrusion of more brackish water into the water being tested.

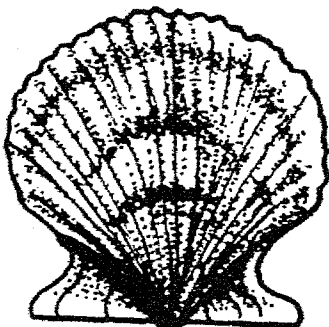
The well had originally produced water with a total dissolved solid
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landscape funds sought

Melina Eskew recently presented the Community Association Board of Directors with a landscaping proposal to soften the rather stark lines of Sanibel's Community Association hall.

The plants she wishes to use are mostly natural: coconut palms, geiger trees, sea grape, and philidendron, among others.

To accomplish this, Mrs. Eskew needs \$600 in donations from citizens. Donations are tax deductible and should be made payable to the Community Association. Mail checks to the Community Association, marking them "landscape."



SPD seeks warrants in boat thefts

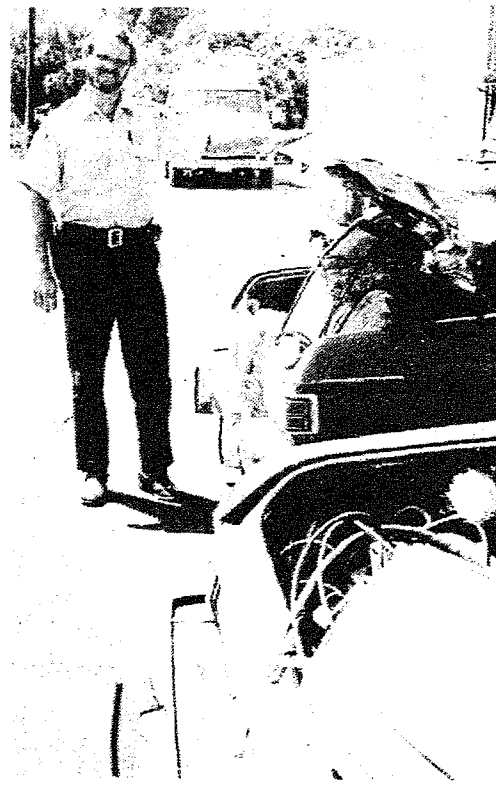
The Sanibel Police Department SPD has processed the necessary paperwork to obtain a warrant for the arrest of an individual they believe was involved with a number of Island marine thefts over the last five months.

The man, believed to be a Bokeelia resident, will be charged with possession of stolen property, if the State Attorney grants SPD their warrant.

Acting on a tip, Sgt. Bill Trefny and Officer Dick Noon spent last week investigating in the Pine Island area. They took possession of the suspected contraband Thursday.

The department has been working over the five days gathering further information that, they hope, will strengthen their case.

The suspect had attempted to disguise the purloined equipment by removing serial numbers and replacing the motor shrouds with those from other engines.



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content of approximately 2000 parts per litre. However, the quality of the water then suddenly jumped to 5400, a level untreatable by the IWA's electrolysis plant. It is now thought that the collapsed casing may have accounted for the sudden leap in the well's brackish content.

The actual results of all the testing won't be in until at least the middle of the month and IWA officials say that they won't know where they stand until that time.

It was originally hoped that the test well could be turned into a production well to provide a source of potable water for the Islands this winter. Without the use of the well IWA officials were forecasting severe problems in meeting the winter water needs.

Discussions are ongoing between Geraghty and Miller, IWA's consulting hydrology firm, and their contractors about rectifying the damage to the well.

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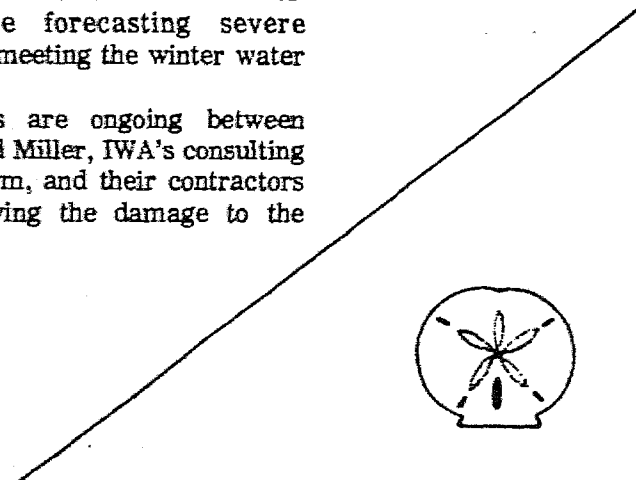
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September 24	90	76	None
September 25	(no reading taken)		
September 26	90	75	.5 inches
September 27	90	76	Trace
September 28	91	77	None
September 29	91	78	None

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construction on gulf drive extension suspended

After viewing the proposed route for the extension of Middle Gulf Drive, the City Manager and Council accepted a recommendation from the City Manager that construction of the proposed link be put off until further study is done by the City's consulting engineering firm.

"It is an extremely low area," city manager Bill Nungester said during last Tuesday's city council meeting, "and I have some reluctance to move into that area."

City officials surveyed the area both from the ground and from the air. Mayor Porter Goss said "I can attest to the fact that it is extremely wet."

The proposed link, which would require the permission of the Army Corps of Engineers, would extend Middle Gulf Drive from the west end through the cemetery, turning northward to Casa Ybel road. It is that area which is wet.

Another planned extension would take the eastern part of Gulf Drive through Las Conchas del Mar subdivision and, though higher, will also be reviewed during the engineering study.

Nungester told the Council that the main purpose of the study will be to look for alternate routes. Meanwhile, all construction on road extenders has been stopped pending the review.



in your opinion...

Do you think Gulf Drive should be connected?



Sure I do. I think it is a good idea because I live on Periwinkle and there are times when you can't get through. **Viola Ake, Sanibel**



You're going to have to have an alternate route to the Causeway if there should be a major accident or if a power line should fall—anything that would stop traffic. **Allen Rhodes, Sanibel**



I'm for the alternate drive. I think its necessary for evacuation and I think it would help businesses on Gulf Drive. **Jack Elias, Sanibel**



If they are going to keep building and traffic is going to increase and the population increase, there's not other answer. **Cynthia Varian, Sanibel**



I think it'll be beneficial when the tourist season is here because it'll ease conjection on Periwinkle. **Connie Nelson, Sanibel**



I'm against it because it just adds one more traffic-congested area to the Island. **Rodney Bezanson, Sanibel**

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commentary

The 1977 budget exercise

The 1977 budget hearings are now history. Citizens of Sanibel will be required to pay a millage of 3.5 on their property as a result of the ordinance that passed last Tuesday, Sept. 27.

That the budget was capably researched and well presented is not in dispute. What was in question was a frankly surprising handling of the public input. After sitting through all the budget sessions, from the initial four-hour Friday night workshop through final adoption, one thing stand out: the lack of response to citizen suggestions. Unlike the session that produced the graphics ordinance, the Council did not seem to respond to citizen suggestions.

Although there were repeated citizen requests for a budget reflecting three mills, there was never any direction from the Council to the City Manager to prepare such a budget.

There perhaps was no place the required funds could have been eliminated, as city manager Bill Nungester told the Council in last Tuesday's hearing. But, in spite of a statement by the Mayor that the Council was afraid of pricing old Islanders off the Island, there was never a directive to show where, if the budget were pared, that paring, in the city manager's opinion, would do the least damage. Then, the Council could

have decided whether or not Sanibel really needed the proposed deletions.

It may well have been that the City could not afford to do without any of the budget items and the Council may well have decided not to eliminate anything. BUT, the citizens would at least have had an opportunity to examine an alternative and would have felt more a part of the budget exercise. The impression left, however, was that the Council had made up its mind to go with a millage of 3.5 and that was that.

Inevitably, taxpayers worry about next year's budget and, here at least, there is a ray of hope. There is almost a mill involved in outside legal fees,

necessary to defend the comprehensive land use plan. Since the plan is now over a year old, it is reasonable to expect that the most formidable litigation is probably underway and Sanibel can look forward to declining legal fees as court disputes are settled so that we can look forward to our tax assessments remaining the same or, hopefully, decreasing.

Yet whichever way the budget goes in the future, more reaction on the part of council members to the suggestions of citizens would bring back the productive give and take process that characterized the sign ordinance hearings. We were on the right track. What happened?

letter to the editor

The following letter was received by the Islander for publication.

Recently, the windows of McKenzie Hall were pasted almost opaque with Public Notices of meetings scheduled by the Planning Commission, City Council, sundry committees, and pre-hearing conferences. These notices in some form are required by state statutes.

Culling out the pertinent ones, however, is most (and unnecessarily) difficult for the man-in-the-street for whom the posting and advertising are primarily intended. This difficulty is caused by:

The extensive repetition of "boilerplate" in the unorganized standard notices;

The unwarranted waste of manpower and paper in the presentation of overlapping subjects contained in the flood of notices;

And the extra expense and lesser efficiency involved in the scattered reproduction of the notices in the form of paid newspaper advertisements.

It is my belief that the Sunshine Act or any other similar law does not contemplate such redundancy. Nor do they require the use of tortuous and obscure legalistic phrasing foreign to the layman. Attached is a Public

Notice by the Clerk of Lee County that seems to meet the essential requirements in the simple manner intended by the Legislature. Note that it has combined, into one ad, 21 agenda items for a Public Hearing on October 5th. The items have the common characteristic of proposing: Street lighting, District tax millages, estimated expenditures, estimated tax yields, and cash balances in the respective District accounts.

This type of notice makes it a simple matter for any taxpayer in any one of the 21 Districts to become aware of the proposals that will affect him. I suggest also that had the metes and bounds of the individual Districts been spelled out, as is so often done in this type of ad, most individuals would have been "turned off" at the outset.

I sincerely urge that such streamlining of Sanibel's noticing be immediately adopted so as to secure the maximum economy and efficiency. If research indicates any legislative impediment to such achievement, kindly advise me so that relief can be sought at the next meeting of the South-west Florida Legislative Delegation.

Poronography and the Law

Some of us may have reached the point of almost giving up on the tremendous porno problem that exists in the distribution of literature as well as dirty movies. Now a glimmer of hope appears.

A well-known religious publication, Christian Life, in its October issue, tells about a complete turn around in the state of Tennessee, brought about by just one man, a former U.S. Attorney in the western district of Tennessee, in Memphis. Larry Farrish, now a special federal prosecutor and a born-again Christian, has in four years turned Memphis into "The anti-porn capital of the nation." After a nine-week trial in Memphis, the Deep Throat film quoted in People magazine as being "the most celebrated dirty movie of all time," has been declared obscene and illegal.

The article written by John N. Vaughn, indicates that Parrish now has drafted model statutes for both federal and state governments.

This then, provides us with more than a glimmer of hope for our great state of Florida as well as the nation on the pornography problem.

Wilbur C. Shannon, Sanibel

To the Editor,

We would very much like to thank the volunteers and members of the Sanibel and Captiva Fire Departments for the wonderful job they did in burning our old house down on September 24. The fire was very carefully controlled at all times, and thankfully, in no way threatened to spread to our present home on the adjoining property.

The Islands' firemen are also to be commended for containing the fire within the house itself. There was only one palm tree damaged by the flames and it was old and almost dead anyway. We are happy that no valuable vegetation was destroyed by the fire.

While we were obviously a little saddened to see the old house go, we are glad that it provided the Islands' excellent firemen with a learning experience which might have been costly and perhaps tragic to come by otherwise. We hope that the experience will enable them to handle real fires in the future with greater confidence.

Once again, our thanks to the firemen of Sanibel and Captiva. Pearl and Jake Stokes.



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city council restricts Gulf housing

A large audience of Sanibel residents listened to, and most concurred with, a letter from Willis Combs ready his daughter in support of an amendment to the comprehensive land use plan that changed the type of housing allowed along the Gulf from West Wind Inn to Blind Pass. The amendment restricted the housing to single-family homes.

"Sanibel has been agonized by the birth pangs of progress," Mr. Combs wrote. "I support the ordinance because I can hardly see the Gulf."

Reed Toomey addressed the Council saying there is a need to go back to the expectations of those who purchased their homes on Sanibel years ago." Toomey said that litigation may result

from the Council's action but thought that no judge would disagree with the City's action. He also said em-

CLUP should specify
type of housing

- Maxine Michl

phatically that "as a member of the Florida Bar, a taxpayer, resident and voter, I shall intervene in any litigation resulting from this."

Although a majority of the members present at the hearing were in favor of

the unique amendment, Carol Quillinan raised objections about how it would affect her property, which is adjacent to Bowman's Beach.

"My property is an area 1000 feet away from the beach," she said. "How is it defined as Gulf Beach Ridge and not Mid-Island Ridge which has a higher density?" Quillinan's land lies next to the only multi-unit development currently in the area affected by the amendment, Blind Pass Condominium.

The amendment, passed unanimously by Council, also prohibits the building of duplexes or condominiums in modern platted subdivisions that are at least 50 percent built out with single-family homes.

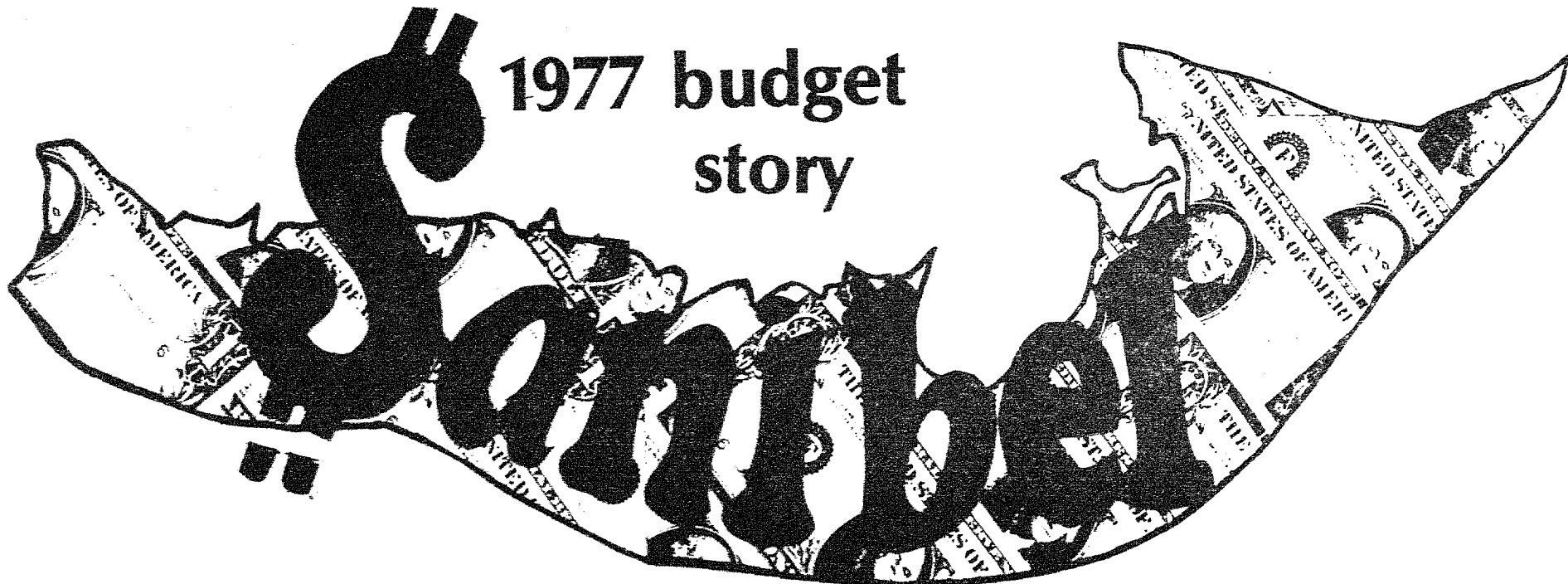
"The market will be pushing multi-

family housing," said Goss. "This amendment leaves resort-type housing to East Gulf Drive and single-family housing to West Gulf Drive. Councilman Duane White suggested that the Council consider an amendment in the future which would preserve some of the eastern end of the Island for single-family housing.

Maxine Michl told the Council that the necessity for the amendment pointed out a basic flaw in the comprehensive land use plan.

"We enumerate dwelling units and density without specifying the specific mix," she said. "We should identify the type of housing we want within the number of units permitted under the plan."

1977 budget story



1977 city budget passes unanimously

The final public hearing on the budget was interrupted last Tuesday by a strong defense by Sanibel Police Department Chief (SPD) John Butler or his department and its fiscal allocations.

Butler, who had been asked to make the presentation by the Committee of the Islands, told the audience that he had never before sidestepped the chain of command but felt that allegations made by certain residents required a response.

He criticized an Island Reporter headline during last year's budget hearings that stated that the SPD cut of the budgetary pie was 17 per cent. "What would you expect it to be?" he asked. "Getting our own police department was one of the major reasons for incorporation.

"I've heard that local citizens are complaining that they can't afford \$4000 a week for a police department," said Butler. "What some people don't remember is that the SPD operates on a 168-hour work week, no 40 hours."

This works out to a police cost of \$24 per hour, versus Cape Coral's expense of \$96 per hour, Fort Myers \$160 per hour cost and the Sheriff's cost of \$567, Butler enumerated. Last year the Sanibel Fire District had a cost of \$45 per hour, he said, adding that he thought they were doing a good job and he, as a taxpayer, didn't mind the charge.

Butler also pointed out that a large chunk of his 1977-78 budget increase was allocated for rent which, this year, will almost quadruple as a result of moving out of the cramped quarters at the fire station, at the behest of the fire

department.

The Chief also defended the 26 emergency call boxes, which some residents have charged are not used for real emergencies

"In the days before we had the call boxes," Butler said, "there was a rape on Bowman's Beach. It was forty minutes before it was reported and the man got away. If that call box had been there, we probably would have caught the man because we had a good automobile and personal identification." The call boxes, he added, will only cost the City \$300 to maintain this year. He also credited the call boxes with reducing beach access car vandalism to zero.

He cited low budget allocations as a problem in enforcing ordinances: "you pass a dog ordinance, but we have nowhere to house dogs; you pass weight restrictions and we don't have scales; there is no speed gun to enforce new speed limits; lost and found storage is in a garage."

Butler sat down to a stirring round of applause from the audience.

During the remainder of the public discussion, storm drainage was identified as an area that some residents thought should be treated in the new budget.

John Shepherd of Tahiti Shores told the audience that they were still flooded in Tahiti Shores and six more inches of rain during the Labor Day Weekend deluge would have marooned them.

"Short of raising all the roads on the Island, I don't know what we can do," said Mayor Porter Goss.

"You must remember, added Councilman White, "we live on an island that is naturally only six feet high and we have paved over most of our natural drainage. I simply don't know where on this Island we can put a plug."

Fiscal restraints prohibited a specific attack on the drainage problem this year," Goss said.

The millage of 3.5., necessary to support the 1977-78 budget, came under fire from the Committee of the Islands as well as from members of the audience.

William Kimball read a COTI letter into the record criticising the budget on the grounds that "too much weight has been placed upon the value of activity on the island promoted by mainland groups who desire to have Sanibel taxpayers finance recreational facilities for their customers."

Jean Fletcher formally proposed a half-mill reduction in the ad velorum tax assessment and recommended that the money be taken from the CETA contingency fund. The City has 16 CETA people on its payroll in various government departments and Ms. Fletcher said that she was worried because if the program were eliminated, she felt the City would feel that it had to pick up the CETA people.

Goss replied that the \$65,000 contingency money only represents about a third of the total CETA program. If the money is not used, it will go forward into the general contingency fund, according to Goss, for any general contingency, such as the air ambulance, which is not yet fiscally financed. If it is not used at all, then it

will go into the cash carry-over for next year and therefore be used to reduce next year's millage.

Carol Quillinan repeatedly queried the Council about where the "support costs" for the CETA employees were listed in the budget.

She also objected to the \$125,000 allocated for outside consulting legal fees on the grounds that the Council had people soliciting funds from the public in defense of the challenges to the comprehensive land use plan.

LaVerne Hickey asked if the Council were entertaining subjects to reduce the millage. "If not, I'm going home to eat," she exclaimed.

Nungester defended the budget and the millage on the grounds that he had submitted a "bare-bones" budget.

Ms. Hickey told the Council they should be more sensitive to people who attended the evening public hearing.

Goss outlined three procedures whereby budget funds may be altered after the budget is passed. The city manager may, within any specific department, switch funds around; City Council may approve a recommendation during the year from the City Manager to switch funds from one department or area to another; or, if it affects the taxpayer's pocket, then it must go through the public hearing stage, according to the mayor.

After almost two hours of public comments, the budget of \$1.17 million for general fund expenses, \$171,000 for special projects and \$608,000 in public improvements was passed unanimously. The budget went into effect last Saturday, Oct. 1.

conservation center readied for opening

A visit to the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's new Conservation Center south of Sanibel-Captiva Road last week revealed that preparations are proceeding slowly but surely toward the opening of Conservation Center to the public during the early weeks of November.

In recent weeks, the Conservation Center has been the scene of a flurry of activity as conservation volunteers and the Foundation's staff including four CETA employees have labored within and without the building at carpentry, exhibits preparation, and ground-keeping on the Foundation's 207-acre "nature trail" property adjacent to Conservation Center.

One very visible addition to Conservation Center is a recently completed wooden boardwalk leading from the rear deck of the building out across the spartina marsh to the nature trails further back on the property. According to Foundation Director Dick Workman, the Foundation plans to install wooden benches and observation platforms at various points along the trails to give weary hikers a place to sit down and rest their bones to enhance their enjoyment of the miles of nature trails which transect the undisturbed tract.

Another physical addition planned for the wetland tract is a wooden observation tower to be constructed as a memorial to Captivan Elizabeth Matthiessen at the bend in the Sanibel River. Workman said that the tower will rise 22 feet in the air and will afford a spectacular view of Sanibel's unique interior wetland system.

Workman said that the Foundation will also need to build a small maintenance shed on the property to house all of the equipment which has accumulated at Conservation Center from Islanders' generous donations of materials and supplies.

Within the past few weeks, the preparation of exhibits to be displayed at Conservation Center has also swung into high gear under the guidance of Don Dietlein, the Foundation's new director of science and education at Conservation Center.

Among the natural history displays currently in the works are a meteorology exhibit and small weather station, a display of all seashells found in Island waters, an aquarium exhibit containing many of the creatures which inhabit Sanibel's interior wetlands, and even a modest insect zoo including numerous species of insects native to Sanibel and Captiva.

Dietlein said that all wildlife displays exhibited at Conservation Center will contain only living specimens insofar as possible.

Another current area of preparation in anticipation of the November opening of the facility is the training of volunteers to participate in all facets of the Conservation Center program.

Over the past summer, applications have been accepted from Islanders wishing to volunteer their time to serve as trail guides, librarians, carpenters for exhibit preparation, landscapers, and staff to take admissions and work in the small ecology oriented gift shop planned for Conservation Center.

According to Dick Workman,

members of the Conservation Foundation will be admitted to Conservation Center at no charge, while visitors will be asked to pay a small admission fee of one dollar per adult and fifty cents per child to help defray the cost of operating and maintaining the center.

Islander Carol Davenport has recently taken on the responsibility of coordinating the efforts of the numerous volunteers who have already offered their time and services to the Conservation Center program.

"The volunteer effort is going very well," she reported last week. "We've had a lot of people who have volunteered to work at the Center, and to me it looks like a very fine group."

"Our overall aim is to train everyone in all of the volunteer functions at Conservation Center, and then to concentrate on the various areas of specialization," Carol continued.

One of the most specialized areas of volunteer work at the center will be the job of nature guide, in which Islanders familiar with the flora and fauna found along the nature trails will lead groups of between ten and twenty visitors to the center on interpreted field tours of the many scenic trails on the Foundation's property.

According to Carol Davenport, the training of Conservation Center volunteers will begin within the next few weeks, and a few select positions are still open to Islanders who have a few spare hours in their weekly schedules which they can afford to spend at the center on a regular basis.

"We still need more people who are committed to putting in a few regular

hours at the Center each week," Carol said. "If we fit in to your schedule and you're really interested in working at Conservation Center, we want you."

"We'll fit the job to the person if the person is willing to come in and learn the ropes," she added.

Anyone wishing to donate their time as a volunteer at Conservation Center is urged to call Carol Davenport at the center during the morning hours or come in to the center to sign up in person.

In terms of funding the facility, Dick Workman reported last week that private and corporate contributions to the Foundation have reached the three-quarters mark along the way to the goal of \$200,000 originally set out for the construction and equipping of Conservation Center. Workman added, however, that the goal is currently in the process of being revised to reflect the true cost of building, equipping and staffing the center, which Workman estimates will run in the vicinity of \$350,000 by the time the facility is opened to the public.

Thus, contributions of funds and materials would still be greatly appreciated by the Foundation.

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weight and speed restrictions continued for 60 days

In front of an audience composed primarily of developers and contractors, the City Council voted last Thursday to accept a recommendation by City Manager Bill Nungester to roll over the emergency ordinance regarding weight restrictions for another sixty days, while the Council studies the problem further.

"This is a procedural problem," said Mayor Porter Goss. "Sometimes we get up to the day of the hearing and get into a crunch and don't have enough information to make a decision. Then, we admit it and do what we're doing now."

Mariner Properties President Robert Taylor requested that he—and other interested citizens—be able to see the technical data ahead of hearing time. Goss replied that, when a staff memo

was prepared, it would be available to the general public.

"That doesn't work too well sometimes," Taylor replied. "Last time, we got to see it the morning of the hearing. And," he added, "you know yourself that once staff memos are prepared, positions are taken. You get in the position then of looking like you're trying to shoot down a report and I don't want to be in that position," Taylor concluded.

Taylor then suggested that a task force approach be adopted during the formation of the permanent weight restriction ordinance. Vice-Mayor Zee Butler indicated that she would rather see the workshop format that was utilized during the discussions on the graphic ordinance.

Sanibel resident, George Christen-

son, told the Council that the Island's main roads are only 16-18 feet wide and are not suitable for heavy-duty trucks. "At that width," he said, "the roads will just spread out." They should be at least 20 feet wide, he maintained.

He also cited a recent case where a Cement Industries truck apparently violated the current two-axle, 40,000 pound limit. "The truck" said Christenson, "had a load alone of 39,963." He then suggested that many of the trucks coming over the causeway were violating the current restrictions and recommended that a CETA employee be assigned to check the trucks and their weights. Mayor Goss told the audience that weight scales are in the new budget and will be in operation after Oct. 1.

Opinions on the speed limits were varied among Council members. Zee

Butler wished to pass the 35 M.P.H. limit, while Francis Bailey wanted to keep the options open until the weight restrictions were settled.

Councilman White then proposed that the speed ordinance be tabled until the additional engineering data was received and the workshop sessions held.

Goss agreed, saying that he didn't want to be in the position of outlawing a lot of necessary services—not just construction—and, even though it would be taking care of the roads, it would still cause a lot of other problems.

"All I wanted to do was get rid of this ordinance," he said after much discussion, tearing the long white sheet in half to prove his point.

The Council then passed White's motion to also continue the current speed limits for another 60 days.

experimental tram service planned for south seas

South Seas Plantation President Allen Ten Broek revealed recently that an experimental tram service to transport guests around the Plantation compound is planned for Captiva's largest resort this season.

Ten Broek said that one tram car has already been ordered for South Seas and should be ready to carry guests, visitors, and residents to various points of interest within the resort by December or early January.

According to Ten Broek, the South Seas tram will be a small, motor-driven train car similar in style to those which carry visitors through Disney World in Orlando. The tram will tour continually through the Plantation grounds, Ten Broek said, and will provide open air seating for a driver and sixteen passengers.

If the first car proves successful and popular with guests of the resort, then additional cars capable of carrying up to eighteen persons will be added to the train later in the coming season, Ten Broek added.

He said that additional cars will not be available until at least next March because the manufacturer has a backlog of orders for the popular trams.

The experimental tram which will greet visitors to the resort this winter will run from the Plantation's gate up

to the King's Crown Dining Room near the South Seas golf course, stopping along the way to take on and discharge passengers as seating space permits. The ride will be free for guests and residents of the resort, said Ten Broek.

"The idea is to eliminate automobile

traffic at the Plantation as much as possible," Ten Broek explained. He said that ideally, the resort's management would like to see a whole fleet of little trams in operation at

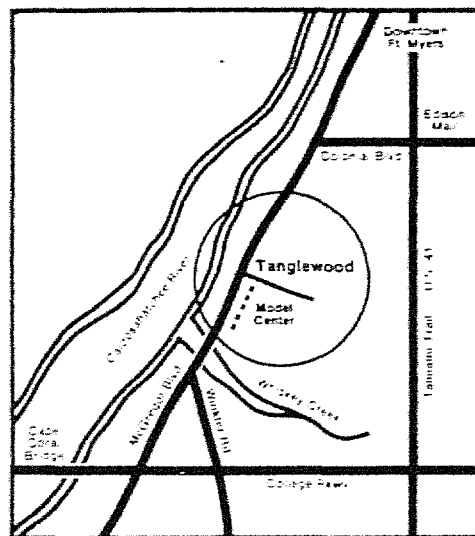
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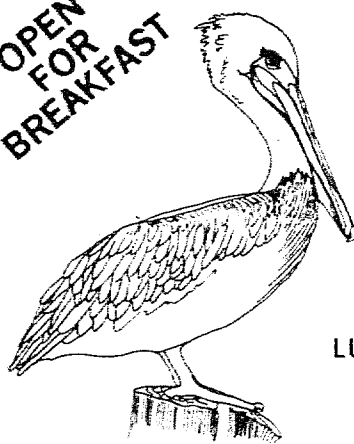


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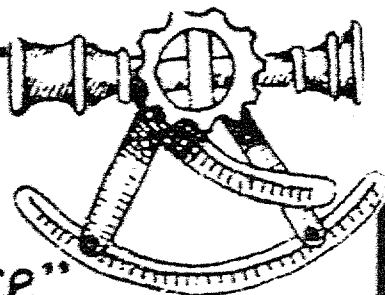
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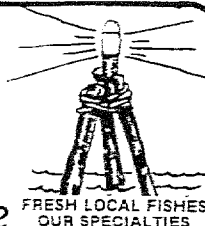
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mind the step

part IV

by ruth hunter

At Penzance (where the Pirates were) we we boarded the steamer, "Scilonia 3rd", to the Scilly Islands. A grandma sitting next to me on deck said that "if one can stand the trip to the Scillys, one is ready to cross the ocean."

We didn't find it all that rough and along the 39 miles little islands pop up now and then to surprise you, and the wind blows like Hail Columbia. When we disembarked at St. Mary's, we were ready for crab meat sandwiches sold on the dock. Because a number of industries failed long ago, the Scillinians turned to exporting flowers — lilies, narcissi and daffodils.

The climate is mild, so much so that once, on one single ship, 38 tons of flowers were shipped to Penzance.

My hat is off to Ron Perry, our tour driver for the little bus which seated about eight of us. Because there is very little to show visitors on the Islands, Perry makes things up; like, "there's Mrs. Statler and her new baby," "here comes Bill Mulgruf and his tractor and there's Bill's cat, Betsy". And so it went, "Smoke. Must be Indians." "There's Harold Wilson's house — no front door to it, and there's Mrs. Wilson's close pole; notice it's painted Tory blue!"

At a teeny weeny pastry shop, not big enough to swing a cat in (and who on earth does that?), we had delicious German chocolate cake with tea and talked to Nigel King and Mark Muggleton, two handsome English boys who had sailed over with us from

Penzance. They were so nice, but of the Lord-of-the-Manor type families, who would never mix with a million-dollar baby you found in a 10-cent store.

They lived in country homes that were 450 years old, or more, and had attended Eton and Oxford.

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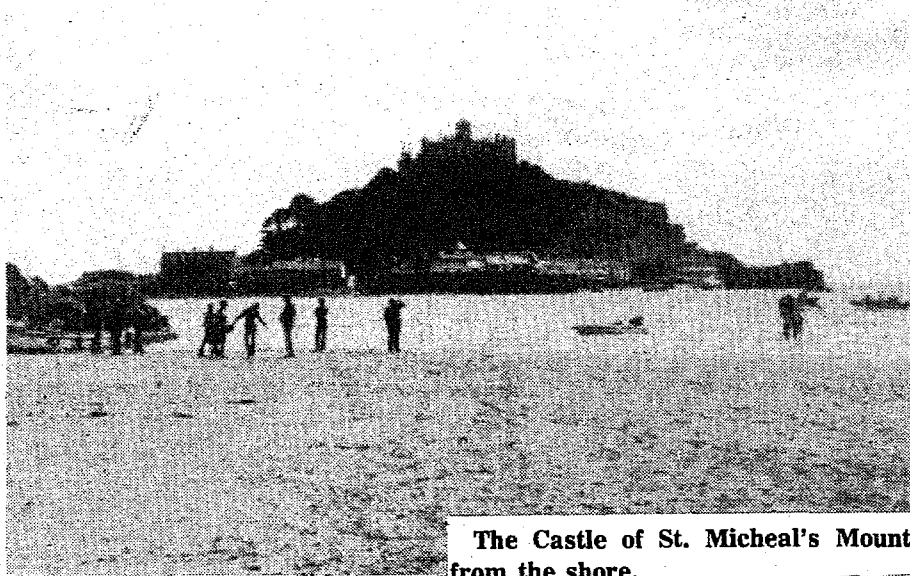
7. PLEASE WAITE. Rome wasn't burnt in a day and it takes awhile to burn your toast.

8. IF YOU MUST pinche something in this KYTCHEN, PYNCH the COOKE.

9. This is my KYTCHEN. If you don't believe it, START SOMETHING.

Lucky us, the flag was up at St. Michael's Mount near Penzance at Marazion, Cornwall. That meant Sir John St. Aubyn, the current owner of this castle, was not at home and visitors could roam all over. However,

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mind the step

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by the time you climb 300 steps, you walk slowly and casually around at the top.

There's a path through the sand when the tide is out, but we chose to wait and took a boat out to this Island. The views, of course, are spectacular. Instead of studying all the usual castle paraphernalia, I was most interested in the family who lived in this castle when the visitors weren't there.

"Sir John lives atop that west wing over there," said the guard with a wink, "and don't wake the baby!"

This produced loud laughter for everyone but myself. I knew Sir John was old enough to be planning his funeral. When you die, if you're a St. Aubyn, or a relative, you have a special vault in the beautiful St. Michael's chapel, outside of which is a stone lion. I sat on this cold beastie and wondered what life would be like in a castle like that.

I remember an actor in a play I had joined in New York had to leave the cast because he had inherited a castle and had to go back home to England. He was unhappy but I think I would have loved it.

A Frenchman we joined up with pooh-poohed this St. Michaels and said his St. Michaels in France was much better. Sure is bigger, I'll admit. Mr. Frenchman insisted we drive to where he lived, St. Ives, on our way home. Following him, through one-way

streets, a church bumped into us, causing the fellow from whom we had rented the car to say "Oh Gawd" when he saw the dent and his wife to reply, "Doesn't hurt a bit - its covered by insurance."

St. Ives, St. Ives, you drive through seas of people - I was reminded by the nursery rhyme:

When I was going to St. Ives
I met a man with seven wives
Each wife had a cat
Wives, cats, Oh, St. Ives

St. Ives is an artists' paradise but it looked to me like there wasn't much room to turn around, much less try to paint a picture. How happy we were to get back to our guest house room where, from our dormer window, I could see a big hunk of the Cornish coast. Mrs. Bowden, our hostess gave me two golliwog dolls for my collection. (They get golliwog dolls free with marmalade in Britain and she had wall-to-wall golliwogs.)

On to Sandy Bend Farmhouse, 300 years old where the sea rolled farther out than the Bay of Fundy, it seemed to me. The professor and his wife who owned it picked me a gorgeous bunch of flowers from the garden. As soon as we had gotten in the car, I hauled a tin can of posies wherever we stopped. Sometime on a rough road, the can tipped over, which evoked a couple of cuss words from the driver. But pinks, delphinium, roses, daisies, poppies - they were all my pets. And we were at

time at Weston-sur-Mer for an evening performance at the beautiful Royal Theatre of the world's worst play" "Let's do it your way."

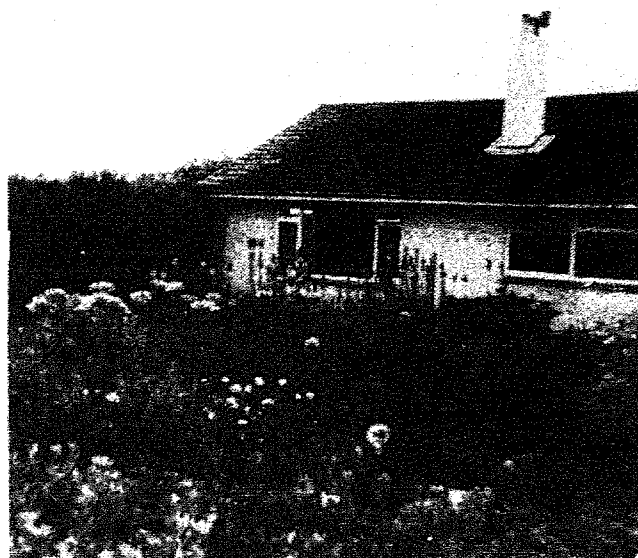
We had hoped to get a line on "It ain't Half Hot Enough, Mom" for our Pirate Playhouse, which was advertised. "Your Way" was substituted. And, as we used to say in vaudeville, "Your Way" was phew-trid, phew-trid! Worse than that, it made me think of a kid expression which suited to-a-tee this

badly written and acted production: "It stank on hot ice!"

We couldn't take it—we left after the first act! Back to our lovely farmhouse where tea and cake were waiting for us alongside a fireplace one could stand up in - listening to the waves and drinking in the professor's sweet-smelling flower garden.

Who was it said, "To cultivate a garden is to walk with God!"

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food for thought by julie gray

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The first bakers' union was formed about 95 A.D. by Greek slaves who produced different qualities of bread for different classes—senators' bread, plebians' bread and slaves' bread.

In the Middle Ages, the kind of bread eaten indicated a family's standing. Fine, white bread was a status symbol reserved for the highborn and the wealthy.

Today's white bread, no longer fine, more often resembles a piece of styrofoam. The recipes below are as far removed from that modern horror as one can imagine. They involve the making of fine breads, not from long ago but very definitely for now.

GRAINS:

Grain, Webster tells us, is the seed or fruit of a cereal, grass or plant. When ground the result is either meal or flour.

Until the 19th century all flour was stone ground. But by the beginning of this century stone ground flour gave way to the "modern improvement" of steel rollers, which remove the wheat germ from the flour.

This brings us to "modern breads" that are "enriched." This so-called enrichment comes from the addition of about four ingredients to the processed flour. In light of the fact that about 20 nutrients are removed during the processing, it appears to be a case of diminishing returns.

Although many different grains are ground into flour, wheat is the most common and the most important. It is most important because it contains a protein called gluten—the ingredient which makes the elasticity necessary for dough to expand, and trap and hold the gas given off by the yeast. Rye has some gluten, but flours like buckwheat, barley, rice, soybean are best used in combination with other flours because they have virtually no gluten.

Most local supermarkets carry all-purpose flour, both bleached and, better, unbleached, whole wheat, (graham flour) and corn meal. Many of the other flours are available from health food stores.

YEAST:

Yeast comes in three ways, in cakes (called fresh yeast), which must be kept refrigerated; individual packages in strips of three (available in the supermarket, with each package equal to 1 tablespoon); and the third way is to buy it in dry form but in bulk. Health food stores are the source for this; it comes in ½-pound and pound packages.

For the best results for the home baker, I recommend the dry bulk pack. Many people I have spoken with have found that in south Florida, the small packs produce bad results. You can let me know what your experience is.

SWEETENERS:

Yeast needs a sweetener to make it ferment and rise really high—After all, it has quite a job to do in pushing all that other stuff up.

You can always substitute molasses or honey (even pancake syrup.) Just remember you'll need more flour.

LIQUIDS:

Liquids may be interchanged with ease. The liquid used may change the texture of the finished loaf slightly but that's what it is all about. I have used chicken soup to make bread with (really.) Potato water is an excellent bread liquid.

KNEADING:

Thorough kneading is "needed" to make your bread succeed.

Don't hesitate. Gather your courage, wash your hands and begin. Turn the dough out of its nice warm bowl and watch it slowly ooze down on a floured counter or board.

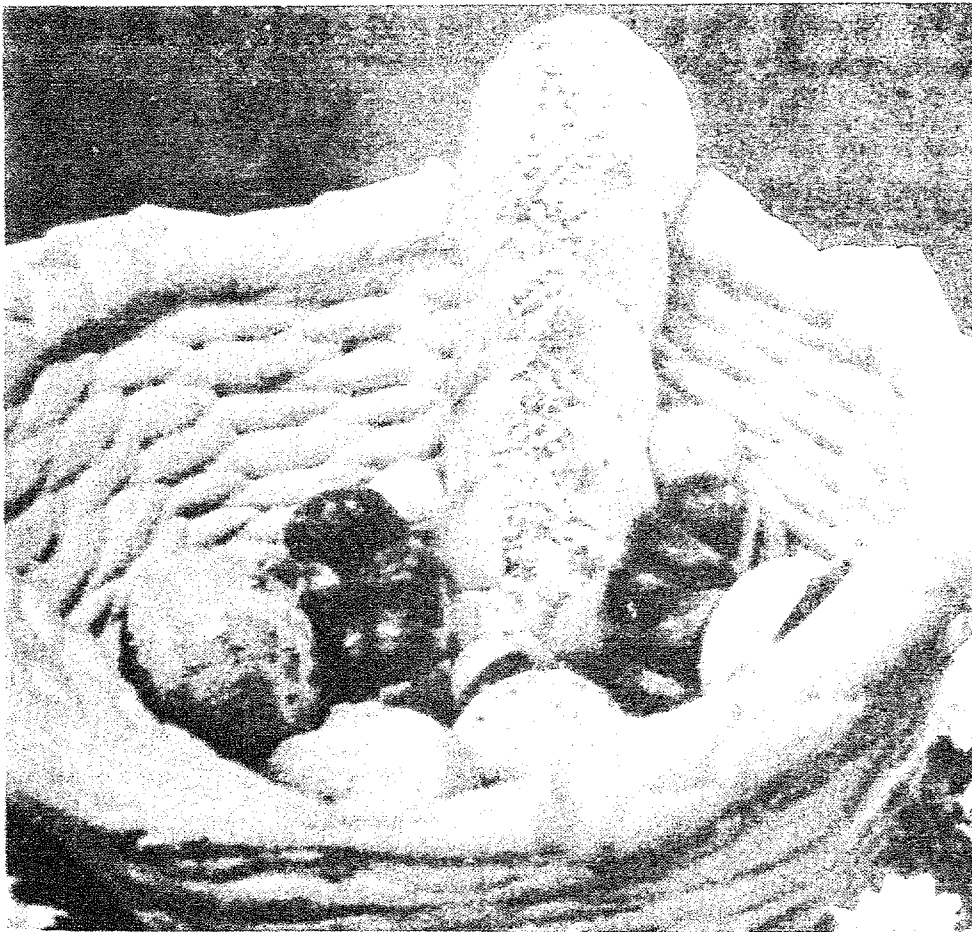
Flour your hands and begin. Keep working it with your hands, folding it over itself, and turning it a quarter turn at a time until suddenly you have a smooth elastic ball.

It will usually feel like a baby's bottom or an art gum eraser.

If you're lucky enough to own a mixer with a dough hook by all means use it...except if you are in a bad mood. Nothing takes out anger quite as well as kneading dough.

MAKING THE LOAF:

Roll it up jelly-roll fashion, make it into a braid and tuck the ends under and place in pan or just form into a ball and throw on a baking sheet...or divide up into small clumps and throw into a bread pan for pull-apart rolls.



TIPS:

Never wash your bread pans. When you get a new pan, wipe it with oil and bake it for 45 minutes. Never wash it, just wipe it dry and your bread will always pop easily out of the pan. (Bowen Equipment Co. in Fort Myers has some perfectly horrible-looking but fantastic used bread pans at a very reasonable price in their used pan department. Your mother-in-law will talk about you, but go look at the pans and tell them I sent you.

—For a soft crust, brush loaves with margarine or butter while they are still warm.

—Always cool loaves on wire racks. Never wrap until cool.

—A special bread knife with a nicely

serated blade should belong to the bread baker. A BAD KNIFE WILL RUIN THE BEST LOAF.

—When searching for a place that is about 85 degrees for the rising, try out on the patio. Or turn your oven to 200 degrees for five minutes, turn it off and put the bread in to rise.

—Always pre-heat your oven to the correct temperature before putting bread into bake.

WHITE BREAD

(that will stop you from ever buying bread at the store again.)

Makes 3 loaves

6-8½ cups white flour, unbleached and unsifted
 ½ cup powdered milk
 ½ cup uncooked oatmeal or mashed potato flakes
 2 packages or tablespoons yeast
 2 eggs (optional)
 3 cups water
 ½ cup honey
 2 tablespoons oil
 1 teaspoon salt
 Raisins, cinnamon and wheat germ optional)

rise until once again doubled and bake at 350 degrees for 35 min. Cool on wire racks.

Variation

When raisins are added, ground nuts may also be added.

At rolling time the mixture may be spread with a mixture of herbs in a butter paste. (basil, parsley, garlic, etc. Vary the mixture to suit your taste.) This recipe may also be shaped into rolls.

WHITE BREAD WITH EGG BEATERS

(for those on low cholesterol diets)

Makes 3 loaves

1 package, cake or Tablespoon yeast
 1 cup warm water
 ¼ cup honey or 2 tablespoons sugar
 2 teaspoons salt
 dash powdered saffron for color
 ½ cup margarine melted and cooled
 ¾ cup Egg Beaters
 4¾ - 5¾ cups flour

Dissolve yeast in warm water. Add honey, salt, saffron, margarine and Egg Beaters. Add 3 cups of flour and beat until smooth. Add additional flour to make mixture come away from the sides of the bowl. Turn out of bowl and knead as previously described for 8-10 minutes or until it feels right.

Put in greased bowl and let rise until doubled (about 1 hour). Punch down and divide into 3 sections. Roll into rectangles, then roll (like a jelly roll) and place in bread pans. Brush with 2 tablespoons Egg Beaters to give a nice shine to crust and poppy or sesame seeds if desired. Let rise again until doubled. Bake at 375 degrees for approximately 20 minutes or until the loaves sound hollow when tapped.

BAGELS

5-6 cups unbleached white flour, (unsifted)
 3 tablespoons sugar
 1 tablespoon salt
 1 package, or tablespoon yeast
 1½ cups very warm water
 1 beaten egg white
 1 tablespoon cold water

+onion soup or 2 tablespoons garlic chips

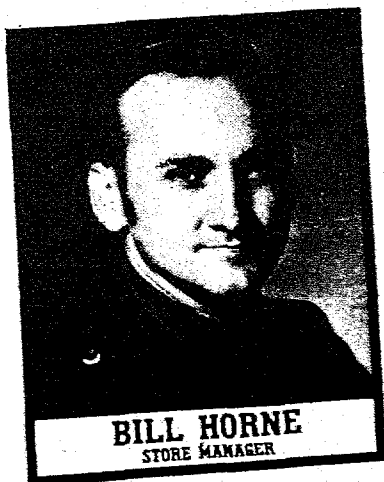
In mixing bowl combine 1½ cups flour, sugar, salt and yeast. Slowly add warm water and beat 2-3 minutes with a mixer. Add ½ cup of flour and beat 2 more minutes at high speed. Add enough flour to bring mixture away from the sides of bowl and turn out and knead until smooth and elastic. Let rise in a greased, covered bowl about 20 minutes in a warm place. This will not double the mixture. Punch down and roll into a large rectangle about 12x10". Cut into 12 equal strips and bring ends together to make circles. Place on baking sheets, cover and let rise another 20 minutes. Dough will not double.

Bring 1½-2 inches of water to boil in a large shallow pan. Add a few bagels at a time and simmer 7 minutes. Remove from water and cool on a towel for 5 minutes. Bake on ungreased baking sheets for 10 min. at 375 degrees. Remove from oven, brush with egg white and cold water and bake 20 min. longer. Cool on wire racks.

+to drive the neighbors mad add ½ pkg. onion soup or garlic chips with milk mixture.



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beach reefs await approval for reef construction near islands

by rich arthurs

A non-profit organization called Beach Reefs, Inc. is still awaiting final approval from the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation (DER) for their proposal to construct two artificial fishing reefs in the waters near Sanibel and Captiva.

According to Beach Reefs President Michael Yakubik of Fort Myers Beach, the group has applied for DER permission to establish reefs at either end of the Islands, one off the Redfish Pass at Captiva's northern tip and another out in the Gulf from the Sanibel Lighthouse.

The first of the two reefs to be constructed by the group, said Yakubik, will be about a mile and a half out in the Gulf due west of Redfish Pass. The second reef is planned for an area of the Guly lying roughly one and three-quarters miles southwest of the Sanibel Lighthouse, Yakubik added.

He explained that the current proposal being considered by DER officials calls for each of the two reefs to be about one half-mile long by 300 feet wide, and composed of old tires weighted with concrete, broken pieces of concrete, and scrap metal gleaned from old barges and from the former Peace River bridge at Port Charlotte.

Yakubik said that the proposed locations of the reefs were changed somewhat as a result of suggestions offered by the Organized Fishermen of Florida, who pointed out that the reefs were to have been constructed in prime harvesting areas for many local game fish. Because of the change in plans, Beach Reefs decided to withdraw their

original applications to DER and refile new applications, thereby occasioning another delay in the project.

Yakubik added that he expects a ruling on the revised application from officials at DER's Punta Gorda office by late October.

He indicated that his group's long range plans call for the construction of seven artificial fishing reefs in the waters off Lee County's coastline. Beach Reefs, Inc. is already planning to apply for DER permission to build two additional, smaller reefs beyond those envisioned for Island waters, Yakubik revealed.

He said that those reefs will be established in deeper water than the existing reef or those for which DER approval is pending. One reef will be constructed out in the Gulf in between 30 and 35 feet of water, while the other will be installed at a depth of between 40 and 45 feet below the surface, according to the group's long range plans.

Yakubik said that no locations have been selected for these future reefs as of yet.

According to all reports, the group's existing reef, located about two and one-half miles out in the Gulf from Big Carlos Pass at the southern end of Estero Island, is already proving more successful than most anglers had expected. The mile-long reef was completed less than a year ago and has been open to fishermen for about a month.

"I haven't heard very many reports as of yet," Yakubik admitted, "but the fishing near the reef seems to be good."

He said that area residents who have done some diving at the reef have reported sighting many large snook, jewfish, grouper, reds and other game fish in the area.

"There's a lot of sea life out there," Yakubik said, "and the marine growth is excellent for such a young reef."

"The reef off Big Carlos Pass is already drawing fish," reported Sanibel resident Fritz Stoppelbein, publicity chairman for the Southwest Florida Anglers Club and organizer of the popular Island Open Fishing Derby on Sanibel.

"The reef is doing what it's supposed to and it's doing it faster than we thought it would," said Stoppelbein, an avid angler who has already fished the new reef a couple of times. "The plankton grows pretty fast here and the barnacles are thick on it already."

"I'm one-hundred per cent in favor of the construction of more reefs out from

Sanibel and Captiva," Stoppelbein added. "I think the one planned for Redfish Pass will be a big boost to local fishing and may even cut down on the erosion problem up there."

"And I'm really looking forward to one off the Lighthouse end of the Island," Stoppelbein said.

At the time of our interview with Yakubik last week, the funding for the two reefs planned for Island waters was still a matter of uncertainty.

Yakubik said that the cost of building the first reef out from Fort Myers Beach came to almost \$148,000 because of the high cost of transporting scrap metal to the site from the old Peace River bridge in Charlotte County. By now, however, Beach Reefs, Inc. has collected a considerable quantity of scrap metal, concrete and other reef building materials, part of which was left over from the first project and part

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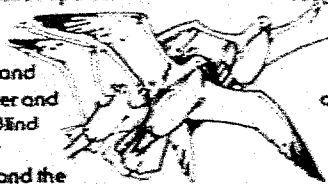
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reefs

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of which was donated by area fishermen.

"We anticipate that the costs will keep decreasing as we build more reefs," said Yakubik.

To fund the construction of the two reefs planned for the waters off Sanibel and Captiva, Beach Reefs has requested \$65,000 in federal revenue sharing funds from the Lee County Board of Commissioners. As of last week, the commission's approval of the allocation was still pending.

Yakubik said that the reason his group was forced to seek financial aid from the county commission was because private support for artificial reef building in Lee County has been slim pickings by and large.

Yakubik expressed particular surprise at the fact that Beach Reefs has received contributions from only one marina in Lee County, and very few contributions from the owners of area hotels, motels, restaurants and other businesses which might be expected to profit from the tourist trade stimulated

by improved fishing in local waters.

"The businessmen of the area haven't broken any records in terms of their donations to the project," Yakubik admitted sadly. Lee County anglers and civic groups, however, have been more generous in their support, he said.

"We'd sure like to see some support from Sanibel and Captiva," Yakubik added. "Up until now we've been very disappointed. We thought that the people of the Islands would be quick to back our efforts, but so far it hasn't materialized."

And for Beach Reefs, as with everyone else these days, funding is the key to success.

"The faster we get the money, the faster we'll build the reefs," Yakubik concluded.

Island anglers wishing to contribute funds for the construction of artificial fishing reefs in the waters off Island shores are urged to send your tax-deductible donations to: Beach Reefs, Inc., P.O. Box 2864, Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931.

beach reefs update: funding denied

Lee County's administrative staff has recommended to the county commission that Beach Reef Inc. not be given \$65,000 in revenue sharing funds needed to construct two additional reefs, Mike Yakubik president of Beach Reefs said Wednesday.

County officials were unavailable to explain why the directors of the county governments various divisions had made that recommendation but a secretary for County Administrator Lavon Wisner confirmed the report.

"If we don't get these, the program dies," Yakubik said referring to the two reefs that would have been constructed with the revenue sharing funds.

Early in August Beach Reefs opened the southern half of its first artificial fish haven. The one-mile long and 300-foot wide conglomeration of scuttled

boats, barges, demolished hotels and bridges is located 2.2 miles from the south end of Estero Island. Scuba divers surveying the reef have reported substantial growth of marine plant life, baitfish, crustaceans and many varieties of game fish.

According to Yakubik, the second reef, if the funding is approved, will be located one mile from Red Fish Pass at the North end of Captiva Island. The third reef will be planted about a mile from the southern tip of Sanibel Island. Both of the planned reefs will be one-half mile long and 300 feet wide.

Yakubik pointed out that the county is spending money building boat ramps and launching areas for boaters and fishermen, but without the construction of the reefs, Yakubik said, "They won't have any place to go."

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voters meets Monday

The Sanibel-Captiva Unit of the Lee County League of Women Voters will hold its first regular meeting of the season in the meeting room of the West Wind Inn on West Gulf Drive beginning at 10:00 a.m. this coming Monday, October 10.

The meeting will be continued in an evening session to be held at the West Wind Inn beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18, for those members of the group who are unable to attend the morning meeting due to scheduling conflicts.

The foremost topic of discussion to be addressed by the Island Unit of the League this year is the feasibility of establishing some sort of mass transit system on Sanibel and Captiva, for which an Island-wide traffic study will be conducted by League members and other volunteers.

Other topics to be discussed by the Island League of Women Voters include various proposals to revise the Florida Constitution, which will be submitted to the State Constitutional Revision Committee for consideration.

All coming meetings of the Island League of Women Voters will be open to the public, and non-members of the League are warmly invited to attend.

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COTI urges environmental defense fund support

In a meeting last week, the board of directors of the Committee of the Islands (COTI) gave their approval to a newsletter to be circulated among all members of the organization.

In essence, the newsletter provides an informative update on a number of important local issues which the COTI board has been monitoring for the past few months.

Most of the issues presented in the letter deal with current environmental concerns on the Islands ranging from the present water hook-up moratorium on Sanibel to a number of lawsuits which have been filed challenging the integrity of Sanibel's comprehensive land use plan.

Prominent matters of litigation outlined in the COTI newsletter include the Nationwide Realty suit involving the Sanibel Bayous subdivision near Bowman's Beach Road, the suit of Hoffman et. al. versus Sanibel over property lying to either side of Causeway Road, and the Wulfert Point suit challenging the land plan's density allocation to over 400 acres of land on Wulfert Point.

The newsletter concludes by urging all COTI members to support the young city's efforts to preserve Sanibel's unique environment by making contributions to the Sanibel Environmental Defense Fund, a special bank account established at the Bank

of the Islands to enable the city to accept private contributions to help defray the legal expenses involved in defending Sanibel's comprehensive land use plan in court.

In their plea for support approved last week, the board of directors urges all COTI members to make cash donation to the city's legal defense fund in the form of checks mad payable to: the Sanibel Environmental Defense Fund, Bank of the Islands, Sanibel, Florida 33957.

The COTI newsletter represents an extension of the recent efforts of a group of private citizens of Sanibel calling themselves the Sanibel Support Group.

Late in August, the Sanibel Support Group mailed out a similar plea for support for the city's groundbreaking legal efforts in the field of environmental defense. To date, their circular has met with extremely encouraging success, according to city officials.

City Treasurer Mildred Howze reported that the fund contained a whopping sum of \$36,797.99 including 100 shares of Colgate-Palmolive stock and 200 shares of Bristol-Myers stock as of last Friday.

It is hoped that the new COTI newsletter will enable the Environmental Defense Fund to grow even faster in the weeks and months ahead.

city files response in Wulfert point suit

The City of Sanibel filed a formal response in Federal District Court, Tampa, last week answering charges brought by a Chicago-based developer-Sanibel Bayshore Associates—that the comprehensive land use plan (CLUP) was formulated in an unconstitutional manner and that the lowering of density on their 415-acre Wulfert Point site from 3272 net units to 46 units constitutes confiscation of property.

Other allegations made by the developer include alleged violations of the Sunshine Law, discrimination favoring land owners at the eastern end of the Island and conflict of interest.

The City has requested dismissal of the 80-page suit on the grounds that the complaint is redundant, verbose, immaterial, irrelevant and scandalous, according to city attorney Neal Bowen who conferred in Chicago last week with the City's consulting law firm in the case, Ross, Hardies and O'Keefe.

In their response, the City also maintains that Sanibel Bayshore Associates have failed to exhaust their administrative remedies, one of which

is requesting a fact-finding team to examine the situation in an attempt for both parties to settle their disputes out of court.

"Sanibel Bayshore Associates has never appeared before the Planning Commission or the City Council," Bowen said. The developers have requested a revised allocation of 1600 units in their suit.

"We also feel that, since they waited well over a year to file they are in violation of the statute of limitations. And," he added, "there is nothing in the law that invalidates an ordinance as a remedy."

The City has also alleged in their response that Sanibel Bayshore Associates are unlawfully requesting to have the court intervene in a matter that is legislative, rather than judicial, in nature, a violation of the separation of powers guarantee in the Constitution.

There is no indication at this point how long the Federal Court, which first must decide if it has jurisdiction in the case, will take before ruling on the charges.

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 -Martin Mull

"Now you be sure to do your best in school," my mother frequently admonished me throughout my grade school, high school, and college career, "or you'll wind up working in a gas station!"

And for that reason I always envied the gas station attendants of America, those devil-may-care individuals who are apparently above the need for an education and seemingly immune to the crunch of inflation. Only the dread oil embargo threatens the job security of the gas station attendant.

And so it was that I jumped at the opportunity to live out my lifelong dream last week when the ISLANDER's editor-in-chief assigned me to assume the position of attendant at the service station at Three-Star Groceries near the intersection of Palm Ridge, Tarpon Bay and Sanibel-Captiva Roads.

In the interests of what's happening on the Islands, the ISLANDER commissioned this reporter to see it firsthand through the eyes of those who do. Always a generous individual, Jim Robson was offering a dollar per word for the finished copy, and so I figured it would be easy to crank out a hundred-thousand words on the finer points of pumping gasoline. While this effort may fall somewhat short of that figure, I still expect to make my fortune by offering future installments on this first theme.

Now my mother also urged me to make a good first impression when embarking on any new venture, so true to form, I somehow managed to show up fifteen minutes late for my first day on the job at Three-Star.

The station manager, Clark Muller, was quite understanding however, and told me very politely that he'd knock my !!!!! head off if I ever came in late again.

Seriously, Clark was an excellent and good-natured tutor for an inept reporter who had only handled a gas pump in these little self-serve stations which seem to be running the traditional full-service filling stations out of business nowadays.

A resident of Sanibel, Clark has been the station manager at Three-Star off and on since May of last year. He possesses that one quality which separates a good attendant from a poor one; to wit, he loves his work.

But Clark's duties as station manager require infinitely more of him than just pumping gas, washing windshields, and checking oil. In sum, Clark is responsible for overseeing the complete operation of the station—everything from checking the pumps and ordering refills when they run low to bookkeeping, groundskeeping, managing the car rentals at Three-Star and a plethora of other little odds and ends which add up to make the difference between a clean, efficient service station and a tumbledown grease-pit.

"This is like a little concrete island," Clark told me upon my arrival for work at Three-Star last Wednesday. "The nice part of it is all the different types of people you meet."

"What's important is for the customer to get to know you," Clark explained. "The thing is to keep people coming back again and again, and all we've really got to offer is personal

service."

I soon learned that what Clark meant by personal service involved walking a very fine line between overzealousness and apathy. You don't want to ignore the customer, but on the other hand, you don't want to seem too anxious either. It just doesn't fit the image commonly associated with gas station attendants.

For instance, at the outset of the day I would rush up to the cars and greet customers with a cherry, "Hi! Need some gas?"

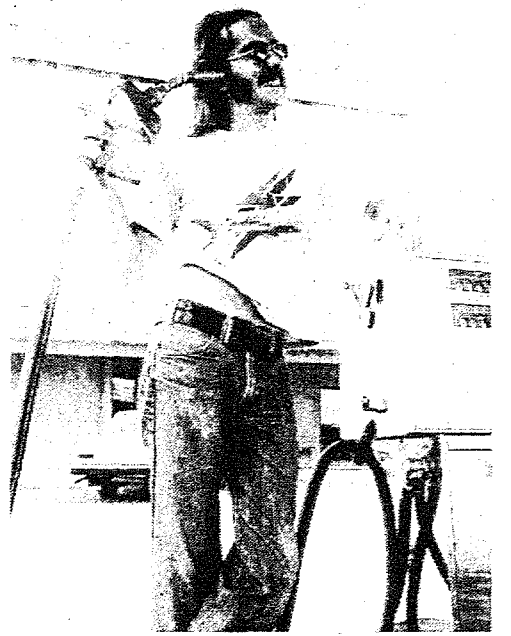
I realized the error of my ways when one sarcastic motorist replied, "No. Would you fill er up with sawdust!"

Thereafter, I followed Clark's lead by speaking only when spoken to unless the customer was an acquaintance or a regular, in which case joking and pleasantries are in order.

Unlike myself, Clark Muller has worked at Three-Star long enough to know what just about every regular customer likes to have done to his or her car. Most regulars just say, "Hey, Clark, what's shakin'?" and walk away from their autos when they pull in, leaving Clark to do what he knows best without their interference.

"Most of the oldtimers trust me with their lives," Clark revealed as he instructed me in who wants what checked, how much gas, and what type.

While I am still pretty much in the dark with respect to the differing chemical mixtures which go into the gasoline types commonly referred to as premium, regular, unleaded and



diesel, I was nevertheless soon able to determine at a glance which types of vehicle requires which types of gas.

It's actually quite simple. For instance, most of the newer model cars bear a decal saying "unleaded gasoline only" right above the gas cap, and so it's a fairly straightforward business to put unleaded gasoline into them.

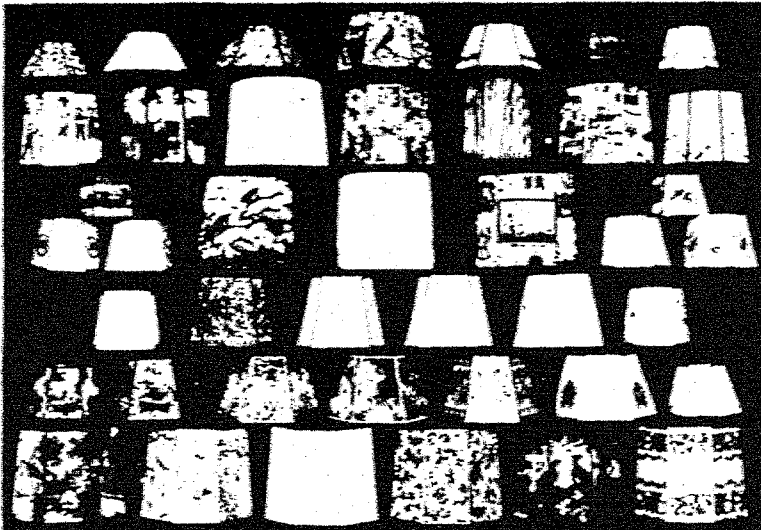
I was also quick to learn that truckers usually take diesel, rich people in snazzy-looking sports cars almost always want premium, while the rest of us will take regular nine times out of ten because of the price differential, I gathered.

And I have no doubt that if a motorist had come in and asked for salad oil, I

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would have been more than willing to dump a couple of quarts into his crankcase, carburator, cam-shaft for wherever it goes.

And speaking of where it goes, one of the most iddificult aspects of the job for me was finding the gas cap of each vehicle as Merc after Dodge after Chevy after Datsun after Ford after Toyota after Mercedes after GM truck came in for a fill-up.

You would think there would be some standardization among them for something as basic as the gas cap, but every different make and model from the year one has it stuck in a different place. Some you can't open without a key, and some necessitate the pulling of a lever release mechanism which in invariably harder to locate than the gas cap itself.

But this should have been nothing new to me in that I was once nearly arrested for car theft some years back when I couldn't inform the attendant as to the whereabouts of the gas cap of the '58 Cadillac I happened to be driving at the time.

My parents had just bought the old tanker and it was my first time out

when I noticed the gas gauge was reading low. They got it for a song and it was in vintage condition until I got the chance to gum up all of the automatic devices.

At any rate, my head was rather more hirsute in those days and I guess I must have attracted suspicion considering the antique I was driving, for the attendant did a long double-take when I told him I had no idea where he might find the gas cap.

As it turned out, the gas cap was situated under the tail-light, which flipped open when you pulled a little metal gizmo concealed under the dashboard.

Lest Three-Star's regular patrons be apprehensive that I might have done some serious damage to their family autos last Wednesday, be assured that my work was closely monitored by Clark to insure your continued driving pleasure.

All in all, I'd like to think that Clark wasn't altogether displeased with my efforts last week ant that his frequent yuks and guffaws were only the warmth of his jolly nature bursting through.

But as everyone knows, the long and

the short of the gas station business is that you're not really there just to pump gas.

Gas stations just sell gas to meet fixed operating costs.

The real job of the gas station attendant is that of public information officer.

"A lot of people come in here asking where they can find the shells," said Clark, "Mostly in the season and now and again on the weekends when we get that Miami crowd over here."

"I tell 'em the shells are on the beach. What else can I say, it's the truth!"

"Then they ask where they can find the good ones," Clark continued. "I say, 'Well, they're on the beach, too, if you can find 'em.'"

Often you find yourself answering, "It's around the side. Get the key from inside the store."

Another Islander might ask you a question to which you would reply, "The city cops just went by up San-Cap Road and the Sheriff headed off-Island about ten minutes ago."

But I was fortunate last week in that Three-Star, like everywhere else on the

Islands these days, was slow.

I made my first big sale after about fifteen minutes on the job. It was a whopping seventy cents for one gallon of gas sold to a young Islander bent upon mowing his lawn.

An Island rush hour in the off season is truly as unique as the Islands themselves and something you don't see in too many other cities in this country. It consists of about a half-dozen cars converging on the Tarpon Bay-Palm Ridge-Sanibel-Captiva Road intersection once every fifteen minutes or so.

If one of those six motorists happens to be sporting alien plates and so seems to hesitate upon finding himself in the middle of the intersection, the other five drivers all blow their horns and shout witty remarks out their windows. This sort of thing tends to have a very salutatory and reassuring effect on the service station attendant at Three-Star.

And what's expecially nice is when one of the motorists' cars happens to overheat and stall out right in the middle of the intersection. It is then that the horns make their merriest din, the air is filled with smoke and exhaust, and the gas station attendant knows that he is really needed.

By the time I discovered that I was really needed, however, my clothes were soaked with gasoline from my frequent sloppiness and Jim and Clark had discovered that I had been punching the wrong buttons on the cash register all day long.

In my defense, I can only say that newspaper reporters are almost never called upon to handle money. Anyone who would put a reporter in such a position of responsibility soon learns the wisdom of the old saying that a fool and his money are soon parted.

But to make a long story short, I didn't quite make it to closing time on my first day at Three Star. I didn't even make it near closing time, as a matter of fact, because Jim and Clark had come to the regretful decision that they would have to let me go.

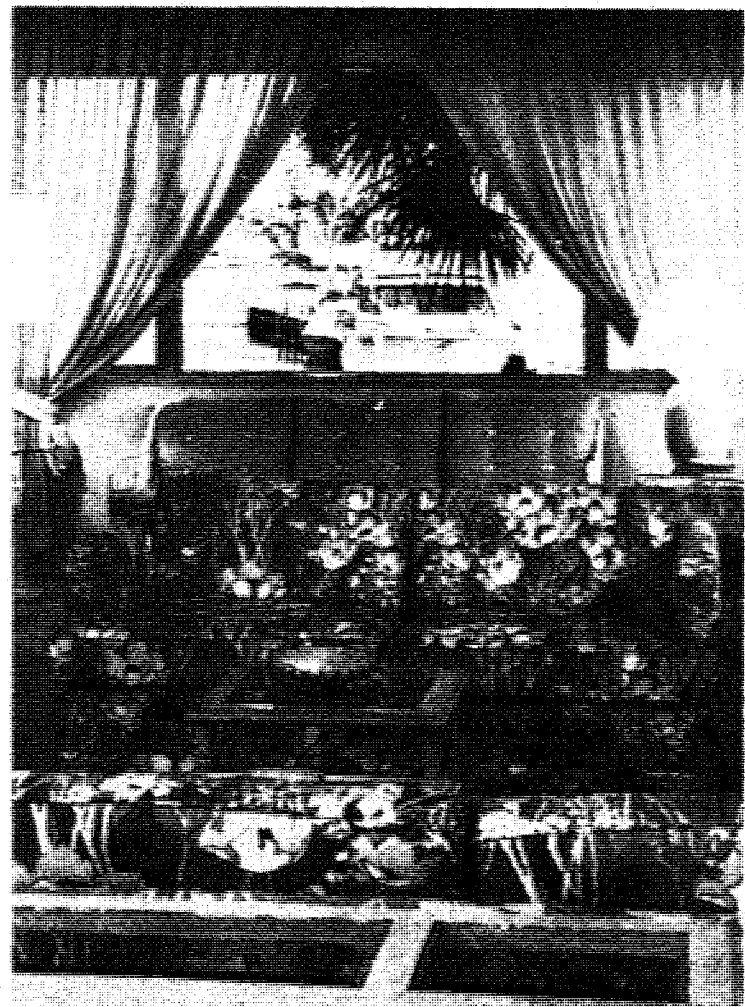
So now it seems that Jim Robson is still looking for a part-time gas station attendant at Three Star.

If you like pleasant company, the smell of gasoline and exhaust fumes, and blaring AM radios, the position comes very highly recommended.

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by mike fuery

It was about 20 years ago that fishing equipment manufacturers came out with a revolutionary refinement of a fishing reel which virtually changed the way fish were caught all over the world.

The spinning reel was not new, but it was refined, as I said, and gradually replaced the "revolving" reel, except for the heavy weight outfits such as those the Penn Reel firm continues to produce.

Well, if you were smart 20 years ago, you bought one of those fledgling reels, called "spinners" and tucked away that old fashioned reel.

If you had put that old reel away, you could bring it out today and be right in style. If you have not noticed, guess what is back?

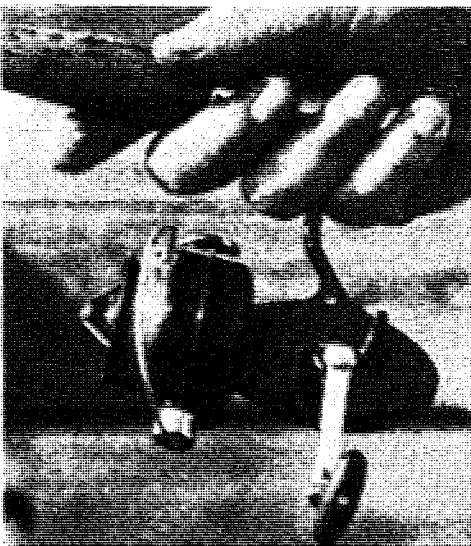
It's the old revolving reel, and it's seen some changes and some drastic price hikes.

The spinning reel has numerous advantages over conventional or revolving reels, and that is what gave it such popularity. But there were a few inherent problems which never really were worked out. One was the line slipping behind the spool, wrapping around the drive shaft and causing many problems.

Another flaw in the spinning reel was it's difficulty in use. Even after many years of modification, a great many spinning reels have to have the bail set at a certain position on the reel or else the line won't be picked up or the bail "cocked" correctly. The result is a mid-air whip lash which can keep you ducking half the day.

Occasional fishermen hardly ever master the spinning reel. I had a party out once who were in the same situation. They could not "get the hang" of pulling that bail back and holding a finger under the line to release at the right moment of the cast. They special-ordered two, manual-type, spinning reels. These come without bails and have a small roller or finger which holds the line, but you have to pick up the line after the cast and get it started on the reel. You think they had trouble with the first set of reels? You should have seen them with these manual reels. I've never seen so many baits whipped off in mid-air because the line jumped out and caught a handle or a line pick-up or something.

Reel manufacturers came out with a closed-faced spinning reel in later years and the Zebco firm prospered as it never did before. The problem was that the reel wouldn't stand up to salt very well and it wouldn't hold enough line for any deep water fishing. It never was a good alternative between the spinning and revolving reels.



Then when things were settled down in the fishing industry, along comes a couple of forms which figure the time is right to bring back the revolving reels, gussied up and with a much needed feature: an anti-back-lash mechanism.

Today, companies like Diawa and Garcia are doing a good business selling their "new" revolving spool reels and you aren't going to believe the prices. A conventional reel used to go for \$25 for the best, and that was with a leather reel pouch, and life-time guarantee.

Hold on to your hat when you check the prices on the newer editions of these reels. If you have \$60, you are in the ball park, but if you have a couple of hundred, you get the top of the line. Check those rod prices and you will see that the new graphite rods, a modern blend of space-age materials, is going to cost you from \$30 to \$100. It won't be long before you haul out that old reel and tell yourself you can get along with it for a while.

cooking your catch

by mike bode

The new edition reels are beauties, but I have seen two get into the worst "birds nest" tangles imaginable and that's with the manufacturer saying this troublesome problem was nearly eliminated.

On the other hand, they are smooth to cast, more accurate, I feel, than the spinning outfit and they are relatively simple to use.

Maybe I'm getting old fashioned, but I sure like a good spinning outfit for it's ability to handle in all sorts of fishing situations.

And you remember to tuck that spinning reel away, should this trend back to revolving spool reels continue. Who knows, in 20 years you might just find that the public has "discovered" a new reel, called a spinner!

(Mike Fuery is captain of Captiva Charters offering both sailing and fishing from Tween Waters Marina, on Captiva Island, Fla.)



Mike Fuery isn't taking any chances with his fishing gear—he's got both a casting and spinning reel on his rod. Now that's really hedging your bets!

Shrimp, shrimp and more shrimp. I'm glad that I live in Florida because shrimp are easily available most of the time. I know that at times they are expensive but right now the price has dropped quite a bit and we can take advantage of the current prices to stuff ourselves with these delectable little creatures. The following recipe is very simple to make and tastes just great. Give it a try and I'm sure you will be pleased.

For two persons:

12 large shrimp

1 oz. butter

½ oz. butter

½ cup shrimp stock

salt

pepper

lemon juice

Rice (cooked)

Peel shrimp, saving the shells for the stock. As soon as you have peeled all of the shrimp, place the shells into a separate pot and add two cups of water, a bay leaf and a dash of salt. Boil the shells down until you have approximately ½ to ¾ of a cup of stock. Drain the shells and throw them away but save the broth.

Back to the shrimp. After having peeled them, remove the veins and cut the shrimp into quarters. In a pie tin, melt butter and add a dash of salt and a dash of lemon juice. Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Add shrimp to the pie tin. Next, place the pie tin with the shrimp into the oven and brown well for five minutes. After shrimp have been browned for five minutes, remove them from the pan and add the stock to the pan, stirring well.

On your plates, place the rice in separate rings and add the shrimp to the plate on the rice. Lastly, add two tablespoons of sauce to each plate and that's all there is to it — a delicious shrimp meal and so simple to make.

I certainly hope that you enjoy your meal and your wine and I wish you, as they say in France, a *voire sante*.

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field notes

by fleur weymouth

Field Notes' second guest column is written by a remarkable 17-year-old, Laurie Ihle of Fort Myers. Laurie is Caretta Research's Secretary, and is presently studying at Edison Community College and aiming for a biology degree from the Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne. She is one of the few young people chosen to be on the Board of Directors of the Southwest Florida Audubon Society. She will be working with children at the new nature center on Ortiz Avenue in Fort Myers this winter. Her column is about William Hammond, Director of the new Junior Museum and Planetarium, and Coordinator of Environmental Education for Lee County.

With most people when you ask "How's it going?" the response is usually "fine" or "I'm doing okay." But when you ask Bill Hammond "How's it going?" he'll tell you "very fast."

This gives you some insight into the

man. He is very busy yet somehow he doesn't lose sight of how busy he is. Bill doesn't get totally caught up by things as he gets totally involved with them. And when you've got as much going on as Bill does, it's not always so easy to keep it all together.

When Bill first came to this county, he taught Biological Sciences in several of the area high school. Teaching can be a very rewarding experience and Bill says that is one of the reasons he became a teacher. He learned some things in his years of teaching that greatly influenced what he eventually got into.

One of the influence he talks about was a particular group of kids he had taught three years in a row. As Bill puts it, "they were a bright group of kids," and they really got involved with environmental issues and current research in the field. They were also a concerned group and they saw things in Lee County that they did not like and they wanted to do something about it. The problem was, "How do you solve community problems when you're a high school kid?"

The answer to that question evolved into the Environmental Education branch of our school system here in Lee County and Bill Hammond was the instigator. Bill saw a need to supply concerned young people with a place to go to learn how to act effectively within their community: Where you can learn how to lobby, become experienced in public speaking and relations, and get into your community government and see how it works.

You work with county commissioners and county attorneys and you learn about how important community action is. Of course, to become a part of community action you have to know what's going on within the community. So, much of the time Bill has field trips or speakers in, or just spends time on a particular community problem.

Overall, his program is geared to bring about an awareness of the environment around you. That environment includes everything, not just birds and trees and wetlands it includes cities and sewers and people, too.

Environmental Education doesn't

just involve high school students. Bill also holds workshops for teachers to show them how they can teach their students to be more attuned to their environment. There are field trips for grammar school kids to supply them with the opportunity to feel and see places and things they had never experienced before.

Environmental Education Bill Hammond's style is a whole different way of learning. It isn't reduced to text books. Learning is listening, breathing, feeling, experiencing and interacting with nature. To touch your environment and feel your role in it.

Perhaps you can understand me when I say it's very exciting to be around Bill. He's done so many things, things that have really helped this community. For example, on top of being the Coordinator for Lee County Environmental Education, he is also the Director of the new Junior Museum and Nature Planetarium. The Nature Center, as it's called, is a place for community learning about wildlife and th eenvironment. Already they've had

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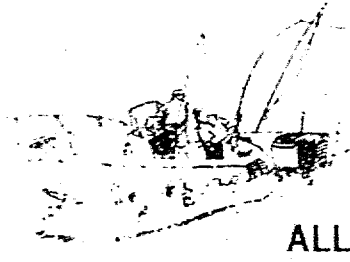
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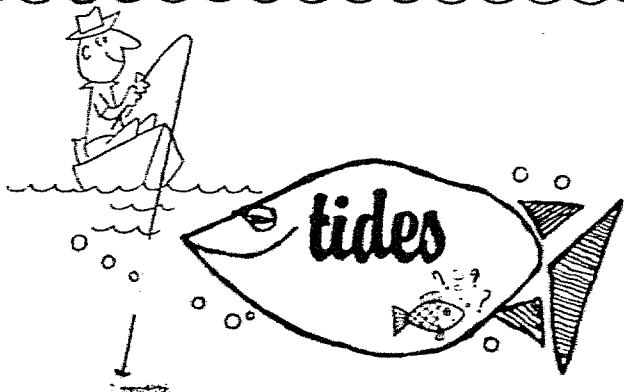
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Tides courtesy of THE REAL EEL - Herb (Skip) Purdy

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 know why, but it works. Instructions following are even less senseical but as we stated, they do work.)
For Captiva Island, Gulf side, subtract 30 minutes from each high tide, and subtract 1 hour and 16 minutes for each low tide.
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field notes

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a workshop on care of sick and injured wildlife with several of the top people in the field teaching a weekend session.

Things like this allow for community involvement. If you learn to care for injured wildlife, you have something to offer the community. Let's not stop there, though. Each and everyone of us has something to offer our community, environmental or otherwise. I think that is something Bill has always stressed in his teaching: to just do your thing. Whether it be drawing or writing or singing-whatever-but make use of what you are capable of. One of the neat things about Bill is he doesn't limit his capabilities and this enables him to do so much more.

I think that's why he's done so many things in his life. He's travelled all over the United States with his family. He knows scores of people. He can stand up and talk to a group of people without even knowing what he's going to say and then talk as though he'd said it all a

thousand times before. He's one of those people who's just a storehouse for information and understanding. I'm amazed by how easily he lets his thoughts flow.

So many of us really bind our minds and thoughts and when you come across someone who has set their minds free you either don't notice them or you are totally intrigued by them. I'm not saying I walk around with my mouth wide open, I'm just saying something grabs my attention and makes me curious to find out "how come he's different?" I get the idea I might learn something.

That's how it is with Bill Hammond. I know anytime I'm with him I'm going to learn something. Whether it be about the environment or the government or about the two hemispheres of the brain. Bill is continually growing and sharing and being.

It's an inspiration to know such a human being.

islander gardening

Homeowners usually desire ornamental plants adapted to a wide variety of environmental conditions, requiring little maintenance and having few pest problems. If this is the type of plant you want then consider Junipers.

A number of Juniperus species are currently in use by nursermen and homeowners, however, those commonly seen represent only a few of many varieties. The Juniperus genus contains about 40 species and many named varieties from these species. Junipers range in size from the very dwarf types, four to six inches tall, which can be used as ground covers, to large trees like our Southern red cedar which is really a juniper. This tremendous size range and almost never-ending array of growth forms make junipers outstanding specimens for use in landscaping. Their versatility and adaptability to a wide range of soils and climates, combined with their relatively easy maintenance, make the junipers outstanding or-

namentials. They certainly deserve more recognition than they have received in the past.

Junipers have excellent tolerance to salt spray and salty soils. Shore juniper has been used extensively for seaside plantings but other varieties could also be used.

Junipers grow from Alaska to the southwest, tolerating extremes in temperatures. There should be nowhere in Florida where these plants couldn't be grown.

They respond well to fertilization so growth rate can be speeded up if necessary.

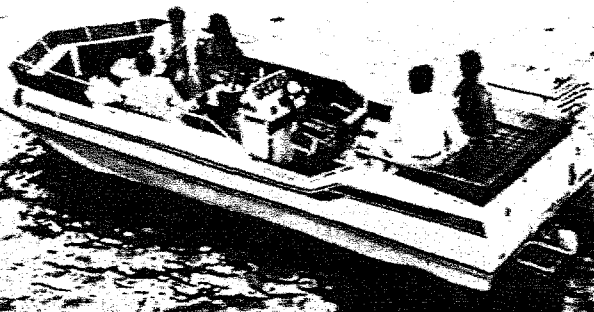
Another advantage to junipers is their excellent drought tolerance. Tolerance to desert-like conditions is very important for plantings in urban situations such as cities, along streets, parking lots, and also around some homes. Junipers require irrigation only under extreme conditions.

Unfortunately, junipers are not trouble-free as many people believe. They can be severely damaged by spider mites. The hotter and drier the growing conditions, the greater will be the mite problems. Mites can be controlled however.

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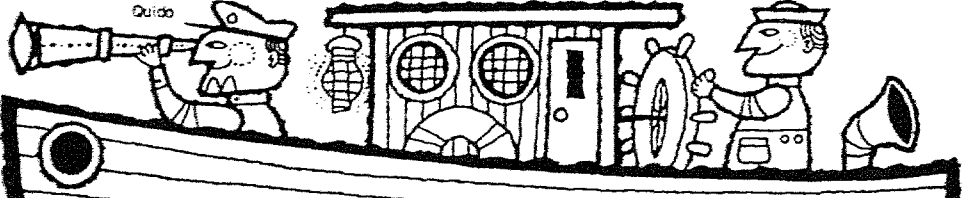


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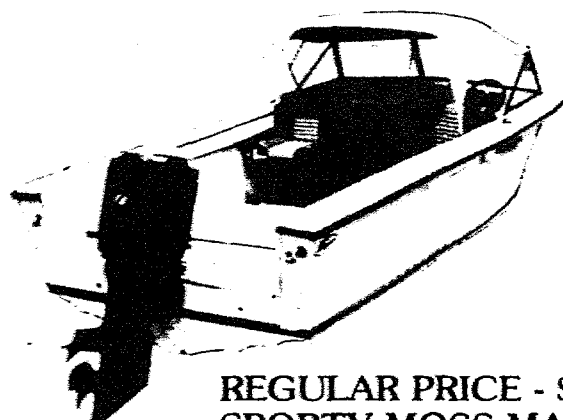


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today at city hall

9:00 a.m. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance (Butler); Approval of Minutes of previous meetings; Correspondence

9:15 a.m. Planning Commission Report

9:30 a.m. Consider request for City Council approval of an American Legion sponsored circus proposed to be held December 26 through December 31, 1977 (Paul Stahlin, Commander)

9:45 a.m. Consider approval of a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Sanibel with Bankers Life Company of Des Moines, Iowa, to provide a Deposit Administration type Pension Plan for City employees.

10:00 a.m. City Attorney's Report

10:05 a.m. City Manager's Report

10:15 a.m. Mayor and Councilmen Public Inquiries and Comments

12:00 noon Recess for lunch

1:30 p.m. Continuation of public hearing and second reading of two (2) ordinances amending Ordinance No. 76-21, the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Sections 3.3.1: Residential Densities and 3.2.2: Development Intensity Map, as submitted by Nationwide Realty Corporation. (Comprehensive (General) and Specific Amendments)

2:00 p.m. Continuation of public hearing and second reading of an ordinance specifically amending Ordinance No. 76-21, the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Sections 3.3.1: Residential Densities and 3.2.2: Development Intensity Map, to permit development of a single-family dwelling on Lots 15 and 16, Block 7, Sanibel Highlands subdivision, as submitted by Robert York.

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Also planned are studio efficiency rooms, giving visitors the choice of motel rooms, studio apartments or suites for their Island stay.

A new tennis court will also be added for the

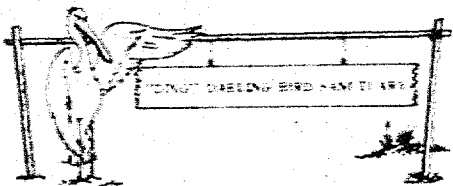
coming year, bringing to three the number of courts available for T'ween Waters guests. Adjacent to the courts will be a new pool and deck.

The current office area will become a lounge with a new office planned for the center of the property, and a meeting hall is planned.

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The chart showed two stacks as landmarks close to the beach. I searched for the stacks with my binoculars—no stacks!

I was planning on using them for getting a line of position for our run on the Papa Nui to the bell buoy and then back to the channel. This was our initial entrance to Fort Myers Beach. We had anchored off Sanibel after a moonlight run down the coast last night, our first pleasant run since leaving Biloxi five days before. Our course had been direct to the Beach from Biloxi, but headwinds after the first day had slowed us considerably.

I was curious about the stacks and several days after our arrival I asked one of the Charter Captains about them. I learned that they were Mississippi River Steamboat Stacks. On dry land? Hurricane? No! This was a story of love and romance—and here is what I heard and told my guests as we sailed past the legendary steamboat on the beach.

One man, so the story unfolded, met his future wife on a trip down the Mississippi, and after they were married, they honeymooned down the river. After many years, the man retired, and they chose Sanibel as a place they would like to live. They learned of a Mississippi riverboat that was for sale and decided they would buy it, bring it to Sanibel, put it on shore and live on it. This was accomplished and just as the boat was finished and they were ready to move in, the man died and his widow decided not to go on with their plans. The riverboat "Algiers" has never been lived in since except by a care-taker and a dog. The land around the boat is fenced off, but the boat can be clearly seen from the beach and from a short

way out in the Gulf.

This is the story as I told it to my guests. I thought that our readers would be interested, but decided that I would verify the story. I first stopped at the Priscilla Murphy real estate office and was given a copy of a brief summary of the story, and was directed to H. & H. Publishers, owned and operated by Tom and Vera Hunter. They had published in their monthly magazine "News for Now" last year a rather complete story of the facts surrounding the Algiers.

The man and wife in the story were Mr. and Mrs. Lathrop Brown. Mr. Brown had been President Franklin Roosevelt's best man when he married Eleanor. After retiring, they moved from New York to Big Sur, California. Mrs. Brown's "enthusiasm for shell collecting brought them to Sanibel" according to the "News for Now". They were delightful people, I am sure. Mr. Brown is pictured as an indulgent husband, and a courteous gentleman. Mrs. Brown as a plainspoken woman with beautiful ideas and very thoughtful of others.

The Algiers was brought upriver to Fort Myers where all of the converting of the Riverboat to a house was done. Inasmuch as the machinery would not be used, it was scrapped and more room was available for living quarters on the first deck. All of this was started in 1959. Miles Scofield was the contractor who received the bid for transporting the converted riverboat from the Gulf to a site approximately 500 feet from the beach and parallel to it. The Algiers was a big vessel. It was 150 feet long with a 67 foot beam. It drew about five feet of water. The plan was to dig a canal from the beach to its final site, float the Algiers in and raise it to its proper level by damming the canal and pumping water in until it

reached this level; place timbers under it, and then let the impounded water out. Believe it or not, this is what happened — and all within the figure Mr. Scofield had quoted of \$22,000 dollars. During this engineering feat, the crew had borrowed the Sanibel fire truck, which caught fire at the site while helping to pump water. It was a complete loss. Mr. Brown promptly replaced it.

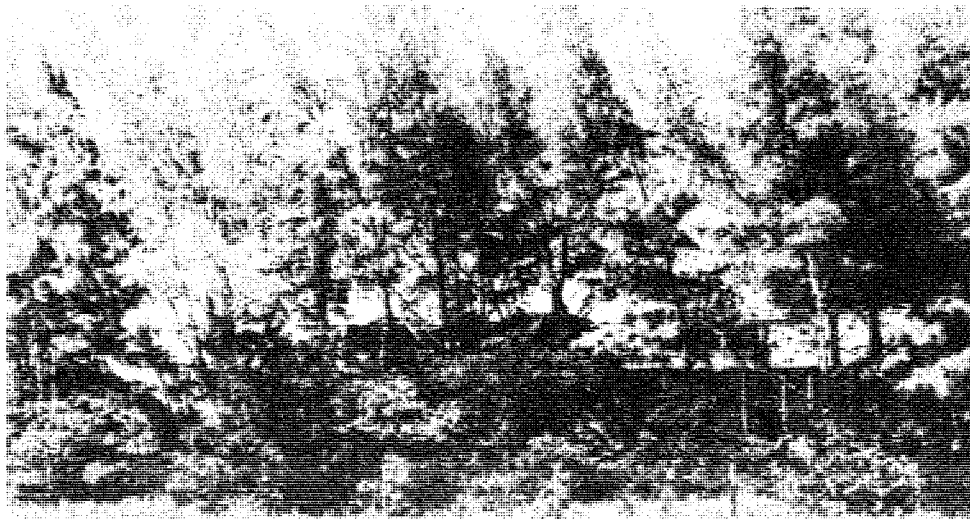
Here is a good story, a sidelight, of the riverboat story and I would like to

quote it as it is written in the "News for Now."

quote it as it is written in the "News for Now." "Actually, I really didn't like that picture. It was those loud colors would catch my eye, I guess. So I said I wasn't much of a one for art, and I guess she got my meaning. And asked me would I rather have a jeep instead."

But Miles Scofield can't forget that deal. His wife won't let him. The picture was a Picasso.

So, this is the story of the steamboat on the Sanibel Beach. It is about a half



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Miles Scofield also remembers an example of Brown's generosity that he is simply not allowed to forget.

There was a painting hanging in the Algiers 30x30 living room that he often paused to look at. Its garish colors seemed to catch his eye. When the Brown job was almost finished, Mrs. Brown said they would like to give him something personal in appreciation of a job well done and suggested the pic-

a mile towards Knapp's Point from the Sun Dial. Looking out at the last bit of land of Sanibel that you can see from Fort Myers Beach, it is just before the end of land. I have walked the beach and looked at it from the fence. It's worth the trip next time you are over at Sanibel.

Oh, yes. What happened to the stacks I couldn't see? The Australian Pines had grown so much in the last 18 years since the Algiers was beached that they don't show any more!



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police reports

An Island visitor lost his car keys on Bowman's Beach last week and called SPD to request that they check his car periodically through the night to see that everything was okay. He added that a locksmith from Ft. Myers Beach was on his way over to make another set of keys for the vehicle.

Later on, the locksmith in question called SPD to complain that the disabled motorist was unable to pay him for making the new keys and that he was taking the new key home with him in a state akin to disgust. He added that the person who was now driving the disabled motorist around nearly run him off the road as he pulled up to the disabled vehicle.

The disabled motorist finally called back to report that he had paid his bill and obtained his new car keys, while at the same time apologizing for the condition of his chauffeur, which was one of inebriation.

An Islander telephoned the station to report that his truck was missing from the place where he had parked it and so was quite possibly stolen.

SPD's investigation of the matter revealed that the truck in question had been repossessed by the dealer and towed back into Fort Myers.

An Islander called in to complain last week that a construction firm at work on the Islands was dumping water into the Gulf and so eroding the beach, which is highly frowned upon by city officials.

The patrolman dispatched to the scene noted that water was indeed being dumped into the bay by a construction crew, but as the water did not smell foul or offensive and did not appear to be eroding much of anything no action was taken.

SPD received a call from Lee County Sheriff's officials to take into custody an Islander wanted by the Sheriff's department.

The unfortunate Islander was duly picked up by SPD and conveyed to the Causeway toll booth where he was handed into the waiting arms of a county sheriff.

An Island patrolman escorted a female visitor to an Island physician last week after the woman had been stung by a sting ray.

This kind service was rendered because the woman did not know her way around the Islands.

An Islander was charged with aggravated assault last week after he held a butcher knife to the throat of another Islander who had made so bold as to intercede in a dispute involving the man charged with assault and a lady.

The disturbance took place in an Island convenience store, although the suspect was finally apprehended at a private residence on the Island.

An Islander called SPD to report an unattended dredge moored to the Sanibel Causeway one night last week with no running lights lit, thereby in violation of safe boating regulations as it was blocking an inter-coastal channel.

Causeway and Coast Guard officials were notified of the problem and the dredge was determined to be working on the Causeway itself.

A Captiva resident called SPD one night last week to report a large, possibly overloaded tractor-trailer blocking the main thoroughfare on Captiva.

She stated that when she tried to go around the trailer, she had been motioned on by a young construction worker who

employed obscene and abusive language with the complainant.

Representatives of the construction company were notified and the abusive construction worker was asked to report to SPD for a lesson in manners.

An unidentified automobile left in the parking lot of an Island restaurant for more than a week occasioned no small amount of paperwork for SPD last week.

The abandoned vehicle was reported by the manager of the restaurant, and so SPD took considerable pains to try and identify and locate the owner of the car.

When all efforts fell short of the mark, SPD ordered the vehicle towed away and impounded pending the notification of its owner, who officials have ascertained lives in New Jersey.

SPD was notified that the Island elementary school had been broken into one night last week, although nothing was stolen from the building.

Patrolmen did, however, manage to get a nice set of fingerprints left at the crime scene by the mysterious entrant.

A Captiva resident was arrested by SPD last week for failure to appear in court to answer charges arising from a previous complaint.

The Islander was arrested at the request of his bail

bondsman, also an Islander.

A female Islander called SPD to complain of being harassed by an Island visitor of the male persuasion who told her he was staying at a nearby resort on Sanibel.

The complainant said her tormentor tried to hold her hand and put his arm around her waist, although he was not intoxicated or abusive.

The only clue to his identity which she could provide was that the suspect's speech sounded much like a New York accent.

An Islander was bitten on the forearm last week by a dog belonging to another Islander.

The victim of the bite was advised to seek medical attention and no other action appears to have been taken.

Another Islander called SPD to report that her child had been bitten by a dog belonging to yet another

Islander.

The procedure in this case was much the same as that detailed above.

A nauseated Islander called SPD to report that an unknown recreational vehicle had discharged its sewage all over an Island thoroughfare.

City road crews were dispatched to spread lime over the fragrant area.

SPD's hottest action last week was in the area of moving vehicle violations.

Now that Island patrolmen have been supplied with a speed gun from the Lee County Sheriff's Department, SPD has been writing tickets so fast that if you didn't know better, you'd think that somebody has an axe to grind with someone.

At any rate, SPD wrote out speeding tickets last week to no less than 31 Islanders and visitors—by far the most they've written in any one-week period since

coming into existence.

As we notice that many of these citations were issued to prominent Island citizens who should really know better, we can only advise that you drive more cautiously from here on out, or at the very least, keep your eyes peeled for SPD.

They'll be lurking for you!

Over and above the individual reports detailed herein, Sanibel patrolme sought four lost dogs last week, investigated one traffic accident, escorted one oversize truck across the Islands, secured two insecure premises and responded to fourteen miscellaneous calls for assistance.

The Sanibel Fir Department was called into action once last week, while emergency medical technicians on the Islands were called out twice.

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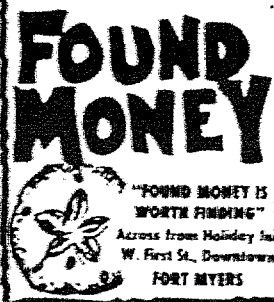
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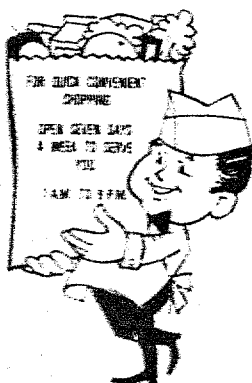
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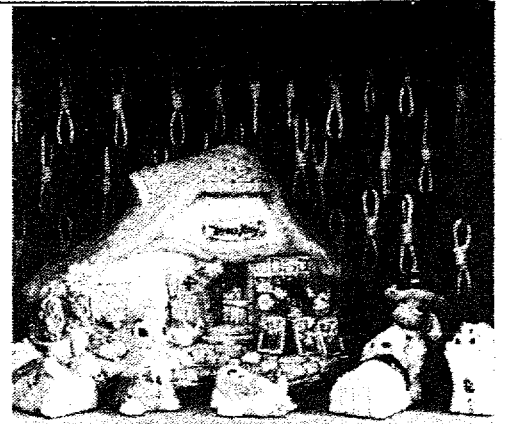
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Wise Guide: A Guide to Island Shops and Services



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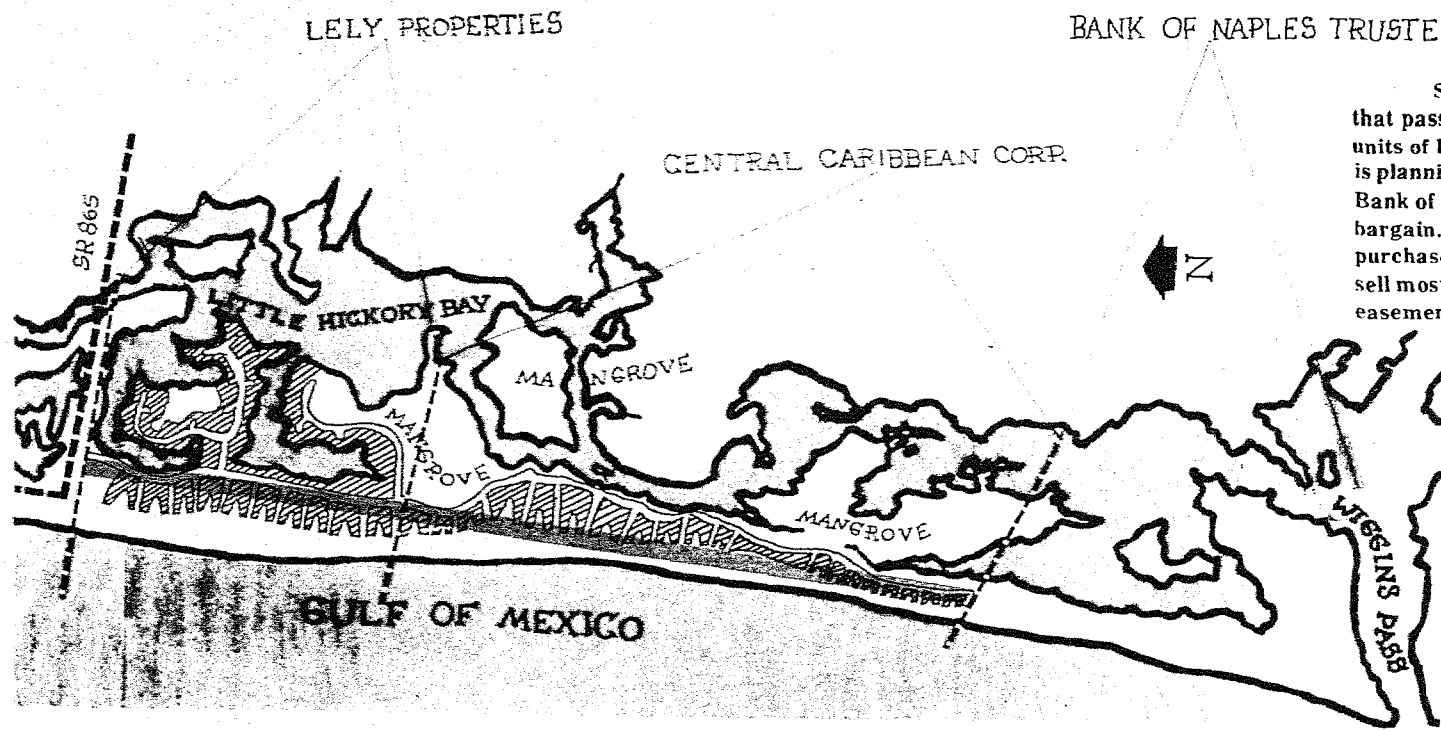


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Solid line indicates the 160-foot right-of-way that passes directly through the planned development units of Barefoot Beach along the gulf front. The state is planning to buy the tract owned by the First National Bank of Naples Trust and will get the easement in the bargain, giving it some leverage for negotiating purchase of the remaining tracts. Caribbean offered to sell most of its portion to the state if it would vacate the easement for the Lely-owned property.

graphics by Donald Moody

barefoot beach: state, developer tangle in Collier County

by donald moody

A 160 foot wide traffic easement owned by the National Bank of Naples Trust may be the key to the purchase of one of the last untouched beach areas in Southwest Florida.

Negotiations between the state of Florida and Lely Properties for purchase of Barefoot Beach in Collier County may be complicated by Lel's transfer of the deed to 9,000 front feet of beach to a Dutch Antilles-based firm, Central Caribbean Corp.

But State Rep. Frank Mann (D-Fort Myers) said after closed-door negotiations last week in Tallahassee, "it appears that we may be still dealing with the same investment group, and the deed transfer is an attempt to muddy the issues."

Mann said he will urge the state to purchase the southern end of Barefoot Beach, giving the state control of both sides of Wiggins Pass. Mann said this purchase may be the key to the successful preservation of the entire beach-front.

He said a 160 foot wide traffic access easement runs through all of Lely's and Central Caribbean's property, "and if the

state purchases the National Bank property, we would control that easement."

In last week's private session, the attorney for both Lely and Central Caribbean offered to sell the state a major portion of Central Caribbean's holdings if the state gave up its rights to the easement in the Lely portion.

Attorney George Vega reportedly offered to sell the state the Central Caribbean portion, of beach along with a mainland right-of-way that could allow a road and bridge from Wiggins Pass Road to Barefoot Beach.

That proposal would have cut off all access from Bonita Beach and allowed Lely to construct a large, exclusive development on the northern end of Barefoot Beach; the state rejected it.

Mann has urged the Cabinet to purchase the First National Bank tract of Barefoot Beach, giving the state control of the 160-foot wide access through Lely and Caribbean Central Property.

If the state guards those access rights, it will keep Lely from any

planned construction in that narrow strip of land. This could cut as many as 200 units from the planned 500 unit development.

Mann said negotiations appear deadlocked, since the state rejected Vega's offer and there has been no response from Lely on the state's latest proposal.

Ney Landrum head of the state's Bureau of Beaches and Shores, said the Cabinet will be urged to buy about a mile of Collier beach-front from the Naples bank trust for \$3.5 million, and five individual lots for \$400,000, at its next session Oct. 18.

Landrum said the Cabinet will be asked to use money from the \$300 million Environmentally Endangered Lands fund for the purchase.

State officials have also proposed buying 11,360 feet of beachfront from Lely Properties for \$9.4 million, but the deadline for a response to that offer passed without any word from the Swiss development group.

Landrum said a letter from Lely indicated it "was no longer in a

position to sell."

Lely transferred the deed to 9,000 front feet of the property to Central Caribbean Corp., allegedly in lieu of \$4.3 million in debts Lely owes to that company.

Vega, now representing this second group of investors as well as Lely, offered the state about half as much property, - 6,000 front feet - for \$1,000 per front foot and the different access route. The state had negotiated a price of \$825 per front foot with Lely.

The Interagency Advisory Committee on Endangered Lands approved purchase of the National Bank portion of Barefoot Beach, as long as the Interagency Planning Committee also approved.

The Planning Committee had rejected the limited purchase option, but reversed itself last month on a 4 to 3 vote.

Mann said the state is planning to "hold firm." He said once the National Bank purchase is completed and approved, the state can use the right-of-way as a bargaining tool with Lely.



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