



things to do

BINGO MUREX - American Legion Home, Thursdays, 8:00 p,m. No minors, Sanibel - Captiva Road, 472-9979.

BIRD TOURS - Griffing Bancroft, 472-1447; George Wey-

mouth, 472-1516; Dick Frieman, 472-1315.

FISHING GUIDES FOR CHARTER - Capt. Ted Cole, 472-2723; Capt. Doug Fischer, 472-1551; Capt. Baughn Halloway, 472-2802; Capt. Belton Johnson, 472-1122; Capt. John Johnson, 472-1020; Capt. Bob Sabatino, 472-1784; Capt. Duke Sells, 472-1784; Esperanza Woodring, 472-1126; Capt. Chic Kennedy, 472-4087; Capt. Herb Purdy, 472-1849; Capt. Jerry Way, 472-1784 or 472-1007.

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SAILING (lessons and - or charter) - Southwind, 472-2531; Paul Taylor, 472-1551; Chic Kennedy, 472-4087; Mike Fuery, 'Tween Waters, 472-1784; Ft. Myers Yacht Charters, Roger Nodruff, 463-2320, Twin Palms Marina; Pap Nui, 332-1200; Off-Shore Sailing School, S.S.P., 472-1551, ext. 4141. Capt. Hugh Alexander, Island Boat Rentals, 472-2228.

SIGHTSEEING TOURS - Herb Purdy, 472-1849; Tarpon Bay Marina (canoes) 472-1323; Capt. Chic Kennedy, 472-4087; Capt. Herb Purdy, 472-1849, Mike Fuery, 472-1784, Jerry Way 472-1784. Capt. Hugh Alexander, Island Boat Rentals, 472-2228.

TENNIS & SCUBA EQUIPMENT (RENTAL) - The Real Eel, 472-2674.

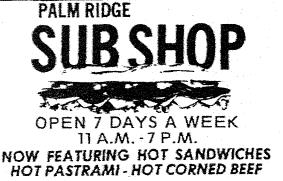
WATER SKIING - Herb Purdy, 472-1849.

OFF ISLAND DAY TIME ATTRATIONS - Edison Home in Fort Myers, 334-1280; Shell Factory, U.S. 41 North Fort Myers; Jungle Cruises, 334-7474, Fort Myers Yacht Basin; Waltzing Waters, 283-0636, Pine Island Road.

fraternal groups

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL - area meetings. Fort Myers, Tuesday at 12:15 in the Shrine Building off Cleveland Ave., Fort Myers, South, Mondays at 12:15 in the Sweden House on Route 41; Fort Myers Beach, Thursdays at 12:15 at the Island Pub on San Carlos Blvd. (between the bridges); Cape Coral, Wednesdays at 8 a.m. in the Nautilus Inn.

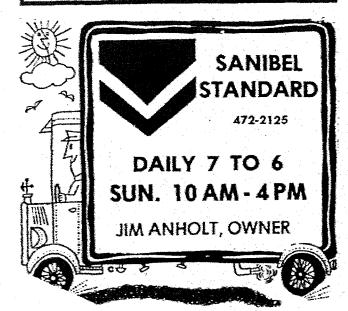




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AL ANON - Every Friday, 8:00 p.m. at St. Michael's and All Angels Church. For information call 472-2491.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - St. Michael's and All Angels Church, Periwinkle Way, Fridays, 8 p.m. For information

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BICYCLES FOR RENT - Hines Rental, 472-2874 or check the motel you are staying in.

clubs & civic groups

AMERICAN LEGION POST NO. 123 - American Legion Home, second Tuesday of the month, 8:00 p.m.

SANIBE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. - Sanibel Community House, 1st Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

LADIES GUILD of the Sanibel Community Church meets at 1:30 every third Thursday of the month. For details phone

THE SANIBEL-CAPTIVA UNIT OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS meets at 10:00 a.m. on the third Monday of every month at the Sanibel Community House. The public is warmly in-

THE COMMITTEE OF THE ISLANDS meets at 2:00 p.m. every second Monday at the Sanibel Community House. The public is invited.

political and

governmental

SANIBEL CITY COUNCIL meets the 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays of every month at 9 a.m. at City Hall, unless special meetings are called. The public is invited.

SANIBEL PLANNING COMMISSION meets the 1st, 3rd and 5th Mondays of every month at Sanibel City Hall unless meetings are called. The public is invited.

7:30, Palm Ridge Road Firehouse.

SANIBEL-CAPTIVA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION Board of Directors meets the second Tuesday of each month at 3:30. SANIBEL FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the firehouse on Palm Ridge Road.





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SANIBEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

The Rev. Bruce E. Milligan, Pastor	
Sunday Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
(Mursery Provided)	
Sunday School	
(Kindergarten - 8th)	10:00 a.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES Ramada Inn (end of Donax Street)

Nooni 233					
Sunday				11:00 a.m.	
Wednesday				8:00 p.m.	

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The Rev. Fr. Arthur Kontinos

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SPIRITUALIST CHURCH

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Sanibel Community Association Building Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m.



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tests delayed

second failure prompts third well

New problems beset the crisis ridden Island Water Association last week when the bonding material used by McGregor Pump, the IWA's contractor on the well, failed to cement a bond between two joints on the well's casing, causing the casing to fill with cement.

The contractor was pouring cement into the well when the casing uncoupled, allowing the cement to flow into the interior of the casing.

The contractor had been drilling around-the-clock to install the second well after the first test well they dug developed a leak in the casing midway down the well. The leak led to the intrusion of brackish water into the water being withdrawn for testing purposes.

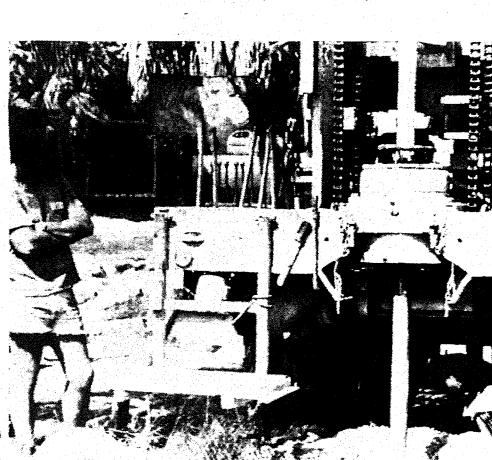
The testing program was instituted at the request of the South Florida Water Management District to determine the quantity and quality of the water in the Lower Hawthorne acquifer. The IWA has been prohibited by the South Florida Water Management District from withdrawing more water than in previous

years, the exact nature of the Island's water supply has been determined.

The IWA declared a moratorium on all new water hook-ups June 1, 1977 pending the results of their testing program.

The IWA had originally anticipated a draft report from their consulting hydrologists, Geraghty and Miller, at their Nov. 15 board meeting. The latest development will mean that the well will not be operational until later this week, setting the testing program back another two weeks.

McGregor Pump, who replaced the second well entirely at their own expense, cites two freak accidents as the cause of the mishaps. Ironically, the latest problem is similar to the problem the IWA had last week in its own plant. The failure of a bonding agent to cement together a joint in the plant's brine line shut the plant down for almost a week and lowered the Islands' water reserves to the lowest level in IWA history.



And a third well goes in at the elementary school as drillers work

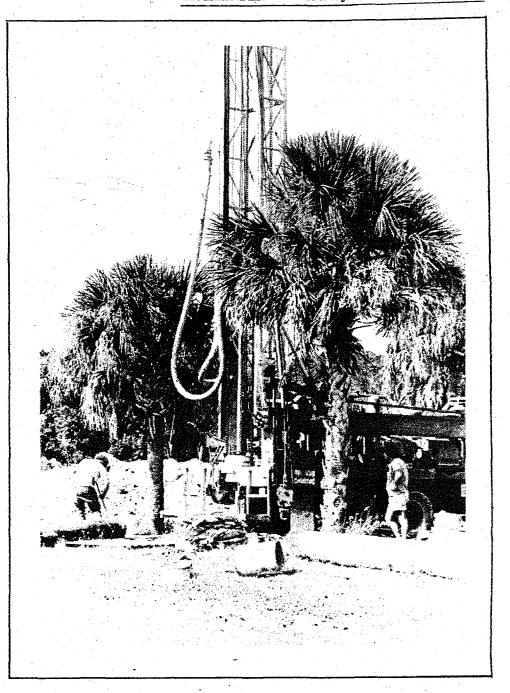
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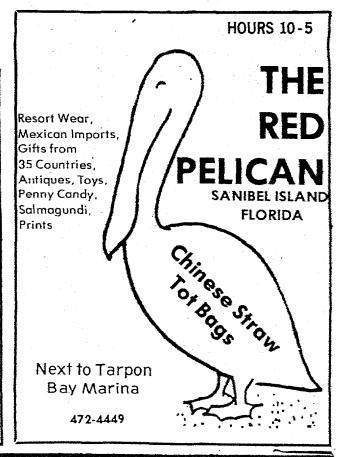
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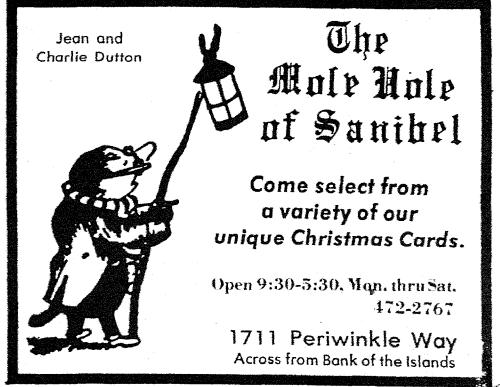






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letter to the editor

The following was given to the islander for publication:

John R. Maloy, Executive Director South Floirda Water Management District

Dear Director Malov:

This is in further reference to my suggestion of July 23rd. You will recall that I urged Board consideration of the economic feasibility of establishing a self-liquidating financing and construction vehicle similar to the existing West Coast Regional Water Supply Authority that supplies the Tampa Area. The suggested new organization

would serve this lower part of the West Gulf coast.

As you probably know, the public water supply crisis on Sanibel and Captiva has reached dire emergency status since my July 23rd letter. We have just squeeked through an entire week-end with an almost emply water reserve tank and merely dribbling water taps. The test wells that your District reluctantly authorized proved a most diasppointing fizzle. We now face the terrifying prospect of a Statepredicted boom tourist season with a water supply already inadequate to serve our year-round residents. The devastating effects of the situation on the health of our local residents and the tourist trade upon which many local businessmen rely must be obvious to you from your experiences on the East

It must be equally obvious to the District that the nub of the local crises in providing a continuing supply of potable water to the communities unrealistic to expect the booming growth in the Area to continue its total and unpredictable deep aquifers. Burgeoning Cape Coral, Pine Island, Sanibel, and Captiva currently look to the same aquifer for their potable water-as do Developers of subdivisions and golf courses for their landscaping

The District is to be congratulated for its efforts that avoided such a narrow dependence by Miami and other East Coast communities. It seems time now for the District to turn its eyes westward to its newly-acquired jurisdictions. It was in contemplation of such help that we voted in favor of the District taxing us for the first time. We are now your New Frontier.

Kindly advise me as to the reception your Board accorded my suggestion, or your plans to otherwise cope with our water management and supply problems.

> Sincerely, Paul A. Howe

today at city hall

9:00 a.m. 1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance (Bailey) 2. Approval of Minutes of previous meetings (October 13th and October 18th, 1977) 3. Correspondence.

9:15 a.m. 4. Request from Major Morris Eads, Salvation Army, to place contribution kettles at locations on Sanibel.

9:20 a.m. 5. Planning Commission Report.

9:30 a.m. 6. Consider request by Sally Glenn (aka Sarah Cist Toughill) for Council action to officially declare "Thistle Lodge" as an historical structure and to take the necessary steps for protection and preservation following the relocating and restoration of said structure by the petitioner.

10:00 a.m. 7. Public hearing and second reading of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 77-36; Providing for Variance Relief from the provisions of ordinance 77-36; Providing standards and guidelines for the issuance of such variances. (Ordinance relating to prohibiting the issuance of building permits without a committment for water connection.)

10:30 a.m. 8. Continuation of public hearing and second reading of an ordinance amending ordinance No. 76-21, The Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Sections 3.3.1: Residential Densities, and 3.2.2: development Intensity Map, as Submitted by William T. Haverfield, Attorney-in-Fact, for Virginia South Corporation, for a parcel of land (70-acres) located in section 28, Township 46 south, Range 22 east, Sanibel,

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10:45 a.m. 9. Consider proposed Ordinances as follows for first reading:

1. An ordinance providing for mandatory vegetation committee inspection of all proposed development involving vegetation; establishing a vegetation committee and its scope of authority; providing for site review by the vegetation committee prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy: relating to the vegetation committee; providing for repeal of ordinance no. 76-28.

2. An ordinance amending ordinance No. 75-25 and section 103.2 of the Southern Standard Building code; providing stop work order authority for violations of certain vegetation provisions.

3. An ordinance specifically amending the Comprehensive Land Use Plan as adopted by reference pursuant to ordinance 76-21; amending sections 3.9.1 (10); 3.9.2 (9); 3.9.3; 3.9.4 (9); 3.9.5 (7); 3.9.6 (8) and relating to vegetation.

11:00 a.m. 10. Council ad hoc site selection committee report (C.D. White, chairman)

11:15 a.m. 11. Consider city manager's recommendation for establishing permanent vehicular weight restrictions within the city of Sanibel. (Schedule Workshop Date.)

11:35 a.m. 12. City Attorney's Report 11:45 a.m. 13. City Manager's Report 12:00 Noon 14. Mayor and Councilmen Reports.

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1:30 p.m. 15. Public hearing and first reading of an ordinance Specifically amending ordinance No. 76-21 the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Sections 3.3.12: Partially Developed Land, and 4.8.3: Specific amendments, as to the density allocation for the undeveloped portion of Tennisplace Condominium located on parcels of land (13.57 acres), section 20, Township 46 south, range 23 east, Sanibel, Lee County, Florida (East and directly abutting Causeway Road), as submitted by Robert M. Taylor for Mariner Properties, Inc.

1:45 p.m. 16. Public Hearing and first reading of an Ordinance specifically amending the Comprehensive Land Use Plane as adopted by reference pursuant to ordinance 76-21; amending part 4.5.2 (1) and part 4.6.1 (2); Deleting references to fees for development permits.

2:00 p.m. 17. Public hearing and first reading of an ordinance specifically amending ordinance No. 76-21. The Comprehensive Land Use Plan, section 3.4.5: Interior wetland-uplands (Part 3.4: permitted uses), to permit enlargement of building 11 of Plaza Central by Ten(10) feet in length and ten(10) feet in depth to meet the minimum size for a convenience store to be constructed in the restricted commercial area on Rabbit Road, as submitted by James O. Evans.

2:15 p.m. 18. Public hearing and first reading of an ordinance specifically amending the Comprehensive Land Use Plan as adopted by reference pursuant to ordinance 76-21, sections 3.3.1: Residnetial densities, and 3.2.3: development Intensity Map, to permit development of six (6) dwelling units on a parcel of land in section 30, Township 46 south, range 23 East, Sanibel, Lee County, Florida (North side Gulf Drive, east of Spanish Cay Condominium), as submitted by William Kreuser for D.C. and Jena Harford.

2:30 p.m. 19. Public hearing and first reading of an ordinance specifically amending the Comprehensive Land Use Plan as adopted by reference pursuant to ordinance 76-21, Sections 3.3.1: Residential densities, and 3.2.3: development intensity map, to permit development of three (3) dwelling units on a parcel of land in section 30, Township 46 south, range 23 east. Sanibel, Lee County, Florida, (North side Gulf Drive, east of Spanish Cay Condominium) as submitted by William Kreuser for C.J. and Lori Smith.

2:45 p.m. 20. Public hearing and first reading of an ordinance specifically amending the Comprehensive Land Use Plan as adopted by reference pursuant to ordinance 76-21, Sections 3.3.1: residential densities, and 3.2.3: development intensity map, to permit development of six (6) dwelling units on a parcel of land in section 30, Township 46 south, Range 23 east. Sanibel, Lee County, Florida, (North Side Gulf Drive, East of Spanish Cay Condominium), as submitted by William Kreuser for Paul Bardon.

3:00 p.m. 21. Consider a resolution approving a contract with Bankers Life Company of Des Moines. Iowa to privide a deposit Administration type Pension Plan for Employees of the City of Sanibel, Florida, and authorizing and directing the City Manager to execute said Contract on behalf of the City of Sanibel.

3:30 p.m. 22. Public inquiries and comments. Adjournment

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Island gardeners lose illegal crop

On two occasions on October 24, members of the Sanibel Police Department (SPD) found themselves pulling up marijuana plants which had been grown on Sanibel by young Islanders.

For a week prior to October 24, Island police had been aware of a hidden pot field off Donax Street after an Island parent called SPD to report that his daughter had been harassed by two Island youths as they emerged onto Donax from their clandestine garden back in the woods.

Island patrolmen maintained a sporadic surveillance operation in the area in hopes of apprehending the young marijuana farmers, both juveniles, in the act of tending their crop until last Monday, when it was decided that the plants would have to be pulled in the interest of public safety.

Sanibel patrolmen Ray Rhodes and Betty Weir were dispatched to harvest the crop, and between 70 and 80 small marijuana plants and seedlings were confiscated, according to Patrolman Weir.

Patrolman Weir said that the volume of the confiscated plants would probably have constituted only a midemeanor offense had the juveniles been charged with possession of marijuana, which was not possible as Island police were never able to witness the suspect in the act of cultivation.

Under Florida law, it is a

misdemeanor for a first-time offender caught with five grams or less of marijuana. The possession of any amount of marijuana by a repeat offender is classified as a felony violation of Florida law.

Also on October 24, Lee County Sheriff's deputy Corporal Soto was patrolling Periwinkle Way on Sanibel when he stopped an Island resident for a routine check of his motorcycle registration.

The Lee County officer was told that the registration was at home, and Soto offered to follow the cyclist back to his residence on Lindgren Boulevard. While enroute, the suspect eluded Corporal Soto by driving his motorcycle into the woods, where the policeman was loath to follow.

SPD was notified of the incident, and Patrolmen Rhodes and Weir espied a number of large marijuana plants growing inside a fence along the north side of the home.

Seven pot plants averaging about three feet in height were confiscated from the residence, although here again, no charges were filed as police had not witnessed anyone in the act of cultivating the plants.

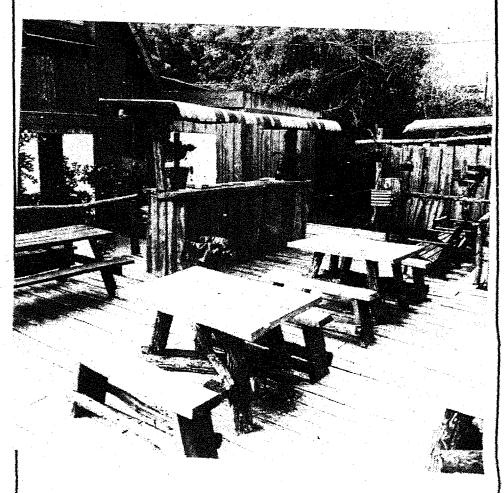
The Islander was later charged with eluding a police officer, no valid driver's license and no inspection sticker for his motorcycle.

The confiscated marijuana plants are being held by SPD for future educational programs concerning the pitfalls of drug use.

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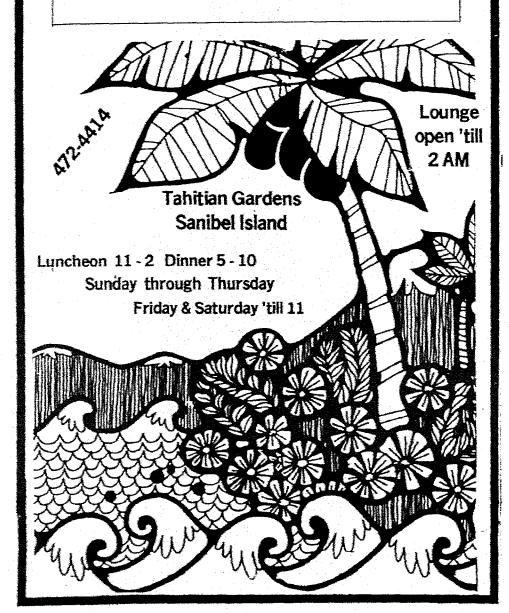
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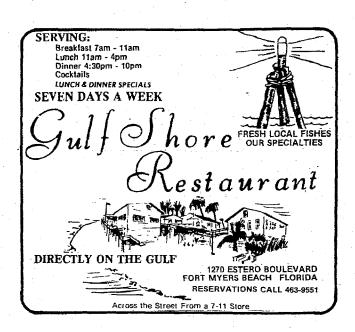
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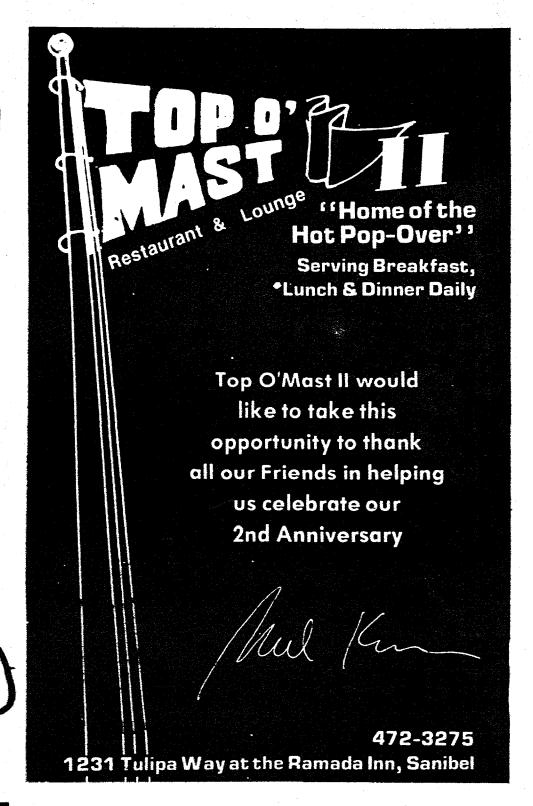
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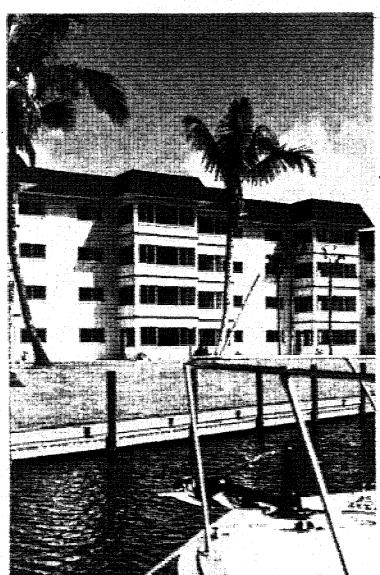


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Businesses currently occupying Captiva Village Square are Captiva Island Realty, Island Services, Gemini Beauty Salon, Volume I Ltd. card and magazine shop, Estella's Boutique and Windward Specialties, a gift and fresh flower shop.

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food for thought

by julie gray

young chefs learn Jewish cooking

Take 14 young people, from eighth to eleventh grade; add a religious school and stir in one recess period where they can go outside and play football, on their honor to get to their next class within 10 minutes.

The recipe makes pita, potato pancakes and other Jewish dishes, in a class at Temple Beth El in Cape Coral on Jewish cooking.

Most of the students skip recess to be early for the cooking class; the session just seems to get bigger, especially when it comes time to taste the finished product.

At the first class session, students were asked what their notions were of Jewish food. Their answers included:

Lox and bagels, matzoh balls soup, challah bread, chopped liver, potato latkes or pancakes, pot roast, and gefilte fish.

The students were surprised to learn their really is no "Jewish cooking." The Jewish people have lived in virtually every country in the world, and have adapted local recipes.

What Americans call Jewish cooking is really German and Russian foods with cultural and regional variations.

Most of the American Jewish community emigrated from Middle Europe at the turn of the century, and then again around the time of World War II.

However, there is another world of "Jewish food" too little known in this country-Sephardic cooking, best described as a cross between Greek and Spanish.

Last Sunday morning there was excitement in the air as the students began to make potato pancakes or latkes, high up on their list of favorite foods. The recipe is basically of German origin, but to the Jewish people it has become a traditional food, served at Hanukkah.

make them in the blender, others use a grinder to reduce the potatoes to proper consistency, but the secret ingredient is the skin off your knuncles.

You can make a passable pancake with those appliances. but the only way to get a good latke is with that lowly wonder, the grater, available in every supermarket and hardware store for about 69 cents.

None of the students knew the grater's true name. My grandmother, and probably her grandmother before her, called it a "rebizen" (ree-buy-zhen)--a knuckle grater.

Michael Levin, 11, from Port Charlotte was an avid potato peeler. And as Alan Shevack, Fort Myers, happily grated away, he declared the best thing about the class is "that it is

Lani Laboda, of Fort Myers, was a fantastic egg cracker; Pam Zwick, Cape Coral, kept right on grating those potatoes. She even pitched in on grating the onions.

Amy Gray was an expert stirrer of the batter and Jonathan Frank an eager eater, who admits he loves latkes almost as much as he loves blintzes!

Perhaps one of the stars of the class is Scott Goldberg, North Fort Myers, who always manages to wrap up his football game in time for the final cook-off and tasting

Jill Kessler, Sanibel, a new member of the class, is an expert in clean-up, with Lowell Schoenfield

The class, always a frantic whirl of activity, is every Sunday morning at Temple Beth El, 11:10 a.m. to noon. And no one ever rushes out the door to leave, either.

and they are easy to make. With 14 students all participating, and successful results, they seem foolproof.

POTATO LATKES (PANCAKES)

5-6 large potatoes

1 onion

3 eggs

14 cup matzoh meal or flour or cracker crumbs

dash of baking powder

dash of salt and pepper to taste

1 tsp. lemon juice (helps to keep potatoes white) Grate potatoes and onions and drain excess liquid. Add other ingredients and drop by large or small spoonfuls into frying pan with a small amount of oil in it. You will need to

add more oil as you keep frying.

Drain pancakes on paper toweling and serve hot, with sour cream or applesauce as a side dish. These latkes freeze very well and may be reheated either in a microwave oven for 30 seconds or in a regular oven for about 10 minutes.

MIDDLE EASTERN BREAD-PITA

4-6 cups unbleached white flour (Heckers)

- 2 cups very warm water (just under ouch)
- 1 Tblsp. sugar
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1 package or Tblsp. of yeast

In a large mixer bowl add 2 cups flour, sugar, salt and dry yeast. Stir. Slowly add water and beat 5 minutes at high speed in mixer. Mixture should appear to be elastic at this point. Add more flour until mixer protests and turn out onto a lightly floured board until smooth and elastic. Place in a large bowl (big enough to allow for doubling of batter) turn until coated with a small amount of oil and cover, let rise in warm place until double.

Punch down, turn out on lightly floured counter, sprinkle with flour, cover and let rest for 30 minutes.

Divide into 2"x2" pieces and pat into about 14 inch circle shapes with the palm of the hand. Place close together on cookie sheet and place into 450 degree oven. Bake just over 5 minutes. If possible put one tray in at a time on the bottom shelf of the oven. The baking time may vary slightly if you prefer a browner look. They may also be broiled slightly on the tops to brown.

This recipe may also be used for bialy's. Instead of patting to 1/2 inch, pat instead to 3/4 inch thickness and, using the thumb, take some onion chips and press into center of bialy. Bake for about 15 minutes. Spread with cream cheese.

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Sizzling away

Allen Shevack and Scott Goldberg fry up the potato pancakes, above; right, Michael Levin begins the whole process by peeling potatoes. Students in the

class at Temple Beth El are learning the different styles and types of Jewish cooking.





Islanders wish to preserve Thistle Lodge

In a meeting last Fr y morning, the City of Sanibel's ptoric Preservation Committee de ed to support Mrs. Sarah Cist Glerin her efforts to preserve the old "Tible Lodge" at the Casa Bel Resort of anibel.

Mrs. Glenn has ed the city council to help her save e old house, which would otherwis be demolished by Mariner Propeles, Inc. as part of their plans t develop a new condominium or he site of the Islands' oldest resort while Mariner has yet to announce thir development plans for the Casa el property south of Gulf Drive, the have informed Mrs. Glenn that the d Thistle Lodge will be torn down in ate January unless it can be remove to another location on the Island.

Thus, Mrs. Glenn would like to move the of house in which she spent much of her life to a lot on Clam Bayou near Blind Pass and restore the old structure to its former elegance.

According to Island historian Elinor Dormer, chairman of the city's Historic Preservation Committee, the old Thistle Lodge at Casa Bel was built approximately 80 years ago by Reverend George O. Barnes, one of the Island's earliest homesteaders. The

home was built for his daughter, Georgia, on the occasion of her marriage to Edward Duncan.

The Barnes family established the first resort on the Islands at the present site of Casa Bel in 1889. Called "The Sister," the name of the inn was later changed to Casa Ybel, a name which stayed with the resort until Mariner Properties puchased the property this past summer and shortened Casa Ybel to Casa Bel.

According to Mrs. Dormer, the Thistle Lodge is all that remains of the original buildings at the resort. She feels that were the building to be restored, it might be eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

At present, the only Island landmark listed in the National Register of Historic Places in the Sanibel Lighthouse.

Mrs. Sarah Cist Glenn has lived in the old Thistle Lodge for much of her life. From 1906 until 1944, the old house was owned by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Cist. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Cist, owned the building up until 1957.

Mrs. Glenn now proposes to move the old house and restore it for the purpose

of living in the structure, for which she needs to be assured that she will be able to obtain a hookup for the dwelling from the Island Water Association before she goes to the considerable trouble and expense of relocating and restoring the building.

She has asked the city council for permission to move and restore the Thistle Lodge, as well as for their assistance with obtaining the necessary water hookup from the Island Water Association, which Association officials have indicated will be available to her by this coming April, according to Mrs. Dormer.

While the Thistle Lodge is currently not included in the list of Island historical sites contained in Sanible's comprehensive land use plan, Mrs. Dormer said that a resolution to add it to this list has been prepared by the city attorney and will be considered by the city council at their meeting to be held today in MacKenzie Hall.

The city planning commission was to have reviewed this matter and decided upon their recommendation in this regard at their meeting Monday afternoon.

At the Historic Preservation Committee's meeting last Friday, Mrs.

Dormer called the Thistle Lodge, a Victorian structure replete with turret staircase and beaded woodwork, "one of the few historical sites left on Sanible." She added that the old house is presently in a pretty deteriorated state and will require considerable effort by way of restoration.

Committee member Frank Vellake, president elect of the Southwest Florida Chapter of the American Institue of Architects, offered to attempt to gain that group's advice and assistance with the proposed restoration of the old house.

The committee decided to recommend that the city council support Mrs. Glenn in her efforts by advising the Island Water Association that this is an important project and deserves special treatment in terms of a water hookup. According to Mrs. Dormer Mrs. Glenn would like to be able to move the Thistle Lodge to her property overlooking Clam Bayou before the

along.

Mrs. Dormer added that if Mrs.

Glenn succeeds with her plan, she has offered to open the old house to the public a few days each week for guided tours of the historic structure.

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Friday, October 21, was an in-service day for teachers. Students enjoyed the "day off", while football players readied for a big game against Arcadia. At 6 p.m., students assembled at the school, paid the \$2 charge, and piled into buses. Then the band, Pantherettes, majorettes, cheerleaders, football players, and two buses of fans headed for Arcadia. Arcadia, rated seventh in the state, was expected to be tough to beat.

Arcadia scored early and after a long defensive battle Cypress scored to tie the game, 7-7. Hindered by penalties Cypress was held to 7. After two overtimes, Arcadia managed to score and win 14-7. The Panthers played well and their statistics were good but this less dropped their record to 4 and 3.

The week was relatively uneventful. The first nine-week quarter ends on November 1. Therefore, tests and project due dates filled the week. Since Homecoming is next week, floats are in various stages of planning and

production and spirits are soaring. During homeroom period students made their final choices for Homecoming King, Queen, and attendants.

On Tuesday evening, the girls volleyball team took on the second place North Fort Myers team, their only real competitors. The Cypress Lake team was tense but not worked up enough. They also suffered from over confidence and lack of enthusiasm. North, whom they had narrowly beaten earlier in the season, walloped them in both games by scores of 15-6 and 15-5. The coach was a little discouraged with the girls. The teams 17-1 record keeps them in first place and they are still assured the county title.

The freshman class had a pep rally Wednesday afternoon. That night the freshman football team played the Riverdale Raiders. The Raiders won 14-7 in a well fought battle.

During the past week, this reporter saw evidence personally that the county's no-smoking policy was being enforced. Statistics announced at school gave further evidence of action. During the week of Oct. 17 to 24, 45 students were caught smoking and received 3-day suspensions. On Tuesday, October 27 alone fifteen students were suspended for smoking.

Late in the week, the Homecoming court was announced. It included the following isalnders: Jane Ann Ireland, nominee for Queen; Stanley Gavin, nominee for King; Trish Bissell, Junior class attendant; and David Trowbridge, Sophmore class attendant. The King and Queen will be announced at the football game on November 4.

Stanley Gavin's name and been put on the "Florida Blue Chip List." This is a list of forty high school football players expected to do well in college and look promising for the Pros. Stanley also has a chance of making "all state" this year. As of October 21, he was rated second in the county in rushing.

Stanley serves as head captain of the Varsity team. Other islanders on this team are Kb Buntrock, who is still sidelined due to a disjointed shoulder sustained in pactice, and Eric Vartdal. Islanders of the Freshman team include Mark Kyo, who is co-captain, Bret Vartdal, Abert Hunter, and Kelvin Gavin, who's out with a broken

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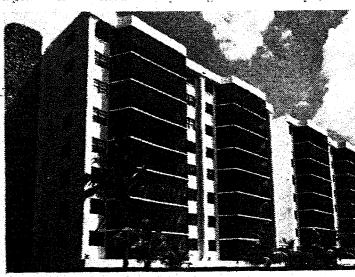
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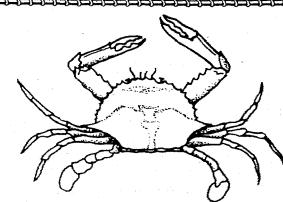
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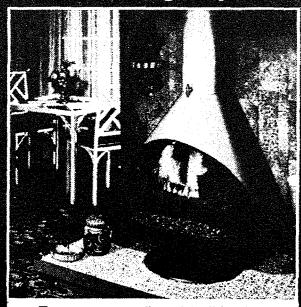




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by rich arthurs

Occasional stander Kathleen Mc-Clintock is always seeking a new outlet for her creater talents.

The daughter of year-round Islanders Agnes and E.L. McClintock of Limpet Drive on Sanibel, Kathy and her sister Maureen, created the popular Sambel-Captiva Game" during a brief stay on the Island last January.

The clever board game which takes players on visits to many Island landmarks by a roll of the dice, has proved to be a popular item in shops across the Islands, and Kathy would now like to revise the format of the game for a future second edition.

"We had a lot of fun with the game,"

year-old Kathy said last week,

"although I would now like to do a more
professional job of it because we laid it
out so hurriedly to begin with."

Kathy has also done some painting on the Islands, as well as a bit of acting at the Pirate Playhouse during her longest visit on Sanibel a few years ago. It was at about that time that Playhouse owners and directors, Ruth and Philip Hunter, inspired Kathy to undertake a project which she has just recently completed.

"I'm kind of frustrated as an artist because I'm too impatinet to do really fine paintings," Kathy explained. "I get too many whims that just can't wait."

Such was the case a few years back when the Hunters asked Kathy to try her hand at writing a play for them to perform at the Pirate Playhouse. At the time, she was more interested in travelling, for which purpose she embarked on a backpacking trip around the world in February of 1975.

Kathy's largely solo journey from San Francisco to New York via Asia, the Mid-East and Europe lasted about seven months, and her experiences in youth hostels around the globe, aboard the slow train through Burma or hitchhiking across southern Europe could easily yield enough material for another story altogether.

Upon her return to the States, Kathy landed a job with the Columbia Broadcasting System in New York City as Walter Cronkite's correspondence secretary, a position in which she remained for nineteen month.

"That was longer than I've worked anywhere else in my life," said Kathy. "Working with Walter Cronkite was completely different from anything I had ever done before. He's so busy. His sachedule is really remarkable for a man his age. You literally had to catch him on the run if you ever wanted to

talk to him."

"We had a really good group of people working at CBS," she added.

while working under Cronkite, Kathy enrolled in a writing workshop sponsored by the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences in hopes of someday realizing her dream to become a free-lance or staff writer for the evision situation comedies.

The workshop provided her with an opportunity to work on a play for the Hunters, and after a few abortive scripts, they finally presented Ruth and Philip with their long-awaited play last week.

The play, entitled "Make Way for the Kids," is a one-act comedy written especially for the Hunters to perform. It concerns an elderly couple who are preparing for the arrival of their grandchildren.

"I'm really quite pleased with the way it turned out," Kathy said. "I think it will suit the Hunters, and they seemed to like it very much."

According to Ruth Hunter, a special benefit performance of "Make Way for the Kids" will probably be offered at the Pirate Playhouse this coming February, starring Ruth and Philip, of course.

In the meantime, Kathy has nearly completed a script for a 90-minute television drama, the plot of which she describes as a political intrigue underlying a basic love-affair theme.

"It's been one of the most exuberant writing experiences I've ever had," Kathy reported. "I sat at the typewriter for up to twelve hours at a stretch a couple days in a row. I just couldn't stop!"

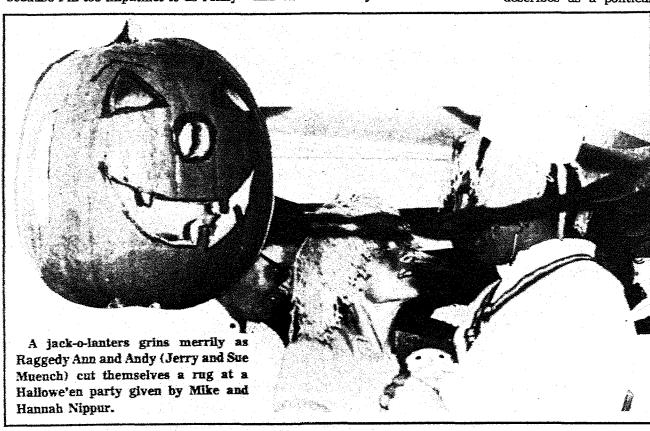
Kathy just concluded a month-long stay with her parents last week, after having resigned her post with CBS to move to Los Angeles, where she hopes to be able to launch her career as a television writer.

During her recent stay on Sanibel, Kathy was accompanied by her friend, Linda Foster, from Sussex, England, with whom Kathy journeyed from Istanbul to London on her trip around the world in 1975. The girls-spent much of their time bicycling across the Islands, a hobby of Kathy's which was to a great extend responsible for the creation of the "Sanibel-Captiva Game."

Kathy is one of six children of Agnes and E.L. McClintock. The McClintocks moved to Sanibel from the rural community of Farmington, Missouri about four years ago. Kathy's father maintains a law practice on the Islands, while her mother works in the sales office for Michigan Homes.

"I come to Sanibel whenever I get chance," Kathy said last week.

"I just love it here," she added.





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new assistant to city manager aboard

of Steve Maxwell, who began work for the city on October 17 as administrative assistant to City Manager Bill Nungester.

Maxwell was hired by Nungester late in September to fill the post vacated by Tom Locker earlier this year.

A native Floridian, Maxwell was born and raised in Coral Gables, Florida, a suburb of Miami. He holds a Bachelor's degree in political science and public administration from the University of Florida at Gainesville,

A new fade in Sanibel City Hall is that where he worked as program and administrative assistant in the Office of Student Services.

> Maxwell earned his Masters degree in public administration at the University of Dayton in Dayton, Ohio. His expertise is in the areas of budgeting and planning.

Since graduating from college, Maxwell has worked as administrative assistant to the city manager for the City of Titusville, Florida, and as administrative and fiscal analyst for the county administrator in DaytonMontgomery County, Ohio. He was also a lecturer in political science and history at Sinclair Community College in Dayton.

Since coming to work for the city, Maxwell and his wife have established their residence on Sanibel.

"Right now, I'm still trying to familiarize myself with the city and its policies," said Maxwell last week.

His role as assistant to the city manager will be to relieve Nungester of some of the administrative duties in city hall in areas such as city personnel and budgeting, as well as to serve as a liaison between the city administration and the community

Based on his experiences of growing up in the Miami area, Maxwell says he is a firm advocate of sound environmental planning.

"I can really empathize with the environmentalists on the Island since I've witnessed the despoiling of much of the ratural beauty of Florida's southeast coast." Maxwell said.

"However, I believe that there must be a fine balance of all of the interests in the community," he added.

survey reveals heavy construction traffic

A survey of all trucks coming onto Sanibel conducted by members of the sland's police force on Thursday, 'riday and Saturday, October 20-22, rned up some interesting statistics yout the nature of truck traffic using Island roads.

At the direction of city officials, Sanibel policemen set up a survey station along Causeway Road at the entrance to the Islands for three consecutive days late last month, where all trucks coming onto the Islands except for panel trucks and pick-up trucks were weighed and information was gathered concerning the destination of the trucks and the

contractors by which they were employed.

The survey, which was conducted between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on October 20-22, revealed that construction trucks using Island roads during the days of the survey outnumbered service or delivery trucks by almost two to one.

The heaviest truck traffic noted during the survey came on Friday, October 21, when 180 trucks crossed the Sanibel Causeway to make deliveries of one sort or another on the Islands. Trucks delivering construction materials to building sites on the Island accounted for 132 of that number.

The survey also indicated that most

construction trucks using Island roads were en route to construction sites on Sanibel. On Thursday, October 20, however, the majority of truck drivers coming onto the Islands claimed building sites on Captiva as their destination.

It should come as no surprise to most Islanders that the survey pointed to Periwinkle Way, Palm Ridge Road and Sanibel-Captiva Road as the thoroughfares used most often by truck traffic on the Islands, with Donax Street running fourth in terms of its usage by trucks.

It should be noted, however, that only a very small percentage of the trucks surveyed were found to be carrying loads in excess of the weight restrictions currently in effect on Sanibel. according to Sanibel Police Chief John Butler.

All told, construction trucks employed by 28 general contractors and 99 sub-contractors were surveyed during the three-day exercise.

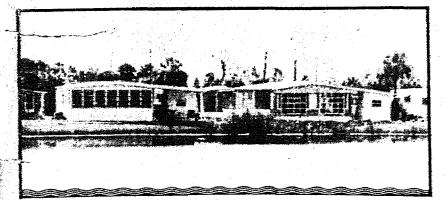
Detailed results of the survey are on file with the Sanibel Police Department and in Sanibel City Hall.

The results of the survey are intended for use by the city in formulating a set of permanent weight restrictions for Island roads, as well as for the use of the city's occupational licensing department.



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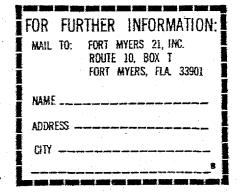
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police reports

An Islander called SPD one evening last week to complain of an auto rally in progress in her neighborhood with cars driving through her front yard.

Upon his arrival at the scene of the disturbance, an Island patrolman noted a sign reading "Here's the party!" but no improper parking or road rallies then in progress.

As the patrolman was on duty and so could not very well join the party, he returned to the station with many sigh.

That same night, SPD received a call from an enraged Island resort manager concerning parties which he said are held regularly on the beach near the resort.

SPD's investigation of the complaint revealed that the party was quiet and orderly and that the party-goers possessed a valid permit for their bonfire, such that no official action other than friendly advice was warranted or even possible.

The resort manager still maintained that these regular parties result in damage to the resort of a type where lawn chairs are tossed unceremoniously the swimming pool. He asked that fire permits for these gatherings be withheld in the future.

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Road at Sanibel's east end, last week's Island

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A number of Islanders living within the same general area of the Island called SPD last week to report having heard gunshots or explosions in the neighborhood which rattled their houses.

Patrolmen dispatched to the area heard no such disturbances and so could not verify the complaints.

Yet another recent party on the Islands occasioned a complaint from an Islander who that the claimed revellers' music was so loud as to deprive her of her sleep.

Patrolmen dispatched to the scene were indeed appalled by the noise level of the gathering and so advised the merry-makers to either tone it down considerably or suffer prosecution under the city's new noise pollution ordinance.

Evidentally, the partygoers opted for the former choice.

An Islander called the station one day last week to report having sighted a rabid raccoon in the neighborhood.

The investigating officer found the hapless creature unable to walk and breathing with some difficulty and soon put

the raccoon out of its misery.

The deceased was given a decent burial by complainant.

Construction crews working on the Islands called SPD last week to report that one of their trucks had been broken into and certain items stolen therefrom.

SPD's investigation of the crime is continuing.

SPD is till seeking two white males last seen driving an old black car in connection with the burglary of an automobile on the Island.

The suspects were observed driving away from the scene of the theft by a female visitor to the Islands whose car was broken into while she and two friends were walking along the beach.

Three handbags were stolen from the vehicle, containing currency and traveller's checks totaling almost \$800.

An Islander called the station last week to inform SPD that she had received a telephone call from an unidentified man trying to sell her a card that would entitle her to increased police protection by SPD.

The mysterious caller quoted a price of \$10 for this service, which apparently came as some surprise to SPD.

one day last week, an Island policeman spotted wearing a collar.

Subsequent attempts to find the alleged skunk

SPD was called by the manager of an Island drinking spa one night last week to arbitrate a disagreement which had

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arisen hetween two Islanders involving threats made with a hand gun.

Upon questioning the disputants, SPD learned that both parties were afraid of being injured by one another, and so the investigating officer advised them that there would be no problem if they took a few pains to avoid one another.

He further advised them that if they did not manage to avoid one another, any attempts to use a firearm on the part of either one would result in the certain arrest of both, which seem to have taken much of the fire out of the argument.

An officer of the U.S. Coast Guard called SPD last week to report the Sanibel that Lighthouse had been broken into and the light turned off by persons unknown.

A call to Councilman Charles LeBuff revealed that the lock to the Lighthouse has been broken for over two years, and that he and his son had been in the Lighthouse.

While noting that the broken lock will soon be repaired, the report does not indicate how the beacon came to be shut

Officials of the Bank of the Islands reported that another bad check was passed on the Islands last week.

The rubber check was made out in the amount o f \$385.

An Islander came to the station one day last

week to report that his wallet had been either lost or stolen while he was shopping at an Island store.

The missing wallet later turned up in City Hall, where it had fallen under the mayor's chair.

Numerous Islanders called SPD one night last week to complain of construction trucks idling their engines in the vicinity of their homes and disturbing their sleep.

By the time that SPD could arrive on the scene, the trucks were gone.

An Islander called SPD last week after she though she heard gunshots near her home a few mornings in a row.

patrolman The dispatched to the scene located a man cutting limbs from trees in the neighborhood and informed the complainant that this could account for the gunshots she had heard.

The complainant replied that this was a bunch of "poppycock" and that she knew gunshots when she heard them, adding that she though the shots were occasioned by alligator poachers as she had found the carcass of an alligator in the canal behind her home quite recently.

SPD will maintain a close watch on the area hereafter.

The manager of an Island convenience store called the station last week to report that a man had just purchased

a pack of cigarettes from her but had come up three cents short of the full price and so had abused her verbally and then departed on foot with his cancer sticks, three cents worth of which he did not rightfully own.

A patrolman later located the suspect along Periwinkle Way and escorted him off of the Island.

The owner restaurant on the Islands called SPD one evening last week to complain that his establishment had suffered over \$200 worth of damage at the hands of vandals who were still seated in the lounge at the restaurant.

As there were no witnesses to verify the charges, the patrolman dispatched to the scene could hardly take action against the alleged vandals, although he did escort them away from the lounge at the request of the complainant

Over and above the individual reports detailed above, SPD was called upon to render miscellaneous assison eleven occasions last week, investigate one traffic accident, search for three lost dogs, escort seven large trucks across the Islands, secure four insecure premises, investigage two reports of suspicious persons, and issue one speeding ticket.

The Sanibel Fire Department was called into action six times last week, which emergency medical technicians on the Island were called out three times.



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These days, when I find that I have to write a check for what I've bought at the fish market, I give a nostalgic sigh for the good old days when the best things in life were free - especially seafood. Before all this affluence, dredging, filling, pollution, and the causeway, we didn't buy oysters, clams and scallops, we gathered them, and shrimp caught around the mangrove roots at night were for the table, not the end of a hook. We made our own coquina broth, a bit sandy but delicious, and any child with a stick and a dip net could get softshell crabs. Coon oysters, so called because raccoons fed on them, grew in thick clusters on the mangrove roots and the pilings of docks. Before so many red tides and a badly polluted Caloosahatchee, they were a favorite food and as children we would wade into the br.y with a cup and a screwdriver and help ourselves.

During the winter months on Sanibel and Captiva, oyster roasts were a favorite kind of evening entertainment for people of all ages. Sometimes the

oysters were big ones raked from the beds in Pine Island Sound buy usually heavily encrusted mangrove roots were laid on the hot coals of a driftwood fire and when the ovster shells gaped open, it was time to eat. Moonlight nights on the beach were beautiful and breezy and often it would be quite late when the party broke up. After the sober and sensible had gone home to bed, the "wild ones" went off in search of a pint of bootleg booze!

Tarpon Bay was once the place to search for the big bay scallops but in our family, these excursions were mofe for shells than food. When the sea water covered the eel grass beds, we looked for unusual colors, especially vellow or orange, both very rare. Wearing old sneakers to protect our feet against rays and oyster shell, we shuffled across the sandbars looking for th eelusive bivalves which could jet off in a startling way and hide under the seaweed. My sister and I. however. cannot remember ever eating a meal of scallops and this could have been our father's doing. An ardent conservationist, and outdoorsman who greatly admired Teddy Roosevelt, Ross Mayer would have disapproved of killing large bucketsfull of shells simply for the small piece of muscle each contained.

The Sanibel causeway is believed to have wiped out the scallop beds by interefering with the migratory routes of these mollusks. All we know is that they disappeared along with a bay-type alphabet cone which also has succumbed to adverse conditions. Nevertheless, when the small pectin scallops are thrown up on the Gulf beaches by winter winds and waves, some of bring bucketsfull to the bayside and dump them into the water. Tucker Abbott to the contrary, standed shells survive very well in an aquarium or the quiet waters of our grassy inlets. Farming shells, even in this small way, beats wanton destruction. When "pure science" exhibits a reverence for life and a sense of wonder, we'll have more respect for it.

A pristine San Carlos Bay is but a memory now but once it supplied all our seafood needs. The big quahog clams, which we called "keyholes" because of their siphon holes on the sandbars, were excellent for chowder. and, of course, we had all the fish we

needed. No one bought them and only tourists paid real money for bait. The rest of us chased and cornered fiddler crabs, netted shiners and fished for pinfish with tiny hook baited with bacon - and it all was part of the fun. When we finally got down to serious fishing, we used handlines twined around a stick or a cane pole - except my father. Being the head of the house, he used a rod and reel, with no better luck than anyone else. Especially when his small daughter felt sorry for the fish and threw them back! Eventually, I was caught in the act and spent the rest of the day in disgrace.

Will we ever be able to harvest our wild seafoods again? I think we will - in time. Lee County's permissiveness has been our undoing and we must continue to fight for the enforcement of our environmental laws. Our own house, too, must be in order. Eventually, ye olde septic tank must go and be replaced by a central sewage system or some better form of disposal, whatever the cost. When given the chance, nature cleanses itself and the rewards are boundless. Who knows? Perhaps in our lifetime, we will take a grandchild by the hand and with a screwdriver in the other, show him or her how to get an oyster cocktail - free.

islander gardening

Some plants never lose their popularity with home owners, says Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association (FNGA). They are either easy to grow or have some characteristic that makes them endeared to the hearts of their owner.

Such a plant is certainly the Christmas cactus. It has been cherished by families at the holiday season and almost rated as a member of the family. Grandma and all grandmas before grew a Christmas cactus regardless of where they lived. In the middle western states, it was not unusual for this plant to occupy a prominent place in the "sittin' room".

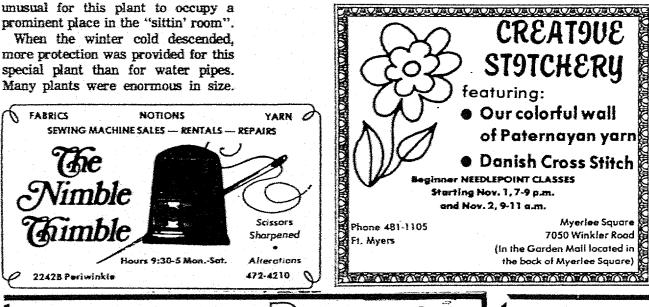
When the winter cold descended, more protection was provided for this special plant than for water pipes. Most of them grown by the "country folks" were fed with a cow manure tea. Somehow and in some way the plant always appeared in flower at the appointed time of Christmas.

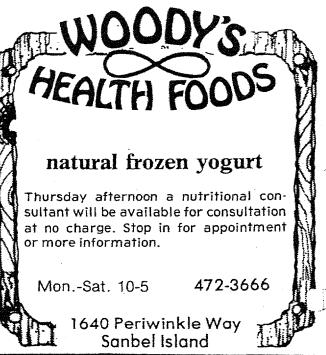
Today the Christmas cactus is still revered as a holiday plant. At this time of year most good gardeners are beginning to feed their plants regularly. It is moved into very bright light to help produce the maximum amount of leaves and later flower buds.

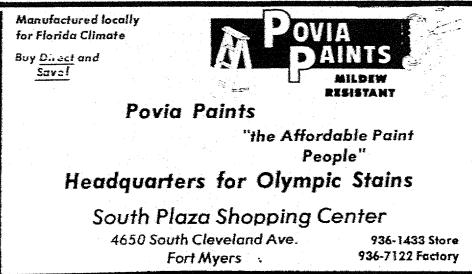
Professional nurserymen specialize in growing this lovely plant. They have hybridized it and the colors are very

much different from the pink of grandma's day. Most of the plants are grown in small plastic square pots in an artificial soilless mixture. The plant is very healthy when purchased. One nurseryman in Apopka produces hundgeds of thousands of plants for sale at the holiday season. When cared for properly, the plant may become an heirloom in a family.

Two rules should be observed when attempting to make a Christmas cactus bloom - provide it with very short days by placing it in a dark room early in the evening. Secondly, the plant should be watered and fed regularly to promote growth and flowering. Once the plant has become established, it is not necessary to repot it until the entire pot is jammed with roots.









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no-see-um tournament ends softball season

By a strange twist of circumstances, the No-See-Um tournament finals only decided one winner in Sunday's games.

The rules of the division state that each team must lose two games in order to be defeated. The Lady Lions hadn't lost a game in the tournament until Sunday's match against the Sanibel Packing Co. (Francis') Foxes. In a tight match, the Foxes finally edged out the Lady Lions by one point

necessitating a rematch this coming Sunday to determine the women's division champions.

A jubilant West Wind defeated the Islands' traditional champions, Nave's Plumbing to claim their gold trophies. Pies in the eye for Dick Meunch and Ray Rhodes capped off the afternoon as the players finished their games in the rain. Since they were already wet, they celebrated in the time-honoured way for champions by pouring beer on each other. Final score: West Wind - 6, Nave Plumbing - 4.

A donation picnic was appreciated by all the Islanders who turned out for the finals. Sam's Meats supplied the hot dogs and South Seas Plantation the hamburgers. Beer and soda were furnished by the League.

No-see-ums also came out in force for the softball annual softball classic named in their honor.

The final game, giving the championship to the Lady Lions or the Boxes will be played next Sunday afternoon at the ball park.

Made it! An inch is as good as a mile.



And a good time was had by all.



Karen Booth warms up for her last softball game - she is off to Vermont and all she'll be throwing there are snowballs.



Lew Phillips and number one son head for the bleachers while West Wind prepared to do battle with Nave Plumbing.



She was out!

on the water

by mike fuery

Heavyweight people and small boat operations sometime combine for really belly laughs and also some scary moments on the water.

Another fishing guide and I were sitting around a few nights ago recounting near-disaster stories of our charter people who were heavy to a point where they were endangering the boat handling and the other passengers, not to mention the captain. Most accounts are funny, but there are some genuine tense moments.

I remember a couple of years ago, I covered a story about two men the Charlotte Harbor area U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary saved after what had to be one of the most frustrating rescues in their history.

This occurred off Cape Haze, where a long sandbar comes out and is clearly marked to keep boaters from running aground. There is a temptation, while returning from fishing at Boca Grande Pass, to cut the marker, shoot over the bar and save a mile or two on the way back to Punta Gorda or Port Charlotte.

There were two men in a sixteen-foot boat. One weighed in at an estimated 325 pounds. Needless to say, the other fella who owned the boat, was used to cutting the marker, but this time the craft was riding too low with the added weight. He ran the boat hard into the mud bottom. A passing sailboat got close and tried to pull them off and succeeded in getting stuck too. A radio call went out and the Auxiliary had a crew on they way. They threw a line to the little outboard boat and tried to pull the disabled boat off. It budged a little and bogged down again.

The someone had a brain storm of sorts. Why not have the big guy run forward, to get the weight out of the stern and at the same time the rescue boat would gun their engine and pull hard on the line between them? You have to picture this in your mind, now. A guy of 325 pounds poised at the stern, the boat owner covering his eyes and the fellas in the rescue boat ready to pull hell out of the line. One, two, three--the fat man ran and the big boat pulled. Only, when the big guy got to the bow, two things happened. One, the nose of the boat dipped hard and water gushed in and two, the big guy couldn't stop once all that weight was in motion. He did a kind of dying swan dive over the side.

With the hefty man out, the boat floated off nicely and all looked as if it had worked out for the better, until it came time to get the man into the rescue boat. That took another half

Big people, both heavy and tall, have a tough time on most boats. It's a shame, but it always seems that boat manufacturers design their craft around a bunch of featherweights. It can be miserable for a man say over six feet tall to live comfortably on a typical sailboat. They are always banging their heads on something. For heavy people, they have to learn to walk sideways and using the head is next to impossible. Most are really nice and realize that their weight makes a considerable amount of difference in how a small boat handles.

One fact you have to remember when taking out hefty people is to add more life jackets and other safety equipment. Next is to assign a certain seat where they will be comfortable and where they won't throw off your boat handling ability.

One of my most trying sailboat charters of the last year came when I had two elderly people on board who checked in at a cool 500 pounds between them. You have to understand that on a sailboat, weight displacement has a dramatic effect on how the boat sails.

People have to be moved around to trim the boar. Once these people sat down, they refused to move because they were afraid they would fall over. I was hanging by my finger nails on the high side of the hull, trying to balance out the weight and the boat was going wild. It was heeled hard, with them looking nearly straight up at the sky and me looking straight down at the water. The boat gave out a sigh when we got back.

This friend of ours, who is a guide, calls the heavy weights "lunkers." He admits he always has a good time with them, but certain problems of loadir at the dock or getting out on a shelling flat present amusing situations. There is always that fear that one day, someone heavy is going to get out to shell and there won't be any way, short to getting a derick, to get them back aboard.

Well, we all have our problems on the water, and I'm not picking on fet people (I could shed a few pounc myself), but it's just an aspect of safe boating. All I can add is, don't let them sit on your foam cooler or you are going to have some mighty thin sandwiches.

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

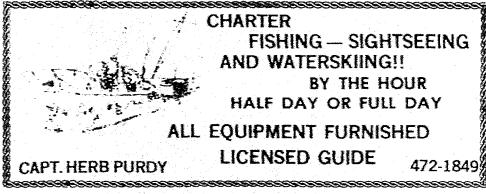
anglers meet tonight

Tonight, Tuesday, November 1, marks the November meeting of the South West Anglers Club. The program will consist of audience-participation night and all Anglers, their friends and neighbours are invited to the meeting to share their comaderie and fish stories. Some club members, who have been successful in the fish-catching business lately, will bring along their

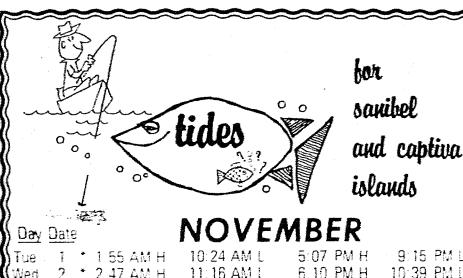
gear and share their when, where, and how secrets.

The second half of the program will feature a screening of Evinrude's "The Guides Have It".

Meeting time tonight is 7:30 p.m., Room E103, Edison Community College. There is no admission charge and the public is invited.







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

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the true story of sam the snook

by al stresen-reuter

Art Drury is a strong man. Art talks a little laughs a lot, and with his trials and tribulations, this is a great way for him to live.

Art is the dockmaster at Moss Marina. He is the guy you tell all your troubles to, whether it be a lost fish, or he reason you ran out of gas and had to be towed in by the Coast Guard.

I really hate to see men cry. Particularly a strong man like Art. It was last Sunday morning. It was fairly early in the morning, around 8 o'clock. Art came toward me, his eyes streaming tears. His face had a aggard, haunted look. His eyes were bloodshot, and his hands trembled. In his trembling hands, he held the remains of a rod and reel and a broken monofilament line. I figured the worst. Some one had slipped off the dock, and had held up the pole to save his life; it had slipped out of his hands and had been taken by the swift tide out in the Gulf. I was ready to call the Coast ard, take out the Papa Nui-do anything to help this poor soul in his grief. In a voice, hardly audible, he told me the whole story.

Sam had struck again!!!

The first time I had seen Sam was about four years ago when we had moved to Moss Marina. He was swimming on his side and appeared to be in trouble. I went to get my net, with a not too altruistic bent of mind as far as helping him was concerned, as I thought that even in a weakened condition, snook is good eating.

As I approached with the net, he slowly rolled over and went under the dock. Having fished all my life, I figured a weakened fish will come up again, and sure enough, he did. Only

this time on his starboard side instead of the port side. He looked up at me and I swear he smiled. I went for the net again, and again as soon as he saw the net, he slowly swam out of reach, trailing out of his mouth what appeared to be a heavy piece of monofilament line. That was the first time I saw Sam.

Sam now lives under the Papa Nui. The double hulls with the deck between makes it a shady area where he can lurk, and the hulls, deep in the water, provide a kind of run or tunnel. Sam waits at either end oof the boat depending on the tide. Small or even large fish come in with the tide, and there at the other end of this man-made fish trap is Sam. He doesn't have to move, hardly, to grab his breakfast, lunch, or dinner. This has been a bad situation for Sam as it makes him fat and lazy.

Sam did weigh in at about forty pounds, but since his last big scare, when he was almost caught, he has trimmed down to about thirty six or seven. I would guess his length at about forty five inches, Just as a matter of interest, he was almost caught by a guy with a cane pole, with a stainless steel leader, and all the man did was make figure eights in the water with shrimp as bait. This infuriated Sam, and like most mortals he bit. He couldn't break the leader around the pilings, his normal ploy, so with a fast swirl around a piling, he tore the hook out of his mouth. Sam had a sore mouth for a

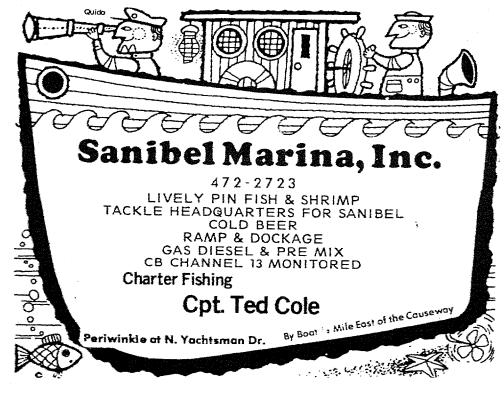
Sam plays with fishermen. It seems to be his way of having sport. This is what had happened to poor Art. Sam knew at the beginning that he could break Arts line. His greatest kick is letting them get him into the dock and with his weather eye watching the net,

he waits until the last minute, and either jerks or makes a short run under the piling and is off the hook, or breaks the line. Sam then gets in place under the Papa Nui for a real meal-not a single little shrimp.

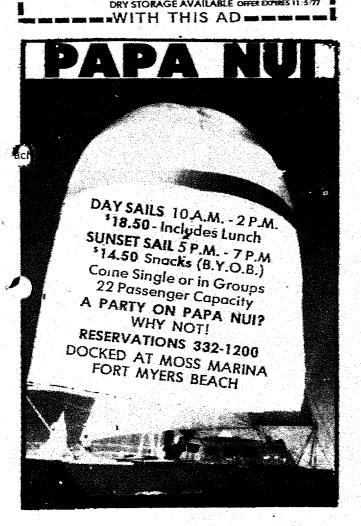
I have two complaints against Sam. First, when he herds a pod of minnows or fry under the hull, he slaps the hull with his tail with a resounding "thwack". It really is enough to make me jump up and bump my head on the low ceiling in my stateroom. Also he has a bad habit of banging into the sensor of my speed indicator. This sticks out like a small wand and is very sensitive, Sam, so if you read this, please be more

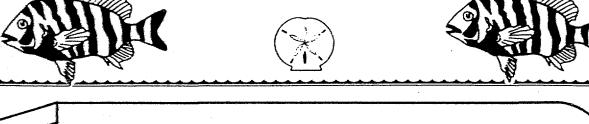
I explained all of the above to Art. He dried his tears, and asked me what he should do. After all, this was the universal challenge to all fishermen. I suggested that he make friends with Sam, as I finally did. You see I was the guy with the cane pole. And Sam still likes to remind me about the month when he had a sore mouth. This is why he keeps me awake nights.

So if you see Arthur Drury throwing dead shrimp from the shrimp tank into the bay, and seemingly talking to nothing, look closley and you will seem some swirls. This is Sam. Once in a while you can catch a glimpse of the largest snook in the waters around





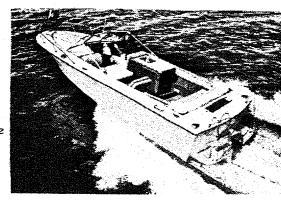




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reluctant planners give nod for new units

by rich arthurs

Expressing great reluctance to consider any more requests from Island developers for permission to build on Sanibel in the face of continuing water problems and an admittedly inadequate road network, the seven-member Sanibel Planning Commission nevertheless voted last Monday to approve development permits and specific amendments to Sanibel's comprehensive land use plan that could utlimately result in the construction of 63 new dwelling units on the Island.

In continuing to hear development cases despite their reservations about whether or not the Island's public support services will be able to keep pace with the demands occasioned by additional growth, city planners were acting upon orders handed down recently by the city council to the effect that if a proposed development conforms to all of the standards set forth in the city's land use plan, the planning commission is obliged, by law, to approve it regardless of the probable impact of the development on the health safety and welfare of Island residents.

While the planning commission voiced vehement disagreement with the council's injunciton at their regular meeting last Monday in MacKenzie Hall, they were nonetheless guided by it and voted their approval of three development permits and one specific amendment with the potential to bring about the construction of 63 new dwelling units and a new five-unit commercial complex on Sanibel.

The commission's approval of requested development permit marks the final administrative step before the applicant can obtain a city building permit to proceed with construction, while all proposed amendments to the land plan must be aired in two hearings before the city council after the planning commission has handed down its recommendation.

Last week, Island developer Robert Taylor, president of Mariner Properties, Inc., gained the Commission's recommendation of approval for a specific amendment to the plan intended to clarify the number of dwelling units which will be permitted on the remaining undeveloped acreage at the Tennisplace Condominium project along Causeway Road.

While recognizing that the remaining developable land at the site encompasses 13.57 acres lying east of Causeway Road and north of Periwinkle Way, the proposed specific amendment would enable Mariner to develop only 13 additional units at

Tennisplace taking into account the 28 units already constructed under city building permits issued through the respite procedure which was in effect up until the land plan's adoption.

Taylor informed the commission that Mariner has no plans to develop the land at this time, adding that the remaining acreage at Tennisplace will probably be subdivided into 13 single-family buildinglots eventually.

In another hearing last Monday, Island developer John Kontinos and architect William Frizzell earned the commission's unamimous approval of a development permit they had requested to allow the construction of nine duplexes along Bailey Road in the Dunes Subdivision.

The issuance of city building permits for the work was made contingent upon a favorable review of their plans for landscaping the buildings by the city's Vegetation Committee.

The Commissioners also voted unanimously to approve a development permit requested by Robert A. Horak enabling him to replat unit 1 of the Sanibel Shores Subdivision, located west of Donax Street between Tulipa and Junonia Way.

Horak plans to replat the 52 substandard lots in the tract into 32 single-family homesites, some of which would still be smaller than the 19,800 square-foot minimum lot size called for in Sanibel's land use plan. He is able to do this by invoking the clustering concept outlined in the plan, under which he will leave two additional lots in the subdivision as open space to be held in common ownership by future buyers of the other 32 lots.

Horak has also agreed to build roads in the subdivision according to city specifications.

In an earlier hearing last week, Horak gained the commission's unanimous approval for a development permit to enable Sally and Preston Woodring to build a five-unit commercial building on the present site of Woody's Health Foods just across Periwinkle Way from the bank of the Islands.

Horan said that the new 5,000 square foot commercial building will house Woody's Health Foods as well as four other shops.

In other hearings last week, the planning commission voted unanimously to recommend that the city council approve a specific amendment proposed by Islander James O. Evans to permit the enlargement of a proposed commerical unit in Evans' Plaza Central shopping center to be developed at the corner of Sanibel-Captiva and Rabbit Roads.

tham, explained that the expansion of building 11 in the proposed shopping center by 500 square feet is necessary to accommodate a convenience store planned for Plaza Central.

With respect to specific amendments proposed by the owners of three contiguous properties north of the Sundial Beach Resort along Middle Gulf Drive, however, the commissioners voted unanimously to recommend that the city council deny the requests.

All three property owners were represented by Island attorney Richard Brodeur, who argued for an overall density increase from three to 15 units on the combined properties on the basis of their being surrounded by high density condominium developments such as Sundial and Spanish Gay. The combined area of the three parcels is 1.61 acres.

The commission's most heated discussion of the day came in regard to the Islands' continuing water problem when representatives of H2O Systems, Inc., of Cape Coral, appeared before city planners on behalf of the Mariner Pointe Condominium Association to request a development permit with which to drill a small-diameter well into the Lower Hawthorne Aquifer for irrigational use at Mariner Pointe Condominiums on Sextant Drive.

Thomas Missimer, consulting hydrologist for H2O Systems, told the commission that irrigation of land-scaping currently accounts for the use of 47,000 gallons of treated Island Water Association (IWA) water per day at Mariner Pointe and that this burden on the IWA would be eliminated if the city would permit the proposed irrigational well to be dug.

Missimer added that the irrigation of landscaping probably accounts for around 30 per cent of all IWA water used on the Islands, and that by permitting a series of small-diameter irrigational wells across the Islands the city would greatly reduce the strain on the IWA's treatment plant. He said that the more widespread pumping area would also reduce the chances of saltwater intrusion into the Lower Hawthorne Aquifer, which, he claimed, is now being weakened by intensive pumping in the vicinity of the IWA plant.

"Your water problem here is not city's Vegetation Committee.

necessarily the result of a lack of water but the lack of a sound program of water management," Missimer told the planning commission.

Commission Chairman Ann Winterbotham responded by saying that the city and IWA are currently at work formulating a water management policy for Sanibel which they hope will be ready to put into practice b. January.

In the meantime, the commissioners were not impressed by Missimer's argument on behalf of an irrigational well for Mariner Pointe.

"If the IWA has been precluded from drawing more water out of the Lower Hawthorne Aquifer, then everybody else should be denied as well," sa \ Commissioner George Tenney.

"I think it's criminal to water lawns with any kind of water at this particular point in time," argued Commissioner Twink Underhill.

"You shouldn't use treated water," added Commissioner Betty Robinson. "If the grass gets brown, it gets brown-just like mine is now!"

Ultimately, the commissioners voted unanimously to deny the requested well-drilling permit.

City planners took no action on a second request from the Mariner Pointe Condominium Association for a specific amendment to the plan which would entitle the group to pave the driveways at Mariner Pointe.

Concerned over the high percentage of impermeable surface area already existing at Mariner Pointe, the commissioners suggested that either porous concrete or grass-crete be employed at the condominium. Robert Taylor, president of the Mariner Pointe Condominium Association, told the commission that the cost of these new types of paving material is too prohibitive to be practical at the present time.

The commissioners decided to continue the hearing until they have a chance to confer with city engineers about the impermeable surface problem at their regular meeting to be held on November 14.

The city planning commission was to have met again yesterday in a special workshop session with members of t city's Vegetation Committee.





another lawsuit challenges Sanibel land use plan

Last Thursday, the City of Sanibel was served with yet another lawsuit challenging one of the foundations as well as method of formulation of Sanibel's comprehensive land use plan.

The suit, filed in circuit court on October 26 by attorney Richard Brodeur for Frank A. and Edward Cassavell of Upper Saddle River, New Jersey, seeks injunctive and declaratory relief from the coastal construction setback line established by the land plan for the plaintiffs' property on West Gulf Drive.

The Cassavells have applied for an mendment to the plan to permit the development of a six-unit condominium seaward of the coastal setback line on their property, a Gulf-front parcel with 100 feet of beachfront between Beachview Cottages and the West Wind Inn.

Their request for a specific amendment to the land use plan was denied by a three to one vote of the city council on

July 19, after receiving a recommendation of denial from the city planning commission.

The Cassavells' pleading states that they purchased the property for \$138,500 and that the city has deprived them "of the use of approximately onethird of their lands," while requesting that the court appoint a 12-man jury to determine how much the city must pay them by way of compensation for their confiscated property rights.

The suit further contends that Sanibel's coastal setback line "is not reasonable as compared to the coastal construction codes in effect throughout Lee County," and asks that they be allowed to develop their proposed condominium in accordance with Lee County's coastal constructions standards for Boca Grande, Captiva, Estero Island and Bonita Beach. The city's coastal setback line falls roughly 100 feet inland of where the county's setback line would cross the property.

During the Cassavells' amendment hearings before the city council, attorney Brodeur argued that they should be allowed to build at the same distance from the Gulf as the adjacent Beachview Cottages and West Wind Inn, which were built long before the adoption of Sanibel's land use plan and so seaward of the city's coastal setback

City officials, on the other hand, felt that there was sufficient developable land in the parcel to accomodate the proposed condominium without violating the cherished coastal setback line, to which only one variance has been granted since the plan was adopted on July 19, 1976. City fathers suggested that the Cassavells alter their development plans to conform to the city's master plan. The development as proposed to the council would have included a swimming pool and tennis courts.

Additionally, the five-count lawsuit

alleges that the city's coastal setback is based on "political decisions under the guise of scientific or technical data," as well as that the plan as a whole was drawn up in violation of the Florida Sunshine Law because of the work carried out by city planning consultants Wallace, Roberts, McHarg and Todd in Philadelphia. The suit contends that the consultants' work represents policy-setting decisions reached without due public notice and inspection as required by Florida law.

The recent litigation, which brings the number of lawsuits pending against the city up to eight, has been assigned to Circuit Judge Wallace Pack. The city must file a response to the charges in the suit within 20 days of its filing with the clerk of circuit court.

As of our deadline for this issue, city officials had just received the suit and were reluctant to comment on its significance.

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merchant alert system established

Sanibel Police Chief John Butler announced last week that an Islandwide merchant alert system has been established for Sanibel and Captiva.

Based upon the Red-Dog Alert system employed by area banks and the check alert system of the Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce, the Islands' new merchant alert system was designed as a means of quickly notifying all Island businesses whenever there is someone using forged or stolen checks and credit cards on the Islands, whenever someone is passing bad checks, or whenever there are con artists, quickchange artists, counterfeiters or shoplifters victimizing Island merchants.

According to Chief Butler, the new merchant alert system will also be invaluable to Island police when the pleed to locate someone to inform them of an emergency arises.

Butler said that the Islands' new alert system is based on the chainletter principle. Whenever an Island businessman notifies Sanibel police that he has received a bad check, for instance, the police department and Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Com- said.

merce will undertake to alert a number of Island merchants of the situation. and they in turn will alert other Island businessmen who will alert still more businessmen until all merchants on Sanibel and Captiva have been notified of the potential problem.

Butler indicated that all businessmen and merchants on the Islands were informed of the alert system's chain of command and of their individual role in the system last week, such that the new merchant alert system should be operational by the time this publication reaches you.

Butler added that the merchant alert system was worked out between his department, the Islands Chamber of Commerce and the Sanibel-Captiva Hotel-Motel Association over the past few months because of the growing number of bad checks which were passed on the Island over the summer months.

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Canada candidly

by Lorraine Ashford

I have been very busy (?) this past week viewing T.V. If there is one time I appreciate a colour set, it is when Royalty comes visiting and we had Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip for six days. They spent all their time in Ottawa but the T.V. coverage was splended.

The Queen's clothes were understated as usual, but quite chic and for the opening of Parliament, she was every inch the Queen, in a white silk gown and diamonds and rubies in sparkling abundance. There was one shot tha treally gave me goose bumps. The camera was trained on the curving driveway (flanked with trees in their changing colours) of Rideau Hall (cresidence of the Governor General and the Queen when she is in Ottawa) and there wasn't a soul in sight. All of a

sudden, appearing six abreast came the red-coated Mounties, on black prancing steeds carrying lances and escorting the Queen and the Prince in an open landau.

It was the most impressive shot of the whole visit but a live one and not repeated on later telecasts. The Mounties were from the Musical Ride Division and if you have ever seen how they canter, almost in double time, you'll know what I mean. Somehow, the autumnal colours and those gorgeous men and horses which moved together so beautifully seemed symbolic of this wonderful country of ours.

Well, in case I am making all you Canadians down there homesick, I shall give you the other side of the coin. Mr. Trudeau has thrown everyone off balance by announcing last night that his government (Federal) will hold its own referendum on Canadian unity and

do so before Que. That could be an excellent move or it could backfire right in his face. However, Mr. Trudeau is a great strategist playing his cards close to the vest and I am sure he is not taking this move lightly.

So many Canadians in other provinces are so fed up with Quebec, they just might vote to have us to leave, so let's hope cool reason triumphs over emotion. We need each other.

Nevertheless, it tickles me that Ottawa has stolen a little of Quebec's thunder. It is being said, too, that the Prime Minister is returning to his swinging image of pre-Margaret days. Sandra O'Neill, actress and producer has been a frequent visitor at his summer place and he has also dated another actress in Ottawa society. Well, Margaret is doing the disco scene in New York with the heir to the

Perrier water fortune so it looks as if a reconciliation is impossible for now.

I did not mean for this to turn into a gossip column but thought you would be interested in the latest on the Trudeau scene. Margaret was conspicuous by her absence while the Queen was here.

This seems to bring us up to date. The weather has softened a little and we have had sun for two consecutive days. I have done all the Fall cleaning I intend to. What do you do down there? Spring clean-and Spring clean? My dear mother would wash every wall in the house twice a year. Spring and Fall wouldn't DARE make an appearance til her house-cleaning was all con. pleted. But, today, its easier to let it go for a year or two and then paint or wall paper. Life is too short for such rugged labour. (Mr. Clean will strike me down for such blasphemy!).

Sanibel library sets winter hours

Patrons of the Sanibel Public Library will discover several new features and services when the winter schedule goes into effect today. November 1st.

It will now be possible to borrow periodicals as well as books. Added to periodical collection CHANGING TIMES, HOLIDAY, NEWS WEEK, SATURDAY REVIEW, SATURDAY EVENING POST, AND SEA WORLD. All but the current issue can be borrowed. In order to assist patrons to locate articles in back issues, there is an ABRIDGED READER'S GUIDE TO PERIODICAL LITERATURE.

Several books on solar energy have been added, one of which is entitled THE FLORIDIAN'S GUIDE TO SOLAR ENERGY.

The Florida State Library has provided bound volumes of Florida Statutes for 1975 with a 1976 supplement, and a Summary of Legislation for 1977 plus several other state government documents.

The library is now receiving material from the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Commission which will be available for study in the Reference Room. Also in the Reference Room is

ZONE MANAGEMENT ATLAS for Region 9, Southwest Florida, plus several supplements.

With the aid of State and Federal grant money it has been possible to add many books to the reference collection including CURRENT BIOGRAPHY from 1946 through 1976, THE EN-CYCLOPEDIA OF WORLD RELIGIONS, VAN NOSTRAND'S SCIENTIFIC ENCYCLOPEDIA, PICTURE REFERENCE FILE. ENCYCLOPEDIA OF MINERALS **GEM** STONES. ILLUSTRATED ENCYCLOPEDIA OF EARTH SCIENCES.

The large print collection now numbers 282 titles including 56 new fiction titles and 15 new non-fiction books. Also in the large print section are the READER'S DIGEST and the NEW YORK TIMES WEEKLY.

Many new fiction and non-fiction books have been added to the children's

Beginning on November 1st, the library will be open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Evening hours have not as yet been decided upon, but if there is sufficient the FLORIDA REGIONAL COASTAL demand, arrangements will be made.

Captiva Civic Association

Board meets today

The board of governors of the Captiva Civic Association will meet at 10:00 a.m. today, November 1, at the Civic Association building next to Chapel by the Sea.

Association sources report that enough Captivans have returned from their summer haunts for the Civic Association's board to begin their regular meeting program for another season. The Association's board of governors meets at 10:00 a.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month during the winter season.

The season's first meeting of the general membership of the Captiva Civic Association will be held on the evening of the last Tuesday of the month, which in this case falls on November 29.

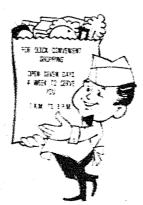
The Association's board of governors has already met once in October, although the Association's program for the coming winter has not yet been finalized because many of the Association's officers have yet to return to the Island.

Thus far, the board has pursued one of the Association's ongoing objectives from last year by asking Lee County Director of Transportation Ben Pratt to do something to straighten out the hairpin turns along Captiva Drive Southwest.

According to the Association's pastpresident, Sam Conant, Pratt has promised that county engineers will begin surveying the sharp curves on Captiva Drive within sixty days to see what can be done to reduce the dang to motorists on Captiva.

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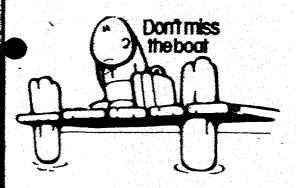
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