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island beachcomber makes unusual find

by rich arthurs

Islander Becky Cowan is a beachcomber.

"I'm always looking for things along the beach," says Becky. "I don't look for shells in particular but just for anything that might wash up. You know, like old coins or maybe a fossil. You never know what you're going to find on the beach!"

At about midday on September 28, Becky was pursuing her chosen hobby about a quarter of a mile north of Blind Pass on the Gulf side of Captiva. Upon reaching a spot where she had attended a beach party the preceeding weekend, she noticed a beer bottle in the surf which she assumed with dismay had been discarded during the course of the

recent merry-making.

An Islander concerned with the state of the ecology, Becky picked the bottle up and fully intended to deposit in the nearest litter basket until she noticed that the bottle was sealed with a highly corroded cap.

Inside the bottle she discerned a rolled-up scrap of paper on which she could make out the words, "Answer my letter. Please."

Although she realized that the legendary pirates who landed on the Islands during the Age of Exploration probably pre-dated the existence of Budweiser beer by quite a few years, Becky Cowan couldn't help but wonder if she had discovered a plea for help



from one of the imprisoned maidens for whom Captiva is supposed to be named, or better yet, perhaps a map to burried treasure or at the very least a scuttled shipment of marijuana.

And so, Becky ran jubilantly down the beach to where her husband, Archie Cowan, helped her unveil the secret of the bottle with the assistance of a hammer.

In its entirety, the mysterious note, dated January 30, 1971, read: "Dear

whoever finds this, my name is Mike Pritchard. I live at 1653 Sunset Place, Fort Myers, Florida. I am seven years old. Answer my letter. Mail it to this address. Please."

A telephone call to young Mike Pritchard, now age 14, revealed that he was indeed the author of the bottled message which Becky had received, although he is somewhat uncertain as

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Culex corralled according to Mosquito Control

At a Saturday morning meeting with members of the river and wetlands committee, Mosquito Control director Wayne Miller told the Committee that his staff members had determined that the major breeding areas of culex nigripalpus, the mosquito capable of transmitting St. Louis encephalitis to humans, was not related to the Sanibel River and therefore lowering the River and reducing the water table would not affect the breeding of this mosquito.

The areas found to be most active in breeding the mosquito and subject to the heaviest work by Mosquito Control were in standing ditches such as those along Beach Road and West Gulf Drive.

"The major problems are grassy swails and small ponds where there is no fish life," Miller said. "But," he added, "while I can't say the population of the mosquito we're after is down to zero, we certainly have reduced it significantly. Traps that held populations of over 1000 at the beginning of last week are now down to 50. Now that we have the population down to a level that's not a problem, we'll watch it and just maintain it," he said.

The first batch of test results showing whether or not there are infected mosquitoes on Sanibel should be in from Tampa tomorrow, Wednesday, October 12.

"While we won't know definitely until

the middle of next week, (at the end of two weeks testing) we should have a good reading on the situation by tomorrow (the end of one week)," Miller told the Committee.

Even if the tests prove that no Sanibel mosquitoes were infected, Miller feels that it has been a very useful experience.

"We are geared toward eliminating the pest mosquito, not toward a public health problem," he said Saturday. "It was interesting to see how we were able to gear up in a new direction."

Miller estimated that it took seven-ten days for his department to change direction. "We had to dust off old traps and dust off our mental processes as

well," he said.

"It was a good training exercise," he added. "We're capable now of putting into effect an early surveillance program next year to prevent the possibility of a major outbreak."

Miller was commended by the Committee, who passed the motion not to lower the water table, Councilman Duane White and audience member Arthur Hunter, for the capable and low-key manner in which Miller handled the problem. Councilman White told Miller that "everyone feels easier."

"You've done a marvelous job in p.r. and keeping everything cool, added Arthur Hunter. You deserve a lot of credit."



beach accesses discussed at Florida Beach meeting

A record attendance of 175 people turned out last week to attend the Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Meeting at South Seas Plantation.

Leading off the program was a discussion by two eminent attorneys regarding public beach access versus rights of private property owners.

Dean Maloney

Frank Maloney, dean emeritus of Florida University Law School argued that there are various areas in common law supporting the right of the public to have access to the beaches. The right of custom and uninterrupted use was one such example.

In the case of custom, it has been usual to establish the fact that a custom goes back "beyond the memory of man". An Oregon court held up a beach access of five years on the grounds that the access routes went back to the time the Indians inhabited the land.

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to the verity of the date on the note. Mike said that in his young life he has probably dropped upwards of 150 such notes into area waters, usually in the Caloosahatchee River near his home or from the bridge over San Carlos Pass at the southern end of Fort Myers Beach.

Mike thinks that the note Becky found was dropped at Fort Myers Beach in January of 1973 rather than 1971, although he cannot be sure. Mike said he usually dates his notes with painstaking accuracy right down to the minute when he released them, although he recalls having fibbed out the date on one occasion.

Thus, the bottle Becky found may have been in the water for either four years or six years. In either case, the whole business has its remarkable side, you must admit.

For a scientific explanation of this phenomenon, we called upon area geologist and environmental con-

sultant Bill Byle, a man with considerable knowledge of local tides and currents.

"As a scientist, it would be ridiculous to try to say exactly what happened to that bottle," said Byle, "although chances are that it would never have made it out to the Gulf if it was dropped during the winter," because of the prevailing on-shore wind patterns which commonly accompany winters in Southwest Florida, he explained.

Byle said that if any of Mike's bottles had found their way out into the Gulf, the littoral current in this area would have carried them south to the Tortugas and the Florida Keys where they would have been picked up by the Gulf Stream and carried across the Northern Atlantic to Europe.

While Byle said that no studies of local currents and tides have been done under strictly controlled conditions, he speculated that the bottle Becky found recently was probably carried by tidal

action up through Estero Bay, across the mouth of the Caloosahatchee and up through Pine Island Sound, finally emerging into the Gulf through Boca Grande Pass.

"More than likely it got caught up somewhere and was just recently carried out to the Gulf by a high tide," Byle said. "We experienced extremely high flood tides in September that could have done it."

Byle added that the incident presents almost unlimited possibilities for speculation for the student of Lee County's natural systems.

"In a way, this bottle has duplicated the life cycle of many marine species which use the back bay areas as breeding grounds and then go out to sea to complete their life cycle," he said.

But for young Mike Pritchard, Becky Cowan's discovery represents the first glimmer of success in his life-long mission.

"My brother and I are trying to beat the world's record," said Mike boldly.

According to young Mike the world's record for notes in bottles is measured in terms of years afloat rather than distance travelled and is held by a now-deceased gentleman from England

whose bottled message was finally received more than one-hundred years after the day he dropped it into the water.

"One time, my brother and I wrote a note and tied it to a balloon," Mike added, admitting sadly, "We haven't found that one yet."

As a matter of fact, Becky's recent find marks the first time that one of Mike's notes has ever been answered.

"I've sent a lot of them and this is the first time I ever got one back," Mike reported enthusiastically.

"I'm really surprised," he added. "I didn't think that anyone would ever find one of those notes because I've sent so many of them and never heard anything."

Mike concluded, "I figured they were all stuck out on some island somewhere."

And so one of them was. At any rate, Island beachcomber Becky Cowan now has a young pen-pal in Fort Myers.

If Becky can find a way to wait around until the end of the twenty-first century, she might just help Mike Pritchard break a world's record!

flood map in preparation

A map showing prospective builders which areas on Sanibel are prone to flooding is currently being compiled and will be available at City Hall in the next four-six weeks, according to John Goode, director of public works and engineering for the city of Sanibel.

The map will show heights of water after a storm, such as the one over Labor Day, when the Islands experienced an 18 inch rainfall in a 24-hour period.

fish kills investigated

Last week, large numbers of small fresh-water fish were dying in Island ponds due to a depletion of oxygen in the water. The death of the fish population including a significant number of small bass, coincided with increased spraying by Lee County Mosquito Control for culex nigripalpus, a mosquito capable of carrying St. Louis encephalitis which has one Fort Myers man hospitalized.

Wayne Miller deined the possibility that the pesticide could be responsible because he said that anything affected by a pesticide is affected within 30-40 minutes after spraying and wouldn't trickle along all week as did the deaths of the small fresh-water fish.

"There is no question that mosquito control has no relation to the fish kill," Miller said at a meeting Saturday with

river and wetlands committee Saturday.

John Goode, city director of public works and engineering, said that they had determined by last weekend that the deaths were due to a depletion of oxygen in the water and they had found an algae bloom on top of the water. Bacterial testing was continuing throughout the weekend.

SCCF training program begins

Volunteer trail guides received the first in a series of training sessions last Saturday from local bird guide George Weymouth at the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation on Sanibel-Captiva Road.

The sessions are deigned to prepare the volunteers to operate throughout

the winter season as trail guides for visitors to the Center. Other sessions will include indoctrination in the plant and wildlife at the site as well as instruction in guiding groups of visitors.

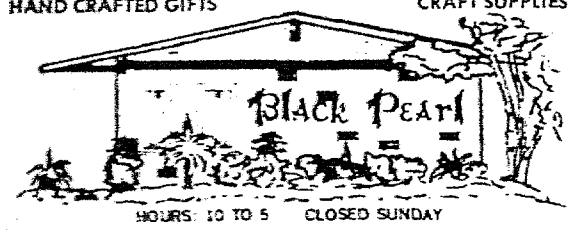
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Klie's weather report for last week looks as follows:

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well resumes pumping tests

The Island Water Association's (IWA) test well on the property of the Sanibel Elementary School has been repaired and is scheduled for continued testing this week.

McGregor Pump repaired a casing that collapsed at the 300-foot level, an accident that may have been responsible for preliminary test results that showed the well's water to be too brackish for treatment by the IWA's present electrolysis plant.

The water has a higher total

dissolved solid (tds) content at 300 feet, where the casing collapsed, then it does at 600 feet where the well is pumping water out of the Lower Hawthorne aquifer.

The pumping tests slated for this week will pump 500 gallons of water per minute—the highest rate yet pumped out of the new well. The highest rate of speed that water has been pumped out of the well was 200 gallons per minute—the rate of the testing when the well failed due to the hole in the casing.

This latest development has occasioned Dr. Lou Motz, senior hydrologist for the IWA's ground-water consulting firm, Geraghty and Miller, to postpone making a report to the IWA until Nov. 2.

The results of the tests will presumably indicate the quantity and quality of the water available in the Lower Hawthorne Aquifer and will be the basis for a decision by South Florida Water Management District

about the possibility of future wells on Sanibel into the Lower Hawthorne Acquirer.

The IWA also hopes to get recommendations from Geraghty and Miller about the sizes of the well and any future wells.

The fate of the IWA's "B and C" lists as well as the remaining 54 connections not used up by members of the original 299-name "A" list will remain in abeyance until the test results are known.

Committee on live shelling meets

The City of Sanibel's Committee on Live Shelling met last Thursday for the first time in many months to consider various ways to finance a study of mollusc populations in the waters surrounding Sanibel.

The small advisory committee was formed last summer with the endorsement of the Sanibel City Council after many Islanders became alarmed that overshelling of live specimens along Island beaches might deplete the seashell resource for which the Islands are internationally famous.

As a result of the committee's efforts, the city council adopted an official policy last winter to encourage the conservation of live shells, but refrained from enacting an ordinance prohibiting the taking of live shells which had been proposed by many Island shellers.

According to committee chairman Ed Underhill, the committee is now considering a number of sources, including state and federal grants, for possible funding with which to carry out a scientific study of the status of the molluscan community in Island waters. Underhill said that the proposed study will probably focus on the question of whether Sanibel's seashell populations are declining or increasing, with the intent being to determine what factors are responsible.

Underhill added that the committee has received two study proposals thus far and will make a final decision as to which study to recommend to the city council at their next meeting, which is to be held at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 27.

Another facet of the committee's work on the Islands is public education, and committee member Anne Joffe, President of the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club, revealed at last week's meeting that the Shell Club's little informational brochure which is distributed widely across the Islands is to be reprinted in the near future and will be revised to contain more information concerning the need for conservation of live shells.

Mrs. Joffe said that she hopes to have the new Shell Club brochure ready for distribution on the Islands by early December.

She added that Shell Club volunteers will once again patrol Island beaches at times of extremely low tides this winter to urge visiting shellers to practice conservation and moderation in the number of live shells they take from

Island shores. She said that similar efforts last winter did much to educate Island visitors and tourists in the need for live shell conservation on Sanibel and Captiva.

As another aspect of the Committee on live shelling's educational program, Chairman Underhill said that the committee decided last week to recommend that the city add a short message expressing the council's policy on live shell conservation to the signs already posted at public beach access points on Sanibel.

Underhill said that a group of Island students from the Sanibel Resources Center have been asked to suggest language to be proposed for inclusion on the beach access signs.

The students are slated to report their proposal to the committee at the meeting to be held on October 27.



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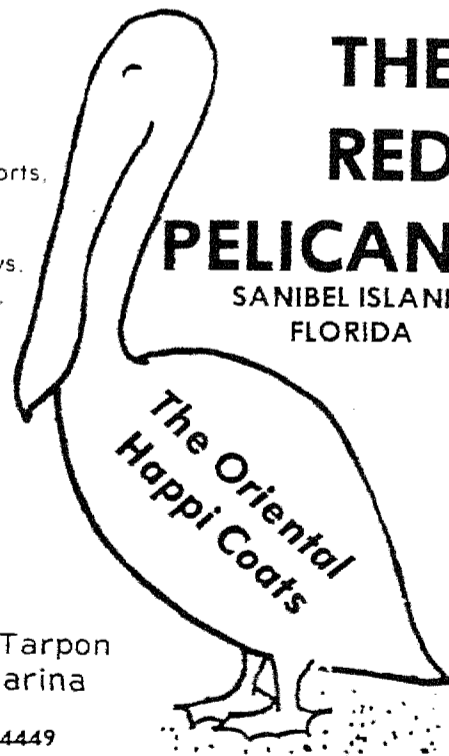
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commentary

alligators need a p.r. agent

Recent front-page stories in the area newspaper, about alligator attacks on humans can have a disturbing effect — and probably not the intended one. Instead of serving as an education in the habits of alligators, there is the problem that these attacks will generate the kind of irrational — and unintelligent reaction that Jaws had when the film provoked a crusade of wholesale shark killing.

Fall is hatching time for baby alligators and mama gators are, recent research indicates, no less maternal than any other creature. They protect

their young from those they perceive as intruders, much as do lions or bears.

Fortunately on the Island we have learned enough about their habits to be able to co-exist rather peacefully, but a public relations — maybe the term should be public education — job stills needs to be done, particularly by local media, to educate non-residents about the ways of our long-nosed inhabitants.

At this time of the year, while the young alligators are nesting at the waterline, to go skipping about in fresh water for any reason is particularly silly, if not downright dangerous. There

is an alligator in every fresh water pond on the Islands, according to conservation experts. That is their environment, their home, and they guard it fiercely. They have been here for centuries. It is we who are the newcomers.

Let us hope that sane heads prevail and the recent accidents will not trigger any kind of wholesale retaliation against the State's alligator population.

When a young boy fell into a cage with a crocodile a few weeks ago, the crocodile did what is natural to him — he attacked. Shooting the crocodile as

they did in this case is not the answer — it won't bring the boy back and any other "croc" would have responded similarly. The answer lies in recognizing the nature of the beast and providing for it with, in this instance, much better security.

When we make a mistake, whether through ignorance or carelessness, it is the creatures who are blamed, while they are just reacting to centuries of conditioning. We're the species with the expanded minds — let's use it both to our own advantage and that of other less endowed orders, so we can live more harmoniously with nature.

beaches

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One reason Maloney cited for the slowness of public beach access has been the fact that pushing such legislation would bring lawmakers into a confrontation with the people who elect them — the property owner and taxpayer.

Maloney put the onus for securing public beach accesses squarely on the shoulders of local government, who he felt could succeed where more regional governments fail.

Fort Myers attorney Howard Rhoads

told the audience that the law protects the diligent.

"If you allow the public to use the dry sand area of your beach over a period of time without registering a visible protest, then that beach may be turned over to the public," he told the group.

Dr. Peter Pritchard, vice-president of the Florida Audubon Society and a specialist in turtle research, told the audience that beaches are wonderful things — "to visit, but you don't want to

live there," he claims. The reason for his feeling is based on the continuously changing status of our coastlines. "If we had the controls 125 years ago that we have today," Pritchard said, "we wouldn't have the coastal development that we do."

His main statement boiled down to a raising of consciousness about the fragility of our beaches and making a strong attempt not to destroy them.

Vehicles, for example, should not be allowed on beaches except, like

Daytona where, Dr. Pritchard admitted, they are so firmly entrenched by custom, it would be impossible to ban them. Only as a last resort did he advocate beach renourishment.

Pritchard also advocated that when buildings not complying with coastal setback regulations are destroyed they should not be permitted to rebuild in that same area.

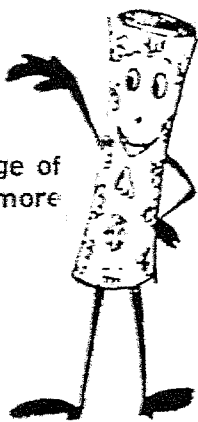
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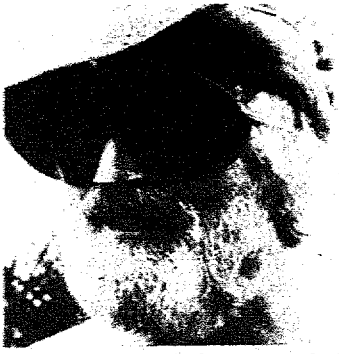
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Campbell campaigns for state-wide gator law

by rich arthurs

On May 2, 1975, the infant Sanibel City Council adopted what would be considered a rather unusual ordinance in most other cities around the State of Florida and throughout the country. In effect, the ordinance prohibits people from feeding the wild alligators on Sanibel Island.

Sponsored by Councilman Charles LeBuff, the ordinance, numbered 75-29, was one of the first pieces of legislation enacted by the council during the early days of the Island city, and by far one of the most important, according to Island naturalist George Campbell, chairman of the Southwest Florida Regional Alligator Association.

Campbell explains the importance of the provisions of city ordinance 75-29 in a little poster which is displayed in many shop windows and on bulletin boards across the Islands.

As the leader and a working member of the Southwest Florida Regional Alligator Association, Campbell has handled dozens and maybe hundreds of "problem" alligators over the years. A problem alligator is one which poses a threat to man, and the Southwest Florida Regional Alligator Association is a group of dedicated volunteers whose mission it is to relocate problem alligators to less populous areas where men are safe from them and where, in turn, they are safe from man's interference in their natural life-style.

Based on his long experience with alligators, Campbell is a firm believer that when an alligator becomes a problem, man's unthinking feeding of the creature is to blame.

According to Campbell, Sanibel's stable population of alligators numbers between 200 and 500 individuals, and would therefore pose a problem of considerable proportions if all of the Island's alligators were to become "problem" gators.

But instead, Campbell and his group have dealt with fewer and fewer problem gators over the past two and a half years on Sanibel, and he believes this to be positive result of city ordinance 75-29.

"This law has proved to be extremely valuable on Sanibel," Campbell said recently. "The alligator situation here is better now than it was a few years ago. The alligators on the Island have changed their attitudes toward man. They no longer come running up to you like puppy dogs looking for a hand-out!"

"Don't get me wrong," Campbell was careful to add. "Our law hasn't worked perfectly. There are still tame alligators on this Island and there are still people who feed them illegally."

Campbell said that one Island condominium is particularly well known to the "gator brigade," as his group is sometimes called, for its group of young children who persist in hand-feeding Island alligators from an adjoining dock.

"Sooner or later, one of them is bound to lose a hand if they keep it up," George warns, shaking his head.

George also believes that man's feeding of alligators is responsible for the recent death of a Punta Gorda man who was bitten by an alligator while swimming.

"That kind of thing just wouldn't happen if people wouldn't try to tame

alligators," Campbell said.

Now that he has had time to assess the effectiveness of Sanibel's alligator ordinance, George intends to push for similar legislation on a statewide basis.

"I don't know just how all of this is going to develop quite yet, but I think that the recent incidents of alligator bitings around the state and the coverage they have received in the press could change people's outlook on alligators," said Campbell. "People might even be ready to accept the fact that alligators shouldn't be tamed."

A common criticism leveled at Sanibel ordinance 75-29 when it was first introduced by the city council over two years ago was that it would be virtually unenforceable.

In response to this drawback, George says, "The answer is that you can't enforce it one-hundred per cent, but most people will obey a law if they know it exists, and from my experience it appears that most people have obeyed this one."

"As a result," Campbell continued, "we're seeing a shift in the behavior of

our alligators on the Island. They're just not as tame as they used to be."

"As a matter of fact, I don't think there's ever been an arrest for feeding an alligator on Sanibel," George pointed out, "but that doesn't really matter too much. What's important is that there now seems to be a general consciousness on the Islands that feeding an alligator is a no-no."

While the gator problem on Sanibel seems to be improving, George reports that Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission officers throughout the State are being called upon with greater frequency to handle alligators which have become a problem because they have been tamed by man.

"I don't think this law will completely eliminate all of the problems, but I feel certain that it would help to reduce them," Campbell said.

To effect his purpose, George Campbell has for many years been carrying on a one-man informal lobby among local officials and conservationists throughout Florida for the enactment of a statewide version of

Sanibel's alligator ordinance.

"I've talked about this with many people," George reports, "but now that we have the experience with which to prove the effectiveness of the law I think we can really begin to get somewhere."

One of the most influential proponents of Campbell's idea is Dr. Robert Kelly of the University of Miami, a well-known environmentalist and vice-president of the Tropical Audubon Society.

"I'm accustomed to winning my campaigns," said Campbell. "I think we will probably have such a law on the state's books within a year or two."

"After all, it isn't like we're trying to legalize marijuana or anything," George concluded. "We're just trying to do something sensible to solve a public problem in a very simple and inexpensive way."

Those who would like to support George's efforts should write to: Southwest Florida Regional Alligator Association, P.O., Box 241, Sanibel, Florida 33957.

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Yet this same alligator can be made into a dangerous animal by man's thoughtless artificial feeding and "taming."

An alligator that is accustomed to being fed will become a potentially dangerous animal if left unfed for a period of time. Animals that are not artificially fed are less likely to become problems. A "tame" alligator becomes bold — he loses his fear of man. Some alligators have even been fed BY HAND. An alligator, given his intellectual limitations, has difficulty distinguishing between a piece of fish and the hand that holds it.

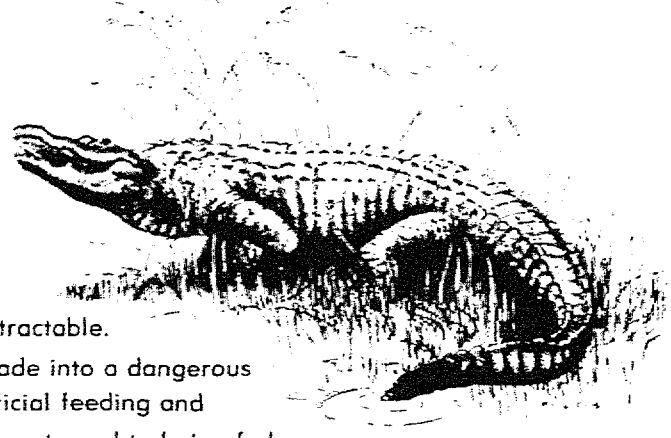
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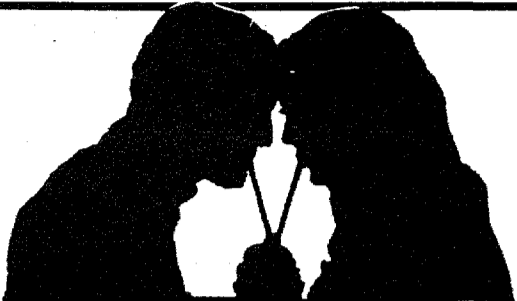
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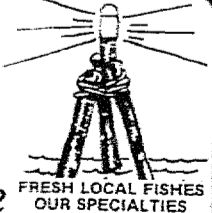
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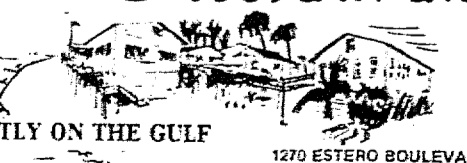
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planners pass the buck on condo development permit

For the second time in as many hearings, the Sanibel Planning Commission failed to reach a decision last Monday on a request from Sun State Associates for a city development permit with which to construct an 84-unit luxury condominium project on a 16.6-acre Gulf-front parcel of land just west of the Sundial Beach Resort on Middle Gulf Drive.

The case was originally heard by the planning commission on August 29. At that hearing, Sun State Associates President Barry Chapman proposed to develop a project containing 84 luxury condominium units which, he said, will range in price from \$160,000 to \$219,000 per unit.

Sun States Associates, an Island-based corporation comprised primarily of Canadian investors, recently purchased the large undeveloped tract west of Sundial for a price close to \$2-million, Chapman revealed.

At the prior hearing, Chapman explained that his proposed condominium complex, to be known as Gulfside Place, will feature full recreational amenities including tennis courts, swimming pool and five elevated walkways providing access to the beach.

While the proposed development is well within the density allocated to the

land in Sanibel's comprehensive land use plan and was designed in full compliance with the performance standards mandated therein, city planners withheld their approval of the project at the earlier hearing because of concerns over the impact of the proposed development on the Islands' already precarious water supply.

Foremost among their concerns at that meeting was the developers' proposal to sod an area of about 1.5 acres immediately adjoining the condominium buildings. To irrigate the sod, the firm plans to build a 100,000 cubic-foot cistern under the tennis courts at Gulfside Place capable of collecting and holding up to 750,000 gallons of rainwater, according to Chapman.

The commissioners pointed out, however, that in times of prolonged drought, the future residents of the condominium will want to run a hose from the building to the depleted cistern to protect their investment in landscaping, such that precious Island Water Association (IWA) water will be used for irrigation instead of supporting the Island's growing population.

At last Monday's meeting, Chapman presented the commission with a copy of the deed restrictions to be imposed

on purchasers of the units in Gulfside Place which will bind them to use no IWA water to fill their cistern for irrigation of landscaping at the site.

While this concession on the part of the developers removed the commission's foremost objection to the proposed development, Commissioner Twink Underhill was still reluctant to approve so massive a project in the face of the current uncertainty over the availability of potable water on the Islands to meet the demands of Sanibel's continuing rapid growth.

Commissioner Underhill also cited the tremendous impact that the completion of Gulfside Place is likely to have on the Island's already overburdened road network, while pointing out that the city land use plan provides a way for the developers of large projects to make financial contributions to the city to help offset the impact of growth.

As such proposals must ultimately be approved by the city council, Commissioner Underhill suggested that the planning commission take no final

action in the case but rather pass the matter along to the city council for a final determination.

She moved for the planning commission to request that they city council make the final ruling on the request for city development permits for Gulfside Place, giving special consideration to the probable impact of the development on the Island's water supply and road network.

Her motion passed by a 4 to 2 vote of the commission, with Commissioners Betty Robinson and Joe McMurtry dissenting.

The matter was brought to the attention of the city council during the time allotted for public inquiry on the agenda for their regular meeting last Tuesday in MacKinzie Hall. Chapman and James Garner, attorney for Sun State Associates, approached the council to request a speedy decision in the case.

The discussion of whether or not to issue permits for the construction of

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Gulfside Place touched off an unexpected donnybrook for the city council last Tuesday morning, and if nothing else, pointed out how strongly some Islanders feel about the immediate need for the city to take steps to curb the rate of growth of Sanibel Island.

From the very outset of their deliberations last Tuesday, the councilmen realized that their hands were pretty securely tied due to legal considerations with respect to whether or not to permit the development of Gulfside Place.

After reviewing the facts in the case, City Attorney Neal Bowen espoused the opinion that the city is legally bound to issue the desired development permits for Gulfside Place if the proposed project meets all of the requirements of Sanibel's comprehensive land use plan.

"The language of the plan is clear," explained Mayor Porter Goss. "If this development conforms to the performance standards in the plan, then we've got to issue the permit."

"I'm not a very good lawyer, but I do have a conscience," responded

Planning Commissioner Underhill by way of explanation for her motion to refer the case to the city council. "I didn't want my fellow residents of Sanibel not to have enough water or not to be able to get off of the Island in the event of a hurricane. As a citizen of Sanibel and as a member of the planning commission, I felt that I had to stand up and speak from my conscience."

Commissioner Underhill mentioned that the planning commission has come in for some criticism lately because they continue to issue permits for new developments on Sanibel.

"We can't do anything but approve these things unless you give us some ammunition with which to deny them," she told the council.

Although the planning commission has recently initiated work on a phased development policy for the city to adopt, the work has proceeded slowly to date because the commission is awaiting a status report from the INA which is expected to be completed this month. The intent of phased development is to slow Sanibel's rate of growth to a level which can be adequately supported by the Island's

vital public services.

"The shortfall lies within all of us for not having foreseen the rate of growth which we have experienced here on Sanibel," said Mayor Goss. "Perhaps planning is not the best mechanism to control growth, but it's the only mechanism we've got at this time."

"It's a tragic situation," said Vice-Mayor Zee Butler, "but I don't believe we have any legal recourse but to refer this case back to the planning commission and let it go through."

Councilman Duane White addressed the issue with somewhat less reserve.

"You are being unfair to the people who are going to buy your units and live in your project," he told the developers last Tuesday. "You are being unfair to the City of Sanibel, and you may very well be the straw that breaks the camel's back."

Councilman Francis Bailey went one step further and suggested that the council impose an Island-wide building moratorium immediately until the questions surrounding the Island's water supply are satisfactorily resolved. His suggestion elicited a burst of applause from the public assembled for last Tuesday's meeting.

City Attorney Bowen pointed out, however, that such an action would place the city on extremely shaky legal footing with respect to the request of Sun State Associates.

"These gentlemen have gone the distance through a long application process," he reminded the council.

"I don't like big condominiums along the Gulf," Mayor Goss told the developers. "I confess my bias, but you have done everything we've asked you, and I would think that there would definitely be an adverse impact on the business community if we were to slap another building moratorium on this Island at this point."

"It seems to me that we are going to create an artificial building boom here by talking about phased development without doing something to stop growth in the interim," argued Vice-Mayor Butler.

At this point in the debate, Sun State Associates attorney Garner interposed to put in a few words in behalf of his client, Barry Chapman.

"His only sin was that he brought a large piece of property which financially necessitates a large development," Garner said. "And Mr. Chapman can't afford to take a financial loss of that magnitude at this point."

"Nobody on this council thinks your client is a villain," responded Councilman White. "If there is any fault, it lies with this council for not having been able to see what was going to happen down the road."

Ultimately, Vice-Mayor Butler made a motion to refer the case of Gulfside Place back to the city planning commission for a reluctant final approval, as called for under the city's land use plan.

Her motion evoked bitter opposition from members of the public at the meeting, most notably from Islander Alice Kylo, who said, "We incorporated to stop the growth of ugly condominiums along the Gulf. I think the people of this Island will be disgusted if you allow this to proceed."

The council, however, voted unanimously to approve Mrs. Butler's motion, and the case is slated to be heard by the planning commission once again at their next regular meeting to be held on October 24, despite objections from Chapman and Garner over the additional delay they must endure before receiving city development permits for Gulfside Place.



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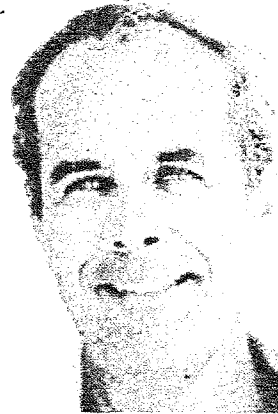
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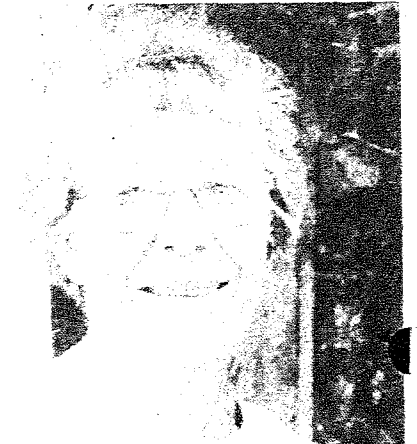
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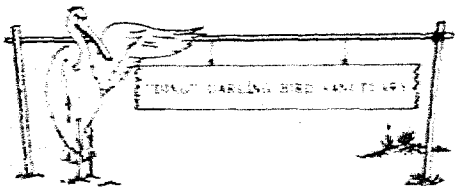


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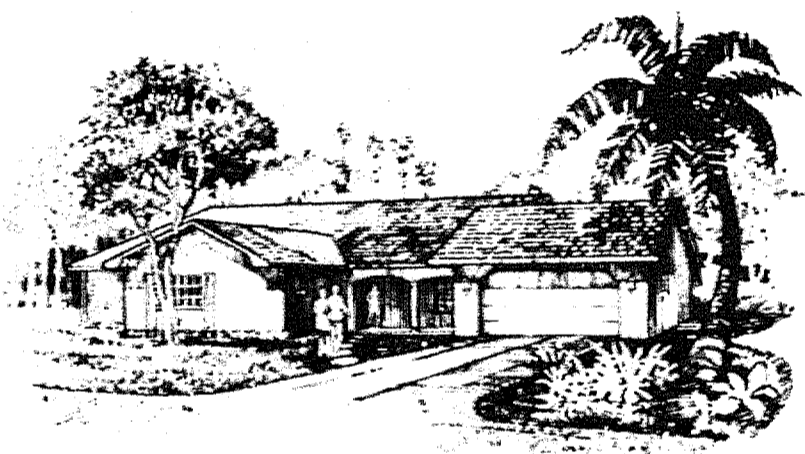
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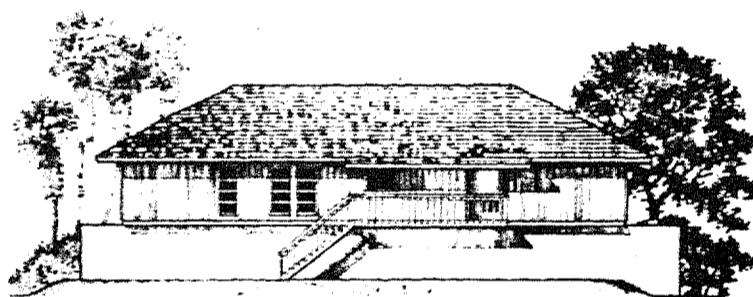
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NEWCOMERS COMPLAIN THAT WETLANDS ARE WET

Sanibel Mayor Porter Goss reported last week that the city has received an increasing number of complaints from relatively new residents of the Island over the obvious drainage problems Sanibel has experienced in the wake of heavy rainfall over this past Labor Day weekend.

Goss said that residents of the Gulf Pines Subdivision and the area around Bowman's Beach road have been particularly active in presenting their drainage problems to city officials.

"There are many people who feel that the city isn't doing enough about the water on the ground," Goss told his fellow councilmen last Tuesday. "I've tried to inform them that a part of life on the Islands at this time of year is water on the ground."

"If we did anything to take the water off, I think we'd be doing the Island a detriment," said Councilman Francis Bailey.

Mayor Goss pointed out that Sanibel's comprehensive land use plan recognizes this common facet of the Island's natural system and attempts to discourage development in wetland lowland areas of the Island, but, "People will build in the wetlands because there are lots for sale in the wetlands," said Goss.

"It's very unpopular to be in the position of 'I told you so,'" the mayor added, "but I don't think we can or should do any more than what we're doing to correct this situation."

SPOT ZONING AT STAKE

According to City Attorney Neal Bowen, the City of Sanibel and Dr. Wassef Mikhail have entered into a stipulation to the effect that the question of spot zoning is the only issue at stake in Mikhail's pending litigation against the city over the provisions of Sanibel's comprehensive land use plan.

Mikhail filed suit against the city after the city council refused to grant him a specific amendment to the plan with which to build a duplex on a lot designated single-family in the city's comprehensive plan.

Mikhail contends that the council's denial of his request constitutes spot zoning because all of the neighboring property is developed in multi-family housing projects.



His lot is located north of Gulf Drive in the Shell Harbor Subdivision at Sanibel's east end.

AD HOC SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE TO MEET

The Sanibel City Council's ad hoc Committee on Site Selection is slated to meet at 10:00 a.m. on October 19 in MacKenzie Hall to continue their deliberations on a proposal for the city to acquire property along Causeway Road over which the city is currently in litigation.

Councilman Duane White, an ex officio member of the committee, said that he expects an appraisal of the property's value to be completed in the near future.

CONSULTANT REQUESTS VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

City Attorney Neal Bowen reported last week that city planning consultant Bill Roberts of the Philadelphia planning firm of Wallace, Roberts, McHarg and Todd (WMRT) has requested that the city council pass a resolution clearing his firm of any negligence with respect to their role in drawing up Sanibel's comprehensive

Reflections on Sanibel's interior wetlands; Mayor Porter Goss reported last week that some Islanders have begun to complain that the Island's wetlands are too wet these days.

"It's very unpopular to be in the position of 'I told you so,'" said Goss, referring to the fact that the city's comprehensive land use plan tries to discourage development in the Island's wetland-lowland basins.

land use plan.

Bowen said that now that WMRT is assisting the city with a current clarification and revision of the ecological zones map upon which the plan is in large part founded, Roberts is worried lest the firm's present involvement with the ecological zone clarification be regarded as an admission that WMRT was negligent in their original preparation of this vital map which accompanies the plan.

The council viewed the request as unnecessary however, and decided not to honor it.

"They may be trying to shore up the company's position," said Sanibel Mayor Porter Goss, "but I don't really think it needs shoring up."

A revised ecological zones map is expected to be ready for presentation to the city council by next month.

DEEP WELL DRILLING CONSIDERED EMERGENCY

In light of the present uncertainty surrounding the adequacy of Sanibel's

potable water supply to meet the demands for water on the Island in the months and years to come, the city council has begun to view the possibility that additional wells may be drilled into the Lower Hawthorn aquifer which supplies the Islands' water as a problem of emergency proportions.

To remedy the situation, they decided last week to direct City Manager Bill Nungester to draft an emergency ordinance prohibiting any new deep-well drilling on Sanibel for city planners as well as themselves to consider in the near future.

ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER HIRED

City Manager Bill Nungester announced last week that he has hired a man by the name of Steven Maxwell to fill the post of assistant to the city manager which has been vacant since the resignation of Tom Locker last winter.

Nungester said that Maxwell is a native Floridian who grew up in Coral Gables and attended the University of Florida at Gainesville. He holds a Master's degree in public administration from the University of Florida at Gainesville. He holds a Master's degree in public administration from the University of Dayton in Dayton Ohio.

Maxwell will report for work on October 17.

Nungester added that he is currently reviewing the applications he has received for the position of in-house city engineer, while the city is also accepting applications for the post of assistant to the planning director.

WATER HOOK-UP VARIANCE PROPOSED

The Sanibel City Council decided last week to direct City Attorney Neal Bowen to prepare a draft amendment to city ordinance 77-36, the recently

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adopted city policy requiring all new units constructed on Sanibel to be hooked into the Island Water Association (IWA) system.

The proposed amendment to the ordinance, which was given a first reading by the council during the afternoon session of their meeting last Tuesday, provides a route for them to grant variances to the hook-up requirement to Islanders wishing to build commercial units which can be served by an existing shallow well.

Variances are to be granted on a case-by-case basis by the city council, and all units constructed without IWA water must be hooked into the IWA system when hook-ups become available.

The council agreed to provide a variance route to ordinance 77-36 at the request of Islander Joe Gault, who somehow missed out on getting on the IWA waiting list for his 1,500 square foot commercial addition to the Sea Horse Shop on Periwinkle Way through

an oversight on the part of his contractor.

Gault has an existing shallow well on the property which he assured the council would be able to furnish water to the three small shops planned for the addition, for which city building permits were issued on May 30 of this year.

The proposed amendment to the ordinance will be given a second reading by the city council on November 1.

NATIONWIDE REJECTS CITY OFFER

After two meetings between members of the City's fact finding team and representatives from Nationwide Realty regarding a change in the density allotted to their Sanibel Bayous project, the City Council passed an ordinance Tuesday reflecting the

recommendations of the team.

"After affirming impact factors of massive importance to the Island's ecostructure," Vice Mayor Zee Butler said, "the team had reached the following recommendations: A total build-out of 142 dwelling units in Phase I and II (largely sold out); 12 single-family detached units in the condominium area, 25 single-family units in Phase III abutting Clam Bayou; 24 single-family homes on 2-acre lots on Phase III north of Sanibel-Captiva Road for a total of 203 units." The applicant, Nationwide Realty, had originally requested 425 units. 133 are allowed under the provision of the comprehensive land use plan.

Vice-Mayor Butler said that she thought the solution was equitable since it takes work the developers had already completed in Phases I and II into consideration.

As a result of the fact-finding team, Nationwide was granted a density increase of seven units beyond that which the Planning Commission had recommended, an increase Nationwide attorney Steve Helgemo said was "disappointing after two meetings." Nationwide refused the Council's

offer. They had earlier stated that their bottom line was 85 units in the condominium area, 25 units in Phase III south of Sanibel Captiva Road and 23 units north of Sanibel Captiva Road, in addition to the 142 already platted for Phases I and II for a total of 275 units.

YORK PETITION DENIED

Robert York was denied his petition for a specific amendment to build a dwelling in Sanibel Highlands, where according to current provisions of the land use plan, he does not possess the required amount of land necessary to construct a dwelling.

According to the proposed ecological zone changes, however, it is likely that York's property will fall under a new classification and be eligible for construction. The changes have yet to be reviewed by the City's consulting firm, WMRT, and will likely not be made law until the end of the year.

"We don't believe we are cutting you off from future use of your land," Zee Butler told York. Goss agreed, adding that should the eco zone changes not be favorable to York when they are finalized, he can always reapply for a specific amendment at that time.

Planning commission approves condo, shopping center

In a regular meeting last Monday, the Sanibel Planning Commission dealt with a full slate of hearings on requests for development permits and amended to Sanibel's comprehensive land use plan, and among other actions approved the development of a new condominium and shopping center on the Island.

The request of Thomas Brymer and Russell B. Totman for a city development permit with which to build a three-story, 8-unit condominium on a 1.75-acre Gulf-front tract at 3013 West Gulf Drive met with the commission's unanimous approval last Monday.

According to Brymer, the project, to be called "Juno of Sanibel," will feature spacious, elevated units ranging in floor area from 1,334 to 2,280 square feet overlooking 100 feet of beachfront.

Construction of the building is to be masonry with wood exterior, and the development will include a 1,200-gallon cistern for emergency and irrigational use.

The commission also voted to ap-

prove a specific amendment and development permit requested by Homer Ristow for the construction of eight additional condominium units at the Moonshadows Condominium along Middle Gulf Drive despite complaints from area residents over the problems caused by pile-driving in the Island's fastest growing neighborhood.

"We'll put 'em down as gently as we can," Bill Edwards of Stevens Construction, Inc., contractor for the project, assured residents of the nearby Sunset South Condominium who suggested that he employ "sonic pile-drivers" at the development to spare them any additional cracks in their walls.

Louis Martelli's request for a development permit to enable the construction of a restaurant and small office complex on a parcel of land just south of the intersection of Palm Ridge Road and Periwinkle Way also gained the commission's unanimous approval last week, subject to Martelli's agreement to use only bio-degradable food wrappings for all take-out orders at the new restaurant.

In other action last week, the city planning commission voted to recommend denial of specific amendments to the land plan requested by:

—Mark McClintick for the construction of a single-family home seaward of the city's coastal construction setback line on a Gulf-front lot south of Gulf Drive in the Tradewinds Subdivision; and

—L.E. and Edna Volger for commercial zoning on a 1.2-acre parcel of residentially-zoned land south of Periwinkle Way and just west of the law office of Island attorney Richard Brodeur.

City planners voted their approval of a request invoking the clustering provision provided in the land use plan to permit James Evans to re-plate a parcel of about 6.2 acres of land west of Rabbit Road in 10 single-family building lots, while also approving a request for the city to abandon a 50-foot undeveloped right-of-way lying between Buttonwood Lane and Seagrape Lane.

The "paper road," serving only flanking properties which are otherwise accessible, will revert to the ownership of adjacent property owners.

The commission voted to continue hearings on requests from:

—Bayshore Homes President Robert Horak for use of the clustering concept in the plan to re-plate a 14.5-acre portion of the Sanibel Shores Subdivision west of Donax Street in 32 single-family building lots; and

—Richard Bramhall for a development permit with which to construct two single-family residences



at the site of the High Tide Cottages on West Gulf Drive.

Three additional amendment requests on the agenda for the commission's meeting last week were not heard at all but were continued at the petitioners' request and will no doubt make for another long day of hearings for city planners at their next regular meeting, which is scheduled for October 24.

In the meantime, the planning commission will meet on October 17 in a special workshop session to continue their work to prepare a rate of growth formula for the Island city to adopt.

The planners intend to continue that project in another workshop set for October 31 in hopes of having a recommendation ready for presentation to the city council early in November.

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Two books published recently should be included in the permanent collections of all us eating creatures.

Cooking is fun...food is fun... indeed, it has been said that some people eat to live and others live to eat. Although I have been accused of the latter, one is really impossible without the other.

We are destroying ourselves nutritionally in this country. Look at the statistics of the major diseases, at how dramatically they have increased as our diet has become more "enriched."

Who tells us we are so well fed? In many cases it is the food industry itself.

You may not agree with these books after you have read them, but then again perhaps you will find they have brought you increased awareness and maybe, just maybe you will start to feel, look and act healthier because of them.

Why two books with such dissimilar titles? What do they have in common? A great deal.

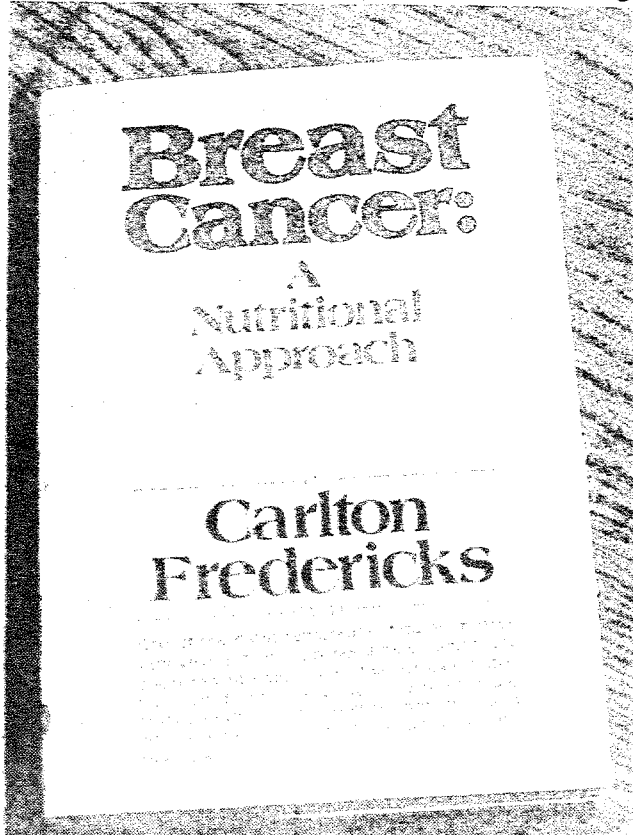
"Breast Cancer: A Nutritional Approach" by Dr. Carlton Fredericks Ph.D., published by Grosset and Dunlop.

Citing case after case, Dr. Fredericks demonstrates that the typical American diet not only fails to meet the nutritional needs of modern women—it actually increases the risk of menstrual difficulties, cystic mastitis and other problems. Ignoring the controversy this book will evoke, he also presents a position linking the hormone estrogen with cancer. He shows women how to help their bodies tame this hormone simply by changing diet.

Dr. Fredericks also identifies two of the vitamins directly involved in the breakdown of estrogen, tells how vitamin E can form a dietary shield against certain cancer-causing chemicals and how vitamin C is used in cancer treatment and prevention.

In a further challenge to the medical establishment he offers evidence linking cancer with the intake of sweets, explodes the low cholesterol myth, and shows how a diet low in refined sugar and processed carbohydrates, supplemented by specific vitamins and minerals can mean the difference between robust good health and serious, possibly fatal illness.

Finally he provides all the information you need to plan your own diet for increased resistance, including a guide to buying vitamin and mineral supplements that meet your needs—especially if you are taking extra estrogen in any form—as well as a complete bibliography of further reading.



This is a book that needs to be read and re-read by every thinking person with one question in mind: "Do I want to eat intelligently to live?"

"How To Feed Your Hyperactive Child," by Stevens. Stevens & Stoner, published by Doubleday.

Several years ago a book was published called "Why your child is Hyperactive," by Dr. Feingold. This doctor spent part of his career as a pediatrician and part as an allergist.

He came to the conclusion that some children were hyperactive because of their allergy to certain food additives, as well as a substance called salicylates.

It seems like an eternity since this book was published; it was a blessing to me, because I had a hyperactive child. I say "had" because this book literally saved his life and our family's.

The book left a bit too much to sleuth work on the parent's part, however. You had to almost be in the food business to know some foods weren't required to list their ingredients. Have you ever seen the ingredients in butter or wine listed on the labels? They contain additives.

I became professionally involved in the food business because of this child; I had to make almost all of our food from scratch, and that led to a new career.

But this new book on hyperactivity takes the parent and other readers a step further. It takes the "Now what do I do worry" away, and gives step by step directions on how to achieve results.

The hyperactive child has long been a source of concern to parents, teachers, psychologists and doctors. Until recently it seemed that only regular doses of drugs could help children function normally. New medical research indicates that hyperactivity can be controlled by diet.

This book contains 400 recipes, free of the food additives and salicylates found to aggravate hyperactivity. All of the recipes have been tested.

Salicylates are natural acids found in some fruits and other foods that should be removed from the diet.

Avoiding food additives requires a certain degree of ingenuity, as most processed foods contain some kind of artificial coloring, flavoring or preservative. The authors have included recipes for making your own butter, mayonnaise, catsup, mustard, plus—don't panic—a list of

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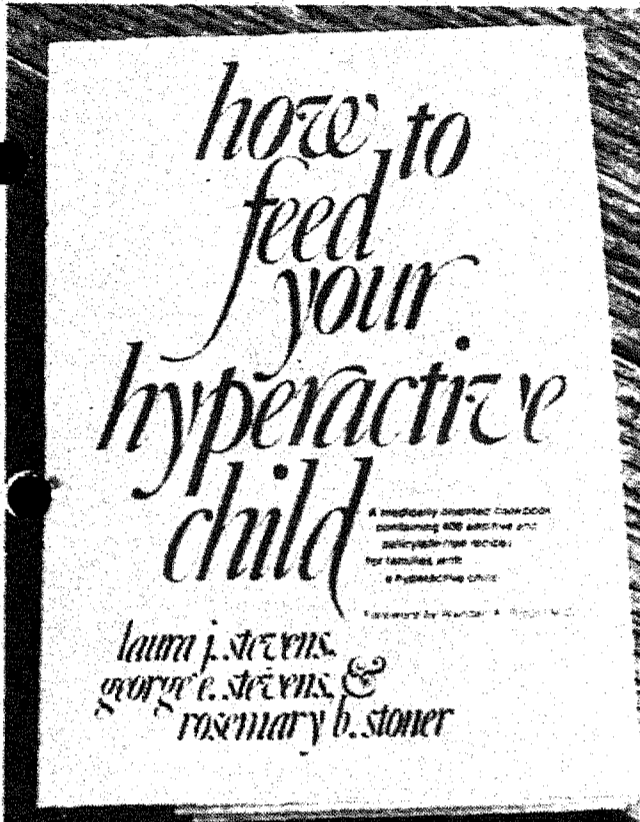
commercial brands safe for your child.

They also tell how to explain the diet to your child and help him stick with it, what to look for when purchasing and preparing foods, and how to find out in detail what foods contain additives and salicylates.

Both of these books have the same basic message: what we are putting into our bodies can harm our bodies and our minds; we are killing ourselves and our children by the food we serve.

Perhaps this sounds melodramatic, but I cannot write it any less strongly. I have seen the results of these problems in close range.

Both books are in stock at the Ives Book Store in the Edison Mall; local book stores will also order them if requested.



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good to eat can mean good for you ... recipes from Sally Woodring

Sally Woodring, co-owner of Woody's Health Foods has offered ISLANDER readers the following recipes that are as good for you as they are delicious.

If you're on a high protein diet, and possibly supplementing it with liquid protein, Sally offers the following recipe:

Fried Shrimp with Tomato Sauce

- 1 lb. tiny cooked, shelled shrimps
- 1 egg white slightly beaten
- 1 tablespoon arrowroot
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 1 pint oil

Sauce

- 1 tablespoon oil
- 3 scallions, cut in 1½ inch pieces
- thin slices ginger root
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- ¼ cup chicken broth
- 2 tablespoons raw sugar or one tablespoon honey
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 1 teaspoon dry sherry or Chinese rice wine
- ½ teaspoon each soy sauce and lemon juice

Method

Toss shrimps in egg white to coat each well. Combine arrowroot and pepper. Sprinkle over shrimps. Toss to coat thoroughly.

Heat one pint oil in saucepan (we prefer peanut oil) until very hot. Add shrimp. Fry 20 seconds, only to crisp coating. Drain oil from shrimps with slotted spoon. Set aside.

Heat one tablespoon oil in skillet. Add scallions, ginger and garlic, sauteeing until tender. Add remaining sauce ingredients. Blend and heat. Add shrimps, cooking over high heat until very hot. Serve immediately. Serves four.

Banana Bran Muffins.

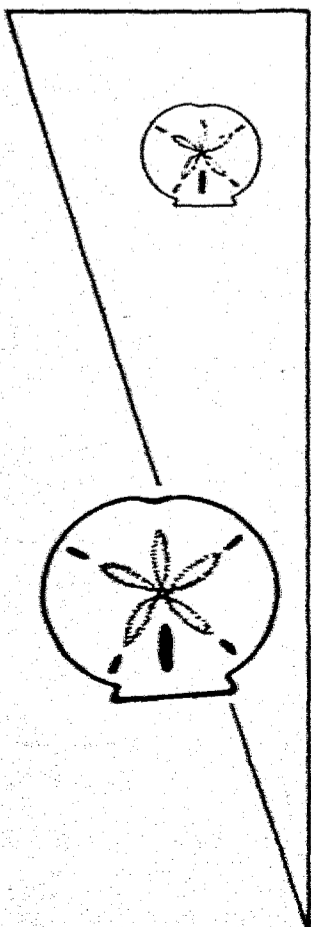
Whether or not you're actually on a bran or high fiber diet, here is a mouth-watering and nutritious recipe.

- 1 egg, beaten
- ¼ cup milk
- ¼ cup vegetable oil
- Three-quarters cup mashed banana (ripe)
- 1 cup unbleached or whole wheat flour
- ½ cup unprocessed bran
- ½ cup raw sugar or ¼ cup honey

- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt

Combine egg, milk and oil. Stir in banana. Add combined dry ingredients; mix until dry ingredients are moistened. Fill 12 medium sized greased muffin cups two-thirds full. Bake in a preheated hot oven (400 degrees F.) about 20 minutes. Makes one dozen muffins.

Note: Something to consider for holiday cooking: bran is an interesting addition to the dressing for your Thanksgiving turkey.



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police reports

An Islander called SPD from the Sanibel Causeway last week to report that he had heard a person screaming in the vicinity of the second span.

The officer dispatched to the scene could find no signs of disturbance or dismemberment.

Could it possibly be the ghost of the individual who left his mysterious briefcase under the bridge a few weeks back?

SPD issued a pair of citations to a group of teenagers who were engaged in a riotous party on Bowman's Beach one morning last week.

The matter was brought to the attention of SPD by an Island sheller who called the station to report a truck full of kids parked on the beach drinking beer and using abusive language on passers-by.

The thought of beer drinking before noon fills this reporter with a bit of a queasy feeling in the pit of the stomach, but there seems to be no accounting for some people's tastes, especially those of today's teenager.

An Island condominium dweller called SPD one day last week to complain of an alligator which had

established itself near the back door of the building and seemed to be scrounging around for a handout, spare change, or what have you.

SPD called Islander George Weymouth of the Southwest Florida Regional Alligator Association to come and handle the beast, which was accomplished in short order.

According to officials of the Alligator Association, the Island's gators would not become a problem if people would only refrain from trying to feed and "tame" them, which, incidentally, is forbidden by city ordinance.

An Island businessman called the station last week to complain that a customer had let her dogs defecate on the porch of his store and then refused to clean it up, even throwing in some abusive language towards the poor shopkeeper along the way.

A patrolman later located the suspect at another shop on the Islands, at which point the visiting dog-owner said that her pets were not responsible for the aforementioned mess as they had been locked in her car throughout her stop at the store.

In response to the charge of using abusive language, the suspect told the officer that she had simply told the aforementioned businessman that she thought he was crazy, upon which she drove away.

No further action was taken in the matter.

An Islander called SPD last week to report having sighted a pair of motorcycles speeding up and down Periwinkle Way.

A patrolman was able to locate and stop the offending cyclists, who were issued only verbal warnings to correct their driving.

An Island resident reported another truck driving on the beach last week, but by the time SPD arrived on the scene, tell-tale tire tracks were all that could be found.

For the unenlightened, city ordinance prohibits the operation of motor vehicles on Island beaches.

SPD has asked the State's Attorney's office to issue a warrant for the arrest of an Island visitor who departed without paying his hotel bill and left a phony forwarding address.

The unpaid bill amounted to \$38.22.

Another Islander reported receiving a crank phone call last week of the variety where the mysterious caller just breathes into the telephone and then hangs up.

As of this writing, the identity of this mysterious caller remains a mystery.

An Island angler called SPD last week to complain of people spear fishing from Blind Pass bridge.

The officer dispatched to the scene determined that the suspects had merely crossed the bridge with their spears to pursue some mullet in a nearby canal.

Yet another Islander called the station last week to report a pick-up truck driving on the beach.

Once again, the vehicle was GOA when a patrolman showed up.

An Islander called the station one evening last week to inform SPD that a

boat was disabled near the Causeway and that its occupants were calling for help as they seemed to be in some danger of being battered about on the pilings supporting the bridge.

SPD in turn notified Coast Guard officials of the problem, which we suppose was soon remedied.

Still another Islander called SPD to complain of a car parked illegally on Sanibel's beach.

This time, SPD was able to locate the offending motorists, who were given only a verbal warning as they were visitors to the Island, unaware of local laws and promised to remove their car post haste.

And so it goes.

All things considered, it was another relatively slow week for SPD and other emergency services on the Islands last week.

Aside from the complaints list above, SPD sought one lost dog, investigated three traffic accidents, secured two insecure premises, escorted three large trucks across the Islands, and answered fifteen miscellaneous calls for assistance on the Islands last week.

Incidentally, the number of traffic citations issued by SPD last week is still running higher than what's customary. A total of eight tickets were written to speeders last week, two to drivers without valid driver's licenses, and two to persons caught driving on Island beaches in violation of city statutes.

The Sanibel Fire Department was called into action only once last week, while emergency medical technicians were called out twice, once to treat an Islander who suffered a bad reaction to an insect bite.

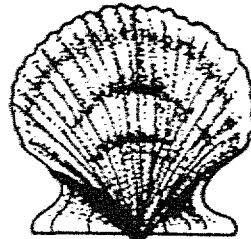
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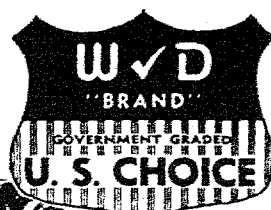
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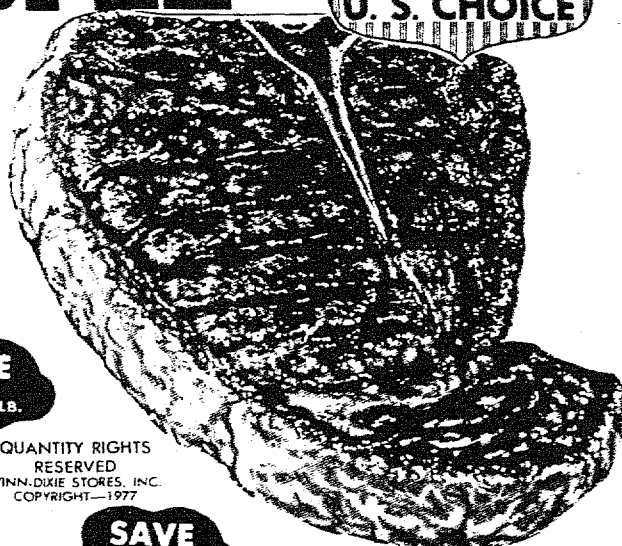
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outdoors

field notes

by fleur weymouth

Someday it may be possible to see—in a zoo, right alongside a cage where a mother lion is playing with her cubs—a mother alligator with her little ones on her back.

Recent research on alligators is producing some very interesting results, some of them quite contrary to the heartless image many of us carry of this cold-blooded reptile with its unique mammal-like four-chambered heart.

It is beginning to appear that alligators are among the most maternal reptile of all.

It has been documented now, that after her babies hatch from their eggs, mother 'gator opens up her nest and carries her babies gently to the water in her mouth. She then protects her babies from the Great Blue Heron and other predators who would consider them a tasty morsel, and often they can be seen sunning themselves on her rough back in the water. My neighbor, Henry Happel, has some beautiful slides he took of the babies on their mother's back.

Sanibel resident George Campbell formed the Southwest Florida Regional Alligator Association in 1974, and three men on Sanibel are licensed by the state to remove nuisance alligators: Campbell himself, and George Weymouth and Dick Workman. These men get phone calls from residents who wish to have alligators moved from their property. In moving them, they also tag them and measure them. A fact that seems to occur frequently is that when the gators are moved, they come back to the same spot even if it takes them a month to get back. The gator returns to its territory, the way we return to our homes. One gator dubbed "Twiggy" returned to its territory four times!

Normally, gators are afraid of people, and like any wild animal, disappear when they see a human. The gators to be afraid of are the ones who have been fed by humans. These

gators, like the bears in Yellowstone Park, lose their fear of humans, and they are the ones who come forward, as the bears do, instead of retreating. They come forward because they've learned to expect food when they see a human. When food isn't forthcoming, they're apt to come further forward.

One fact is becoming very clear: the new law prohibiting the feeding of alligators on Sanibel is working.

My husband, George, who is in charge of alligator research here on Sanibel says he can remember the time when a person could go to any body of freshwater here and as soon as you appeared on a bank, gators would instantly appear, waiting to be fed. As a result of the ordinance against feeding gators on Sanibel that Charles LeBuff introduced, alligators are now much more shy, and my husband finds it much harder to coax them in when he wishes to tag them.

Sanibel is the only place in North America where feeding gators is illegal, and the men here who work with them all feel that Florida should pass a state law banning the feeding of gators, for the benefit of both humans and gators. George feels that probably 95 per cent of the attacks on people by gators in Florida are a direct result of those gators having been fed fairly recently by people. To prevent this, write your state senator or representative if you feel a state law similar to Sanibel's should be enacted.

Never swim in any freshwater pond on Sanibel. Every freshwater body, on the island occasionally has alligators in it, and they will defend the territory they consider theirs. Builders have taken swampy areas like the Dunes, and in order to get fill, have created lakes which, as a result, have greatly increased the alligator population on the Island. These ponds are perfect habitats for big bull alligators. Charles LeBuff says "in 1960 there were perhaps 6-10 large bull gators on

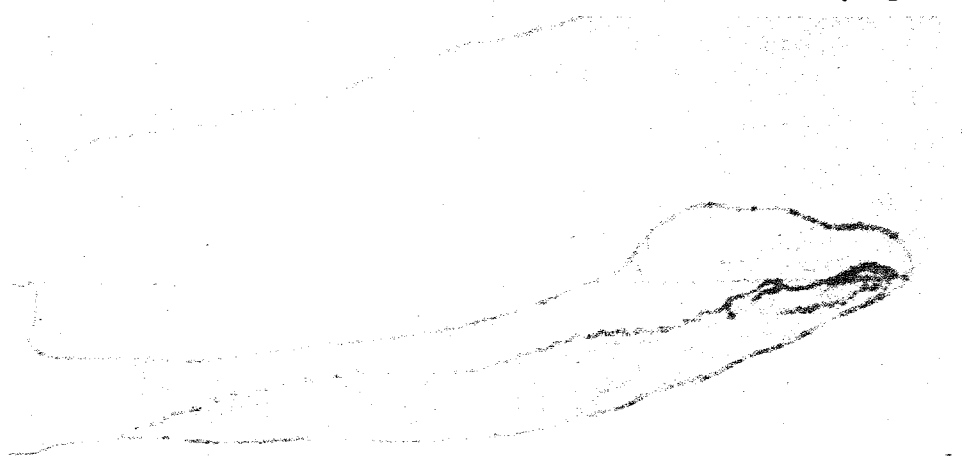
Sanibel. Now there are perhaps 20 or more."

Last summer, my husband and his son Michael removed from the pond behind the Catholic Church a huge dead alligator which measured thirteen feet, three inches.

George ventures to say that in nearly every case he has known of in which a person is severely bitten by an alligator, the gator is interested in protecting his territory, not in eating

up humans. As an example: last year Rod Suders was skindiving for golfballs in one of the Dunes golf course lakes. A gator grabbed him by the leg and after a short struggle, he released Suders. When they both surfaced, Suders felt certain that the gator by its actions was not trying to eat him but telling him to bug off. In other newspaper accounts of alligator attacks, when it states that the alligator severely bites a person but

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Female gator in her winter den.

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

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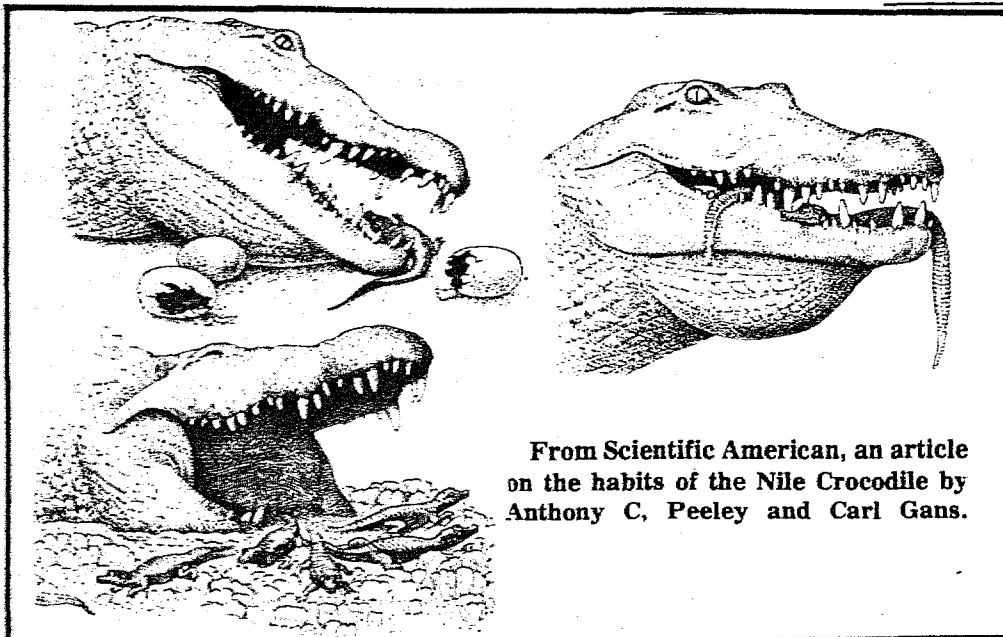
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does not tear off and attempt to eat the part bitten, that means the gator is trying to protect his territory from the invading human being.

Alligators do need a public relations person. We try to keep people on the islands informed about their habits. Their life cycle is not hard to understand.

Baby alligators hatch from eggs in a nest that the female makes near a freshwater pond or stream. They spend their early days in water, eating minnows, insects, and any small thing they can overcome. I have never heard of a single baby alligator that made a good pet. They will bite you the minute they stick their heads out of their eggs. They live to be 60-80 years old. Within ten years of hatching, a female will be ready to mate. A male is ready as a rule from age four on. They start



From Scientific American, an article on the habits of the Nile Crocodile by Anthony C. Peeley and Carl Gans.

looking for a mate during the first warm days of spring, and it's especially then that you should carry a flashlight at night, because they travel everywhere, on Periwinkle Way, through backyards, etc.

Female alligators usually make their nests about the first of June. They lay

their eggs about the 10th, when the first really hot sticky days arrive. They choose an area by the side of a freshwater canal or pond, pile up sand and vegetation, make a hole in this pile with their back legs, lay their eggs, and scoop the vegetation up over the eggs. The female then patrols the nest during incubation; you can see her swimming close by in the water. When the eggs hatch, normally after sixty days, she supposedly assists the little ones to the water. She guards them from large predators. My husband has seen

females with newly-hatched broods and has also seen females, during dry seasons, with consecutive broods of up to three years all surviving in one gator pond.

In winter, it is thought that females go into dens under the side of a bank, with their nose sticking out of the water in an airpocket in the den. It appears that males sink to the bottom of big ponds, (their normal territory.) When it gets warmer, they reappear. In warm weather, a gator can stay underwater for half an hour, but in cold weather, it can hibernate for weeks at a time, being a coldblooded creature. It was difficult to find any gators during the cold winter weeks last winter. But after the sun warmed things up, they began to reappear.

The biggest alligator nest I have ever seen was almost a foot and a half high and six feet in diameter, with a cleared area around the nest of twenty feet. My husband George found two nests this year and one last year. Most people, I think, have never seen a gator's nest. They're well camouflaged, and sometimes they're nearer you than you might think. I don't know the numbers of people who probably passed one by one foot last year on Island Inn road, about six to eight feet from the road's edge.

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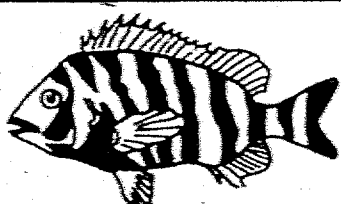


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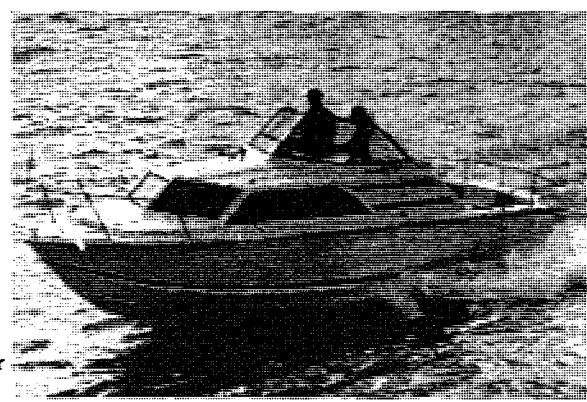
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A little earlier this fall, 23 people, myself included, took turns monitoring two alligator nests on Sanibel. We put in a total of 309 hours in a blind, each person taking three-hour shifts for around-the-clock surveillance. I believe only three people out of the 23 had ever seen an alligator nest before, and they sat through many monotonous hours of summer heat, thunder and lightning, rain leaking through the blind, mosquitoes, and very early morning shifts, because, unlike some Florida residents who wish to shoot

Hatchling in hand.

on the water

by mike fuery

I've been thinking about fishing contests and the more I consider these tournaments, the more unfair they seem to the average fisherman.

I think we need a change in rules and emphasis and this week I'm going to propose the start of the First Annual Junk Fishing Contest.

The first rule is that there will be no famous, well known fish allowed on the entry blank. This time, you folks who couldn't land a snook if someone tied it by the tail to the end of your fishing rod, can count on catching and entering the usual plain fish you generally find.

For instance, we are going to have a top prize for the slimiest saltwater catfish brought to gaff. Think of it! You people, who for years have worked so diligently to deplete the catfish

population, will for once be in a contest you have a chance of winning! My God, why haven't I thought of this earlier?

There is a special prize for the person entering a blowfish that can display the largest bust measurement.

And talk about prizes! We are going to have an UGLY FISH division which will knock your reel off. This category is for weird fish only and we all know how we seem to catch our limit of these things at any given time of the year. There won't be any seasons to worry about in this contest, mister. Ugly fish abound and if you have a special trash fish hole you've never told even your best fishing buddy about, you better get there and start fishing once this contest opens.

If you can haul in toadfish, robinfish,

every gator they see, they were fascinated with this creature and hoped to document on film with a starlight scope a sight they had heard about but never witnessed: that of the female gator gently carrying her newly-hatched babies to the water in her mouth. My husband George organized this effort and put in 74 hours at the blind, taking the hours of midnight to 3 a.m. every night for over two weeks. Mike Klein too the 3 a.m. shift to dawn. He put in a total of 59 hours. Jim Vanas came all the way up from Bonita. Adams Smith put in a total of 48 hours at the blind. The late Dick Beebe put in 15 hours, most of them during the afternoon thunderstorms. Charles Evans and Mark Westall each put in 18 hours. Tom Carberry sat in the blind for 12

hours, and Charles Krause and Mike Lubitch and myself each spent 9 hours there. David Campbell, Bud Ryckman and Robert Ward each put in six hours, and Gary Bergen, Al Emrick, Mrs. Foster, Evelyn Klein, Terry Lowell, Jonathan Miller, Mark Musaus, Mike Weymouth and Dick Workman each put in three hours. The female gator of nest No. 1 out-foxed us (out-gatorated us?) and got her babies to the water the day before we moved the blind over to nest No. 1 again. Nest No. 2 was very close to human voices, especially to traffic, and the young ones hatched and the female did not come. The baby made it to the water, but with human assistance this time.

More nest-watching will be done next year.

ladyfish and any of the "puffer" family, then you have the makings for getting your name in the record books in the Island most unusual fishing contest.

One of the most disgusting aspects of conventional fishing contests is that the guy who catches the biggest, longest or heaviest wins. Not so with our new contest.

This time, the fish win by a nose. That's right. What really distinguishes an ugly from a pretty fish, like say a trout? The nose tells the story. I can't think of any ugly fish which has a long nose. So to win, you have to catch a short-nosed fish. Think of the lowly sting ray. Besides having a nose that looks like junior Samples sat on, no one can tell where it starts and ends except another ray. You take a toadfish with a cute little nose and you got a winner.

Another thing about the contest is that you can't enter with any fishing outfit which remotely looks as if it is worth more than five dollars. This way we cut out those fancy city fellas with

their expensive fishing outfits. Special awards will be given for the most improbably looking fishing combination, too.

We've saved the best for last, naturally. After we've set a date and formalized the rules and printed entry blanks, there is going to be something very, very special for the contestants.

We've decided to have an UGLY FISH BANQUET immediately following the weigh in. Finally, you can get the opportunity or actually some of those strange fish you have been catching and tossing back for all these years. Have you ever had ladyfish burgers?

There it is, the whole plan. We will announce dates and entry qualifications at a later time, so watch for news in this column. And if this turns out to be the highly successful event we imagine, we just might have an Ugly Shell contest later. And we could have an Ugly No-See-Un catching contest and...

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summer is for softball

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There is a saying in sailing that no one knows how good a sailor they are until they race. If its true in sailing, it must equate to tournament play in softball.

The ball playing throughout the tournament has been excellent, with some real cliff-hanging games.

Probably the most outstanding is the Lady Lions who pulled not one, but two

games out of the hole in the seventh inning. In BOTH games, they were down seven to four going into the seventh inning and both times, once against ESI last week and Sunday

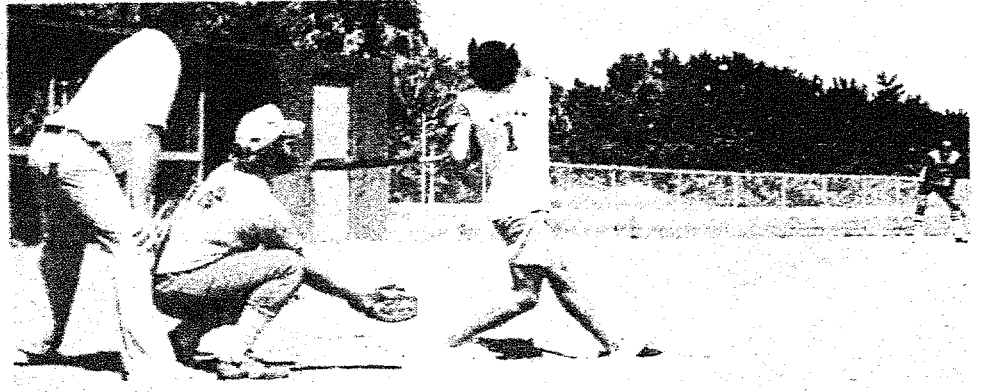
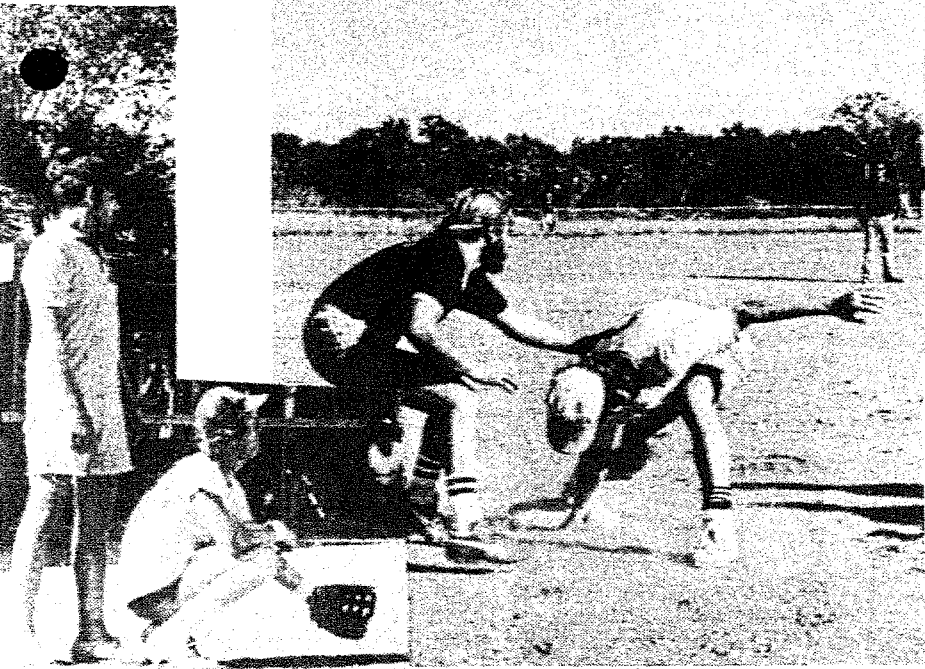
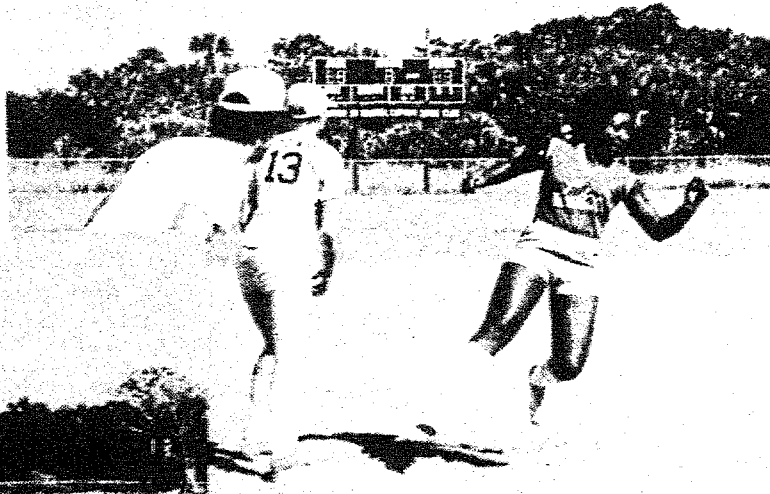
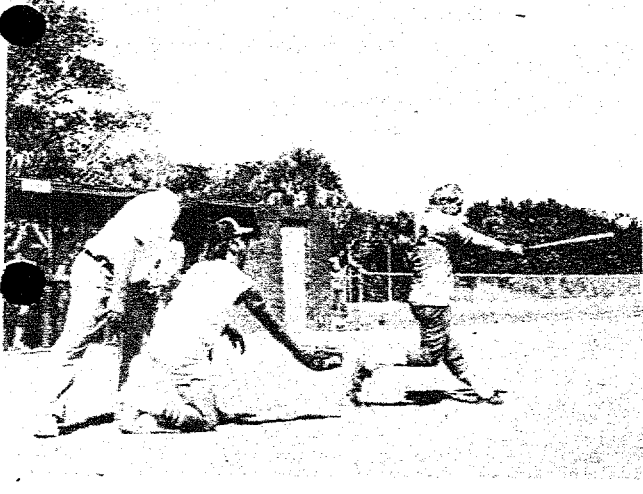
against Cedar Chest came from behind to win the game eight to seven.

Other Sunday action saw Weeds 'n Things take the newly formed Island Reporter team 21 to 3 and IWA lost to "The Gavin Show" as one IWA team member called it. Oscar just couldn't miss - he had three home runs on along with Ray Rhodes who also batted one in. Final score in that game was 13 to 2.

Francis' Foxes knocked ESI out of the tournament in another nail-biter winning by one point. Final score, 13 to 12. It was ESI's second loss.

Saturday's game saw Timmy's Nook beat the Lions 13 to 6. Nave Plumbing took Kiwanis, 19 to 2, with Chuck Nave showing some of the hitting power he had at the beginning of the season and walloping off two home runs.

Another women's game that had a surprise ending was the match between the Sea Horses and Charlie's Angels. After three innings of scoreless play, the Angels got four runs in the fourth. The Sea Horses came back with two in the fifth inning while the Angels picked up three for a score of 7 to 2 going into the sixth. The Sea Horses scored three times in the sixth and three times in the seventh, winning the game by a final score of eight to seven.



beach reef funding looks promising

A promise of \$65,000 in Beach Reef funding was promised at last Wednesday's meeting of Lee County Commissioners, reversing the recommendation against the funding made by Lee County's administrative staff. Earlier last week the staff had advised the County Commission not to allocate the funds on the assumption, according to county administrator Lavon Wisher, that money for building artificial reefs is available from the

Florida Department of Natural Resources.

Beach Reefs President Mike Yakubik denied that funding was available from the state agency at this time. He was corroborated by Ed Joyce of the Department of Natural Resources, Marine Division in Tallahassee who said that "there are not any funds per se" for building artificial fishing reefs. He was

referring to the funding which county officials had thought was available.

Beach Reefs, Inc., which has constructed one fishing reef off the coast of Estero Island, applied to the county for \$65,000 in federal revenue sharing money to pay for the construction of two additional reefs. But the county administrative staff had recommended funding nine other projects with the \$1.5 million, omitting the request from Beach Reefs.

The Commissioners are expected to approve the funding tomorrow, Wednesday, October 12, at their regular meeting.

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One horsewoman dressed in purple velvet with a purple velvet hat and white pompom rode in her gig lined in purple velvet to match her costume. She held the reins of her white horse very high. The Welch are very friendly and those alongside in the stands gave us the words of the songs to sing with them, "Land of My Fathers" and "God bless the Prince of Wales." Welch voices are something to remember, rich and clear.

I noticed a little bottle of milk at the door of our room at our cozy Brecon Inn and found it was for our nightly tea. There was an electric tea kettle on a tea wagon and sugar too, along with Royal Doulton china in a for-get-me-not

pattern.

A sign over a Pub in Brecon said "Sarah Siddons". I knew she was a famous actress of her day, middle 1700's. Her portrait in which she was wearing a big plumed hat hung beside her name. So in the morning we stopped in the pub, a very, very small old house. Words over the bar said Sarah was born here in 1755 in a little room upstairs. A cleaning lady was mopping up, so I told her I was an actress with a theater of our own which was why we stopped to see Sarah Siddon's house. At this news, her little girl, Mary Wilson said "I want to go on "Opportunity Knock" (evidently a talent show on BBC), listen to me sing: "T'n tref lawen ddihenydd, Y dawns y don nos a dydd, I' rhawd does pob anrhydedd-eleni Am ei haelioni drwy'r saith can mlynedd"

"There's not many little girls can sing in Welch" I told her "just keep thinking you'll be an actress and something will happen."

I looked up the narrow stairway to the little room where Sarah Siddons

had made her first entrance into this world, and wished I had a pattern for the fame she had achieved (over two hundred years ago) to tell this little girl. "Goodbye and good luck" said I and walked across the street to buy an unusual Welch hat which I will wear in a Lancashire play to be produced this season at our Pirate Playhouse.

There's lace and ribbon on the hat and no plumes, but then it only cost a pound ten.

Wherever you go in Britain, you get stewed tomatoes for breakfast. I began to like them so much so that I could truthfully say "A day without stewed tomatoes is like a day without sunshine." The weather kept being very good. We never slept under less than two blankets. In Machynlleth it was daylight still at 9 o'clock. Looking out the picture window of our room on the third floor of Erglodd Farmhouse we could see the Irish sea coming in with a mighty splash and roar. For generations the Erglodd's had collected brass, kettles, candlesticks, trays, plates foot warmers, all shiny and polished by the two Erglodd's daughters who were

very busy training their dog but paying no attention to a nice mother cat and her kittens. I soon righted this. When I found poor kitty had no name, I gave her one, "Nooga" and for her two offspring, "Isabel" and "Dolly." This will be quite understandable to the many happy audiences who came to "Pagan in the Parlor". This is the Wales, the prince is of" I said as we watched a high speed kayak race on the River Wye. "I don't know "Wye" we did this" said Philip "when we are in a hurry to get to Aberyswith."

This quaint old seacoast town on Cardigan Bay was in high gear for they were celebrating Aberyswith's 700th birthday. British road signs are very direct such as "Reduce speed NO." The Royal Welch guards were marching up the main street so we had to go slowly. Then with our usual good luck, we found a spot to park on the waterfront Promenade and watch these musicians with their red coast, fur muff hats and gold braid parade and make wonderful music.

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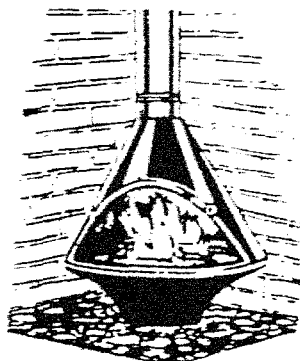
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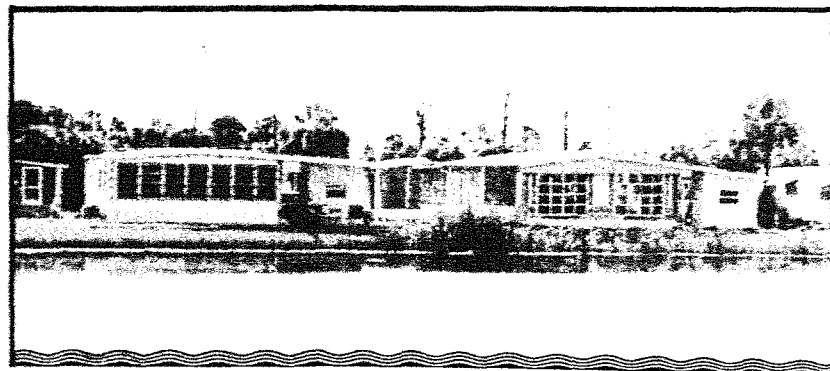
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enrollments begin in community courses

Are you interested in learning a new hobby or catching up on an old one?

If so, then now is the time to enroll in one or more of five community courses being offered once again this fall by the Sanibel Community Association.

According to Carol Davenport, organizer for the program, the Community Association's second year of community courses will feature a somewhat different format from that offered last year. Most notably, the popular courses will be offered in two semesters of between seven and eight weeks in length this year instead of the three terms of five weeks in length offered last season.

The first semester of classes this year will begin on October 15 and will run through December 15. All classes will be held at the Sanibel Community House on Periwinkle Way.

Kicking off the semester will be a course called "More Knit Fabric Know-How" to be offered by Islander Betty Wakefield.

The first class will be a special double session from noon to 4:00 p.m. to be held on Saturday, October 15.

Because of scheduling conflicts, this course is beginning one week early and class will not be held the following Saturday. Regular classes will then be held between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. every Saturday between October 29 and December 10.

The fee for this course is \$12 for the eight regular lectures and \$1 each for every optional pattern drafting session to be held immediately following each lecture.

Enrollment in "More Knit Fabric Know-How" will be limited to a maximum of 30 students.

For further information about this course, you are urged to call either Mary Kraemer at 472-2861, or Ginny Mull at 472-1176.

The other community courses to be offered this fall will begin the week of October 24.

An eight-week course in "Indoor and Terrace Gardening" will be offered from 10:00 a.m. until noon every Tuesday between October 25 and December 13.

Islander Joan Wilson of Tuesday's Child and Steven Brodtkin of Tamiami

Growers will be co-instructors for the course, which will cost \$12 plus an additional charge of \$1 for printed material.

The course will emphasize the selection of plant material and containers, and students will learn about potting, pruning, and fertilizing indoor and terrace plants to keep them healthy and beautiful.

For more information about "Indoor and Terrace Gardening," Islanders should call Winnie Comlossy at 472-2531, or Milena Eskew at 472-2504.

Wednesday afternoons this fall will feature "An Introduction to Weaving" at the Sanibel Community House.

Islander Barbara Boulton will teach the class, which will be held between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. every Wednesday from October 26 through December 14.

Using a flat loom, students will learn different weaves and terms as they make mats, hangings, pillows and pocketbooks, and also will be given the opportunity to advance to a table loom if they wish.

To learn more about "An Introduction to Weaving," you should call Alice Rice at 472-2985 or Winnie Gomlossy at 472-2531.

Islander Joe Winterrowd will once again offer his popular course in "Improving Bridge Skills" this fall from 10:00 a.m. until noon every Thursday between October 27 and December 15.

The weekly lecture sessions will be open to all interested Islanders at a charge of \$1.50 per lecture, while two-hour workshops geared to providing experience in playing the game will be held immediately following the lectures.

Anyone wishing further information about "Improving Bridge Skills" should call Helen Webb at 472-4084, or Dora Jones at 472-1443. A rudimentary knowledge of the game is requisite for the course.

From 10:00 a.m. until noon on Fridays this fall, Dr. Charles J. Wilson will offer a course in "North American Archeology."

Classes will run from October 28 through December 2 to provide students with a survey course in archeology in which Southwest Florida will receive particular emphasis. Included in the course will be lectures on the history of early man, regional archaic cultures, the Calusa and other tribes, archeological techniques, as well as the study of and field trips to an Island archeological site.

Islanders wishing further information about "North American Archeology" should call either Betty Bray at 472-2849, or Mona Ferguson at 472-4443.

To register for any or all of the five community courses to be offered by the Community Association this fall, prospective enrollees should mail a check for the cost of the courses desired as well as indicate which courses you wish to take to: Sanibel Community Association, c-o Beebe, 3740 Pectin Court, Sanibel 33957; or fill out and mail in the coupon provided in local newspapers.

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Aberyswiths Mayor wore a big, big gold chain around his neck. I wonder where that custom started? I remember seeing the chain of Dublin's mayor years ago. At that time it was a lady mayor and a musical we saw stressed they must dust up because Dublin's mayor was a lady.

Philip and I had a nice chat with this mayor. I went on about how nice the English were to us. "Please" he asked me, "don't say English, when speaking of this part of the world, make it British."

The Royal Welch band played a march of Sousa's along with "God Bless the Prince of Wales."

Philip is keen about the old narrow gauge railways in Britain and had a nice chat about the little trains with an

engineer at the Aberyswith railroad station. This fellow actually stood at attention when he described meeting the Queen at the opening of the Severn Bride Bridge nearby but he was in a lather about the Prince of Wales.

"If 'ee's the Prince of Wales, why doesn't 'ee live 'ere in Wales!" he said. That very day, His Highness was visiting this 700-year-old town in Wales. We missed him at the University where we had gone to see their beautiful little arena theatre. "Just missed the prince," I said to the fellow pumping us some petrol at the gas station.

For some reason or other, this tickled him sideways. "Just missed the Prince ho-ho-ho! Ha, ha, ha, missed the Prince!" He was shaking so hard, he could hardly dole out our fifteen pence change. "I wouldn't put one foot in front of the other to see the Prince."

Later Philip did get to photograph

Prince Charles as he was getting into his limosine. From the photo, you can't see much of anything except the Prince's neck and the head of one of his guards, but to those who are interested, I can say he looks exactly like our own Brian Webb of South Seas Plantation.

The crowd surrounding the Prince of Wales was very excited. "Look, Edna, he shook my hand," said a lady pointing to her upraised plam. "Edna, he shook my hand!" And it looked then as if all her friends were going to shake the hand that shook the hand of the guy who one day would be King.

I saw a sign in a shop which had started a fund: "GIVE A PRESENT TO PRINCESS ANNE'S WEE BAIRN!"

A closing thought - Britain has almost no billboards. But I did find a small one advertising a soft drink:

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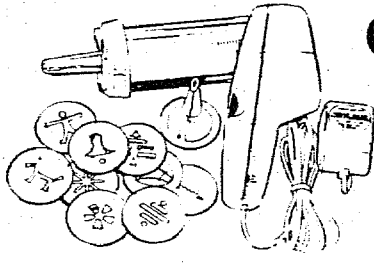
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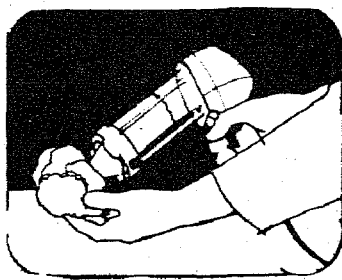
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