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water situation unknown

city imposes "building moratorium in sheep's clothing"

On November 1, the Islands' dubious water supply prompted an action on the part of the Sanibel City Council which, according to members of the council, many Island residents have requested in letters to the city over the months since the Islands' water problem was flagged as a serious concern this past June 1.

At their regular meeting last Tuesday, the city council ignored the heated objections of Island builders as they voted unanimously to adopt an ordinance which stipulates "that no building permit shall be issued for any development which would require a new water connection and no building permit shall be issued for expansion of existing development that would increase the regular use of water for the total development until:

—such time as proof of a commitment for a water connection to the subject property is **delivered** to the city; and

—a showing of an adequate water supply in accordance with Resolution 77-26 is presented to and approved by the council after review and recommendation of the planning commission." Resolution 77-26, which was adopted by the council earlier in their meeting last Tuesday, directs the city planning commission to undertake a review of the water supply element of Sanibel's comprehensive land use plan and to make a recommendation back to the council as to how this element of the plan should be amended within six months.

At present, this element of the city's land plan contains only a broad recognition of the uncertainty of whether or not the Island's water supply will be able to accommodate the additional demand for water occasioned by growth, while mandating that the city investigate the hydrology of the Lower Hawthorn Aquifer, the source of the Islands' potable water supply.

According to city councilmen, the resolution adopted last week implies that the planning commission is to employ whatever expert hydrological consultants are deemed necessary to conduct their study of the water supply element of the plan after obtaining prior approval for the hiring of outside consultants from the city council.

While the resolution gives the

planning commission up to six months in which to complete the study, council members added that they hope the work will be conducted as expediently as possible.

What incensed Island developers and builders last Tuesday was that the combined result of the ordinance and resolution adopted by the council will be, in effect, to impose and Island-wide moratorium on new development for up to six months while the planning commission studies the Island's water problem.

In light of the uncertainties surrounding the adequacy of the Islands' potable water supply, Sanibel residents and homeowners, on the other hand, are fearful lest the continuing development of the Island might deprive them of the water necessary to sustain their accustomed lifestyles, which many have labored diligently throughout their lives to achieve. According to city officials, Sanibel City Hall has in recent months been inumdated with letters from Islanders demanding that the city council take steps to curb the Island's growth until the water quandry has been sorted out to everyone's Kimball continues.

He concludes by reiterating his plea for the council to exercise "moral responsibility and stop building permit issuance until there is ample potable water beyond a reasonable doubt."

"I think we're all aware that the water problem is acute and that the citizens of Sanibel may be in jeopardy this winter when all of the tourists are here," commented Councilman Duane White, expressing the type of thinking which prompted the council's action last Tuesday.

Francis Bailey was one of the few councilmen who expressed reservations over the ordinance and the possible effects.

"I think that the gravity of the water situation is real, but when we lift these moratoriums our experience has been that it only serves to accelerate growth," Bailey cautioned.

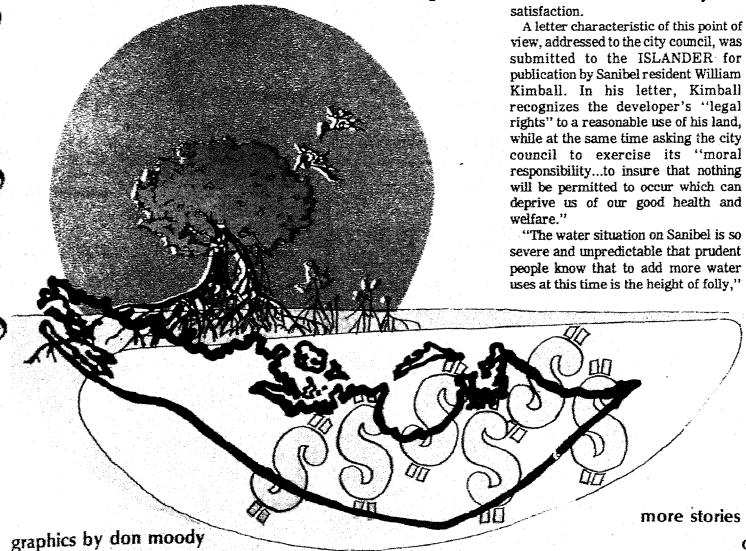
Having somehow anticipated the council's action, a small group of Island developers and businessmen appeared at last Tuesday's meeting to present their interests to the council.

Islander Joe Gault expressed surprise at the provisions of the ordinances, which was first introduced in October to provide the city council with a means of granting variances to ordinance 77-36, a piece of legislation which required all new construction on Sanibel to be connected to the Island Water Association (IWA) system before city building permits for the work could be issued.

Gault has requested a variance to that ordinance to enable him to use an existing shallow well to provide water for his five new commercial units adjacent to the Seahorse Shop until IWA hook-ups are available, as he had neglected to apply for IWA hook-ups before initiating construction of the new commercial units.

Last month, the city council agreed to provide a variance route for ordinance 77-36 for cases such as Gault's wherein new construction could be served by existing shallow wells until the IWA is able to accept new customers. It was at that time that the ordinance adopted last week was given a first reading in one of two public hearings on the proposal required of the council before they can take final action.

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more stories concerning water and growth on pages 14 and 15

jeffries buried in separate services

Funeral services were held last weekend for both Janice and Vernon Jeffries a Captiva couple who were the victims of an apparent murder-suicide last week.

Janic Exa Caldwell Jeffries, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Fitzhugh, was buried on Saturday at Memorial Gardens in Fort Myers. Mrs. Jeffries, 35, had been found dead early last Thursday morning in the Captiva home she shared with her husband of ten weeks.

The preliminary autopsy report by daughter of longtime Captiva residents Lee County Associate Medical Examiner Dr. Robert Schultz indicates that Mrs. Jeffries died of multiple stab wounds.

Vernon Jeffries, 38, was found a few hours later in his 1976 Pacer at the corner of route 41 and Alico Road, an apparent suicide. At the request of his family, the body of Vernon Jeffries was sent to Wayne City, Ill. for burial Sunday.

Mrs. Jeffries was found when the Lee County Sheriff's Department, assisted by Sanibel officer Ray Rhodes, went to check on the house after receiving a call from Jeffries' ex-wife, saying that Jeffries had just told her he had murdered his wife.

Both Lawyers, the Jeffries had planned to set up a legal practice on Sanibel and were to have been located in the new Sanibel Plaza complex or Periwinkle Way.

sears has re-opening Wed.

Tomorrow, Wednesday, November 9th earmarks a great day for Sears, Roebuck and Co. in the Ft. Myers area as the doors open to one of the largest Sears stores in Florida. This is the official date of the completion of seven months of construction to remodel and enlarge the Edison Mall store.

Many new features and lines of merchandise have been added in the change in the store classification from Class B to Class A, along with new employes that will increase the total employment to 500.

"The company doesn't enlarge stores to this size just for the sake of bigness", Mel Adler. Ft. Myers store manager said, explaining that studies of the area's potential and confidence in its future fit into the foundation along with steel and concrete."

"Statistics and studies on population growth, retail sales, effective buying

income and economic potential are analyzed to determine the size and type of store that will serve the area best, not only on the day the classification of the store is changed, but for many years to come," Adler said.

These studies convinced Sears officials some time ago that Lee County could support a Sears facility much larger than the store in Edison Mall which opened in 1964. The result is the enlarged store which contains 147,000

Included in the enlargement is the detached auto center which will increase from 10 auto bays to 22. Other features in the enlarged store include a cafeteria, a photo and office equipment department, a new garden center, a women's budget store, a new optical department, a drive-up catalog pick-up window as well as enlargments in all other departments.

free health fair this Saturday

This Saturday, November 12 has been proclaimed public health day by the City of Sanibel in honor of the Sanibel Health Fair.

The free fair is sponsored by five Island organizations: the American Legion, the Kiwanis Club, the Lions, the Chamber of Commerce and the Community Association.

At the Community House on Periwinkle Way, professionals will administer free tests and innoculations.

The Fair iwll run from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and those wishing to take tests are asked to call 472-4131 for pre-test in-

As compiled by Walter Klie of the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce weather station on Causeway Road, the Islands' weather report for last week is as follows:

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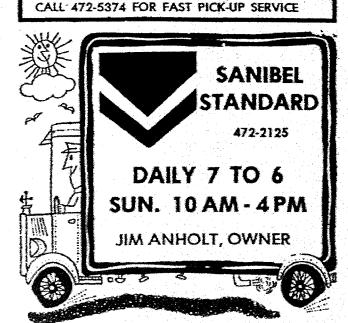
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planner proposes alternate traffic pattern for sanibel

by rich arthurs

At the close of the Sanibel Planning Commission's special workshop meeting of October 31, city Planning Director Carleton Ryffel presented commissioners with a proposal to revise the traffic circulation element of anibel's comprehensive land use plan. Ryffel's proposal represents a significant departure from the road improvements program approved by the Sanibel City Council for funding through the proposed \$18-million Sanibel Causeway bond issue, which is to be considered for validation by ircuit Judge Shands on November 21. In his report to the planning commission last week, Ryffel suggests that the council's top priority road improvement, the Gulf Drive connector, be redesigned to include a link between Casa Ybel Road and Parkview, and from there to follow a natural ridge eastward to Lindgren Boulevard. Ryffel's route is calculated to afford better natural drainage, one of the imary considerations upon which his ort is based.

Ryffel predicts that the connection of Gulf Drive will alter existing traffic patterns on the Island substantially, recommending that all improvements planned for Donax Street and its intersection with Periwinkle Way be delayed until the completion of Gulf Drive and then reevaluated in light of its effects on traffic flow.

Ryffel's most innovative proposal to revise the city's current road improvement plan calls for a one-way counterclockwise traffic loop to be created using Palm Ridge Road, Tarpon Bay Road and Periwinkle Way by the installation of signs and traffic islands.

Ryffel reports that the need for such a loop will become apparent upon the completion of a new post office on Tarpon Bay Road and restaurant at the intersection of Palm Ridge Road and Periwinkle Way. He suggests that his proposed layout for the loop will "eliminate all stop signs and provide for continuous movement throughout this busy section of the Island."

Ryffel's report indicates that the proposed loop might enable the city to abandon all other improvements planned for Sanibel's busiest traffic triangle, resulting in a substantial savings to the city. He predicts that his proposal to eliminate or defer eight of the twelve road projects planned for

Sanibel could save city taxpayers as much as \$387,000, while he has suggested the expansion of only two projects proposed for funding with proceeds of the Causeway bond issue.

Like the land plan's original traffic circulation element Ryffel's proposal has its foremost aim the goal of improving hurricane evacuation routes on Sanibel. To this end, he recommends that the city increase proposed expenditures in the area of storm drainage improvements.

Along with a number of ambitious, long-range drainage programs for city fathers to consider, Ryffel recommends that a bridge should replace existing culverts where Tarpon Bay Road intersects the Sanibel River to help restore the natural flushing action of the river and better prepare it to accept road drainage. His proposal also calls for the construction of a bike path along the east side of Tarpon Bay Road.

He further recommends that \$1.5-million worth of improvements planned for Sanibel-Captiva Road be deferred for now to permit the city to concentrate its efforts on providing adequate drainage along the Island's vital east-west artery.

Ryffel concludes by suggesting that his report be submitted to city traffic consultants, JHK and Associates, for review and evaluation, while offering the opinion that the report "is more comprehensive than the earlier one and if implemented will vastly improve the Island's roads, circulation and evacuation potential."

"There is, of course, the do-nothing alternative which would allow the existing road system to deteriorate further," the report continues. "It must be said that this alternative would

Carleton Ryffel illustrates his traffic plan.



maintain, in part, the basic Sanibel image. The question that would need to be addressed, however, is what that image will be worth during a hurricane."

In conjunction with his report to the planning commission, Ryffel suggested that commissioners consult with the city manager about appointing Islanders Arthur Hunter and George Christensen to an ad-hoc advisory status in order that the commission might share their expertise in all future deliberations on traffic circulation. Ryffel said that Hunter and Christensen had given freely of their time and innovative ideas during the preparation of his report.

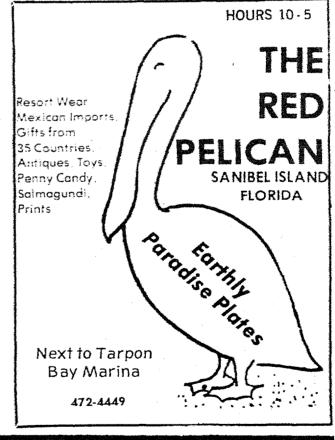
The commissioners accepted the report with appreciation and decided to request a workshop session with the city council for the purpose of attacking Sanibel's traffic circulation problems with the guidance of Ryffel's parting report.

Commissioners also took the opportunity of Ryffel's last meeting with them as city planning director to thank him for his devoted service to Sanibel over the past year.

Ryffel's employment with the city came to an end last Friday as a result of his resignation submitted on October 24. He is to begin work as director of planning for Princeton, New Jersey on November 8.









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commentary

Ryffel leaves on good note

Not burning bridges behind us is a well-known adage and evidently one our departing city planner adheres to. No lame duck planner, he, as his recent traffic study shows.

One must surmise that a planner's job for a municipality like Princeton does not materialize overnight and Carleton Ryffel must have been aware for some time that his employment with the city of Sanibel would be drawing to a close. He is, however, leaving Sanibel, on excellent grounds and with a good rapport with a

majority of city officials—a situation that can only be enhanced by the release of his recent traffic proposal.

What Ryffel has proposed for Sanibel makes eminently good sense and a look at a map of Sanibel makes one wonder why we didn't think of this before.

Palm Ridge, Tarpon Bay Road and Periwinkle Way is a natural for the one-way counterclockwise pattern Ryffell has suggested, eliminating the necessity—and expense—of enlarging the Periwinkle-Tarpon Bay intersection.

Another proposal-to run the Gulf

Drive connector along a natural ridge from Casa Ybel Road to Lindgren Blvd. also makes eminently good sense, especially in light of the flooding problems our low-lying areas experienced during the Labor Day rains.

His new program would save Sanibel upwards of a quarter of a million dollars. And Ryffels suggestion for the expenditure of those funds for storm drainage is bound to be music to the ears of many Islanders.

Storm drainage was one item omitted in this year's "bare bones" budget and one which brought a 'storm'

of protest from residents who had to bail themselves out of the havoc caused by the Labor Day rainfall.

In the world of politics, be it at a local, state or federal level where backbiting may be more important than getting the job done, the dedication of Carleton Ryffel during the first year of impleminting the city's land use plan, is refreshing. The Islands will benefit for years to come from his endeavours. For this we are grateful and wish him the very best of luck in his new position.

where do we stand?

A few weeks ago, with obvious reluctance, both the Planning Commission and the City Council were obligated to grant a building permit to the 84-unit Gulfside Place condominium on Gulf Dr. They were obligated because the development complied with all the requirements set forth in the City's land use plan; they were reluctant because both groups felt that the size of the development might place an undue strain on at least one of the Islands' dubious resources – water.

Had the site been scheduled for a single family home, which would, of course, have less impact on the Island's ecology, there would have been far less problem, one suspects. What the City Council did by declaring a moratorium on building permits — even those who have as Gulfside Place did, water hook-up connections, is to return the control for the type of development that goes up on Sanibel right back to the City Council, regardless of whether the provisions of the plan are met.

Well, why don't they say so? What they did is agree to take the "rap" for non-development away from the IWA and finegled a way to do it. It was an unnecessary exercise that angered many and belittled the intelligence of others. It also placed our long awaited plan in suspension for six months.

Why don't our governors simply say: "Look. We have a problem. Even if

IWA consulting hydrologists Ceraghty and Miller decree that we do have water, we want another opinion since we have had two divergent opinions before. Until we get it, we don't want any more multi-family complexes on Sanibel. We estimate that will take six months."

There are many Sanibel residents who are openly incredulous at what appeared to be a sloppy attempt to slide a distasteful ordinance through the city machine.

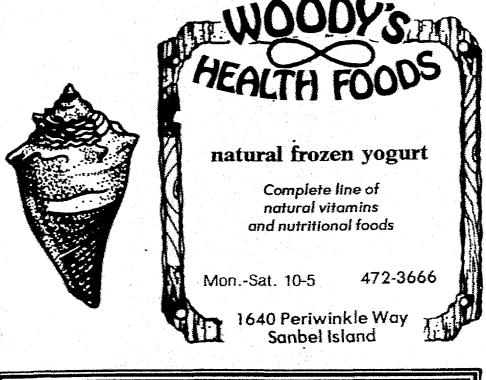
Even if the problem were just organizational, the whole procedure smacked of back-stair politics. And none of it was necessary. Builders, realtors and residents really just want to know, not only where they stand

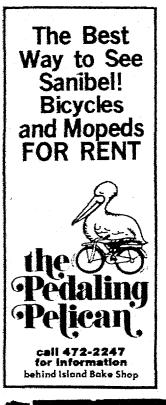
today but where they will stand next week, insofar as our elected representatives can honestly tell us. We're a reasonable people, for the post part.

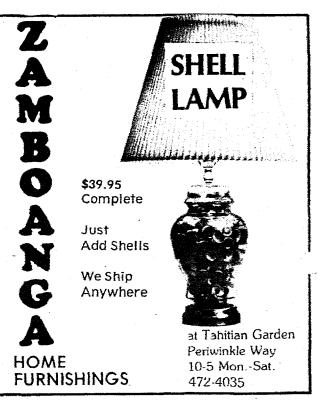
It is human nature to go cooperate when facts are presented as fairly a thoroughly as possible-just as it is human nature to balk like a mule when it appears that someone is trying to slip something over on us.

Then, you have the old Johnson bugaboo – the credibility gap and that is a disease that eats away at an electorate so no matter what the situation, the people are going to resist it.

And that is non-productive at the very best.









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letters to the editor

council's moral responsibility

The following letter was submitted to the ISLANDER for publication.

It is comparatively easy to create laws demanded by your constituents so that they become many in number. This is known as the legal rights syntrome. The proliferation of legal rights movements in this country during the past fifteen years leads to the conclusion that anyone with a personal gripe, a desire to get even or feeling of spiritual atonement for someone elses past mistakes can gain support for a rights movement.

There is another side to this situation, however, which cannot be ignored and this is known as Moral Responsibility.

The sad age in which we live does not care to acknowledge Moral Responsibility as the equal partner of Legal Rights because this will stand in the way of the current position of Anything Goes meaning also getting away with anything as long as there are plenty of bucks to be garnered. There is too much evidence of this right here on Sanibel.

Despite all of the shouting, weeping and threats of law suits over possible loss of some legal rights there still remains the need for someone to exercise equivalent Moral Responsibility and at this time and in this small Island City you are the elected body who is expected to do so. You were elected by us to insure that nothing will be permitted to occur

which can deprive us of our good health and welfare.

The water situation on Sanibel is so severe and unpredictable that prudent people know that to add more water uses at this time is the height of folly. This should include use by private well additions as well, for existing wells already show signs of dryness.

Your deliverations today on the building permit moratorium must lead to the only possible conclusion. Exercise your Moral Responsibility and stop building permit issuance until there is ample potable water beyond a reasonable doubt.

William W. Kimball 283 Palm Lake Drive Sanibel, Florida 33957.

conserve water for Thistle

To the EDITOR

It's too bad that the Sanibel City Fathers have lost their sense of history and humor. It's hard to believe that the IWA would not give a water hookup to Thistle Lodge-a house that existed long before water hookups were around. Maybe some feel that it would be an eyesore since it doesn't have gray siding. Also, there must be water to keep the condo lawns green.

a new sanibel

Dear Editor,

While my husband and I were honeymooning on Sanibel Island the end of September, I had the unfortunate experience to step on and get stung by one of your Islands' famous Sting-Rays (which the hotel manager never warned us of)! I'm sure you can imagine my dilemma: this thing the first day of our much anticipated honeymoon in Florida and the PAIN!!

My husband contacted the hotel manager who merely shrugged the incident off and told me to soak my foot in the tub with hot water and see a doctor in the morning. I felt it could not wait that long so I then contacted Dr. Weygren (whose name I got out of the phone book and saw he was located somewhere on the island) of Sanibel-

There is a solution—if every Sanibel resident would give up just one Saturday nigh bath, perhaps the IWA would reconsider and let Thistle Lodge remain a part of Sanibel's history. SIGN UP TODAY TO GIVE UP A BATH FOR THISTLE LODGE. Sincerely yours,

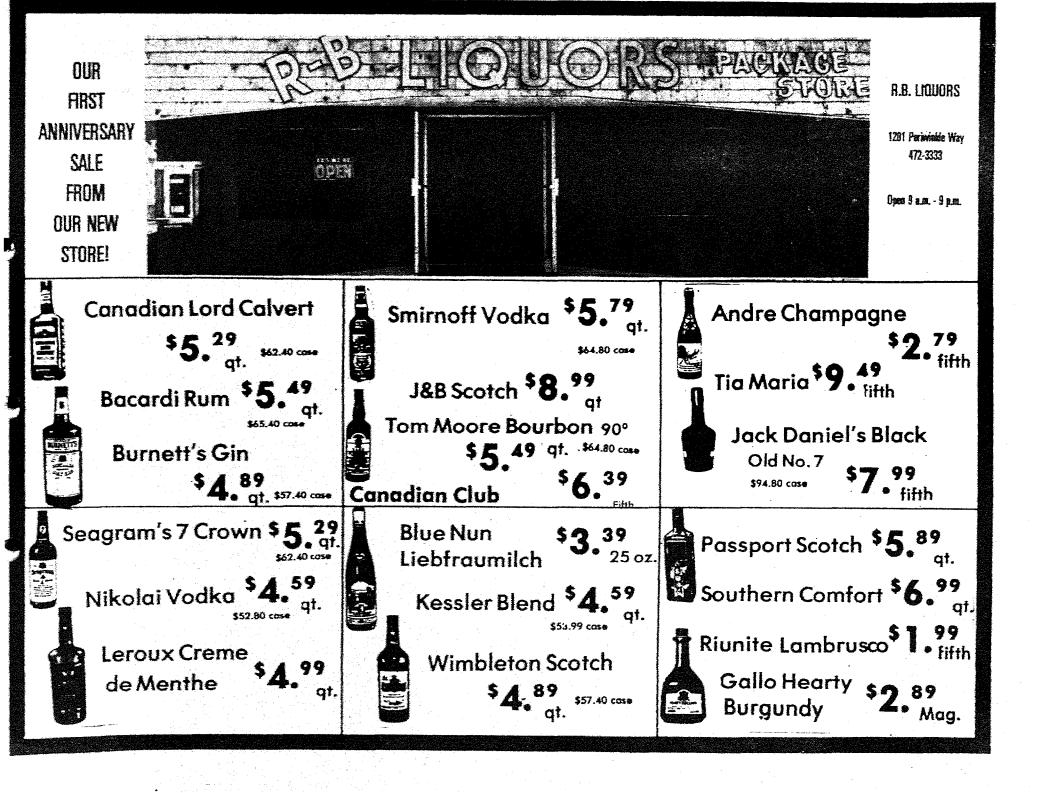
Jane C. Slosson 488 Lighthouse Way Sanibel, Fla. 33957 Captiva Road and was told by his wife that the Doctor would be back shortly and he would call us at our hotel. After approximately an hour, I was curious as to why the telephone never rang, then there was a knock on our door. My husband opened the door to find a policewoman who told us that Dr. Weygren had called the Police Department as he couldn't reach us by the telephone (the hotel manager was out to dinner and no one was at the switchboard!) and she had come to take us to Dr. Weygren's Clinic.

I am writing to show my appreciateion to Officer Betty Weir for her time and trouble in coming to get us at the hotel and directing us to the Clinic. I would also like to very much thank Dr. Weygren for seeing me at 9:00 p.m. on a Sunday evening (something I'm sure he would do to any person whom he felt needed immediate medical attention). By the time I saw Dr. Weygren, my whole foot was infected, and had it not been for his prompt care who knows what may have resulted, my foot is practically as good as new now!

I feel that both Officer Betty Weir and Dr. Weygren should be highly commended for their efforts, and my husband and I wish to thank them very much.

Sincerely yours, (Mrs.) Bonnie Martin

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letters to the editor

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IWA franchise - a clarification

The following was given to the water system. ISLANDER for publication.

Chairman L.H. (Bob) Whan Lee County Board of Commissioners

Dear Chairman Whan:

It was most gratifying to have witnessed vesterday's statesmanlike action given by the Board to the complaint about the Island Water Association's discharge of its watersupply responsibilities to its members on Sanibel and Captiva.

Most disappointing, however, was the failure of any of the three lawyers. who spoke of the Association's 1965 State-granted corporate charter, to mention its most germane provision. That information would have provided a clearer insight as to why the Association imposed its June 1st water hook-up ban on both islands. That proviso reads: "The corporation shall not be required to admit additional members if the capacity of its water system is exhausted by the needs of its existing members and such other persons to whom it has been supplying water."

It seems clear from that wording that the State of Florida preempted to the Association the function of ascertaining when the critical production capacity of its water system is reached and the accompanying authority to act accordingly. This the Association did on June 1st when it imposed the moratorium on new connections to its

That moratorium was based firmly on the studies and recommendations of their engineering the hydrologic consultants of general acceptance in the water field. Those technical data were fully presented to the Association's members, the general public, and concerned public officials at several well-publicized meetings on Sanibel. At the June 1st regular meeting of the County Commission, IWA's General Manager Snell personally appeared before them and advised of the imposition of the moratorium. That presentation appeared to meet satisfactorily the franchise requirements for such notification since the Commissioners accepted it as made.

It is indeed regrettable that Lee County did not take similar action to ban Captiva building permits to those not holding appropriate waterconnection letters from IWA. This failure to act not only put an undue drain on the limited common watersupply of both islands, but created a gross inequity for Sanibel builders and developers. It is not too late for the Commission to so act in accordance with Don Malloy's request for guidance in the matter at yesterday's Commission hearing.

Kindly place this letter in the official records on this matter.

Sincerely, Paul A. Howe horse transit deplored

To the ISLANDER:

After reading Mr. Toharis' suggestion to the City Council banning autos from this Island, may I be so bold as to make a comment.

There are approximately 4000 permanent residents on the Island. That would mean that we would have 2000 horse-drawn buggies and 2000 plus horses as some people would like to have two horses draw the surrey with a fringe on top and a horse-drawn trolley car. Why waste electric?

Having been brought up in a small town-Sayville, Long Island, I can speak with some experience. We had a horse-drawn trolley running from

Sayville to Patchouge--about five miles-and it took one hour. There was a conductor who also drove the horse and a man in the back with a shovel and a pail. My ideal would be to ask President Carter to give us 50 Ind China refugees and 50 rickshaws. U.S. taxpayers are paying for the refugees to live here anyway and they need jobs.

We would ban autos, motocycles, horses and whatnot and have only rickshaws. This would be a great tourist attraction on a real tropics1 Island as Sanibel was once.

Willian Von Eiff

proper attire, please

To the ISLANDER:

I'm sure by writing this letter, I'll be stepping on many of my friends toes, but I feel compelled to do so.

Last Wed. evening I went to the second anniversary party of the Top of the Mast, II. Mel Kern had gone to a lot of trouble and expense to put on this beautiful feast. It was by engraved invitation only after nine o'clock.

It has always been my belief that

etiquette requires suitable dress af eight o'clock. Some people arri. I inappropriately dressed. Jeans have their place, but not at such an affair or at that hour.

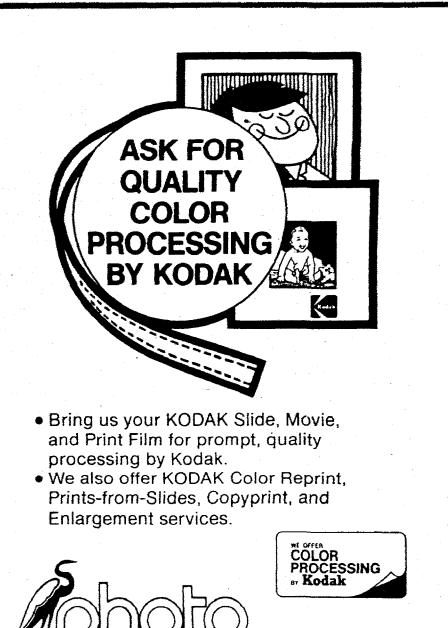
The fact that Mel Kern sent out invitations should have indicated this. Thank you for letting me voice my

opinion.

Sincerely,

Gale Knorr





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england retires from postal service



Postmaster Paul Adams

gives cards to a bedecked Bob England,



Bob England and his wife Mae have had a dream and last Friday saw the dream come true. During their forty years together, the Englands had hopes of getting married.

'We did that." They wanted to have a good home, a liveable income and a small farm.

"We did that".

Now they are going to enjoy it all. Bob, who will be missed by residents and visitors alike for his never-failing cheery "It's been a pleasure doing business with you" retired last Friday after nine years with the postal service. He was feted by his co-workers with a cake fashioned in the shape of the bowler hat England sports when he's not at the front desk of the Sanibel post office. His retirement present was a collection of two dollar bills.

Why deuces? Apparently there are certain Sanibellites who visit the post office early every morning and hands Bob England large bills for a small purchase. He breaks them of the habit by loading them up the the two's.

When asked what he was going to do with all his spare time. England replied that he didn't see how he was going to have much of that. "Mae's made up a list that will keep me going for two years," he said with a grin.

Mae and Bob England used to live on Sanibel but moved to Buckingham a few years ago so they could have the garden of their dreams. Mae's mother. Lottie Grant, lives with the Englands and Bob reports that she is in the best of health. "She writes a lot of letters every day, so she keeps the postal service pretty busy herself."

The Englands have two children and four grandchildren. Their son, Bill, lives in Sarasota with his family and daughter Margaret is a Fort Myers resident.

"He's going to be a tough act to follow." Islander Thom Traucht said by way of tribute at England's retirement party. Thom will be replacing Bob England at the post office's front counter. "But," he added, "I'm working on some good lines!"



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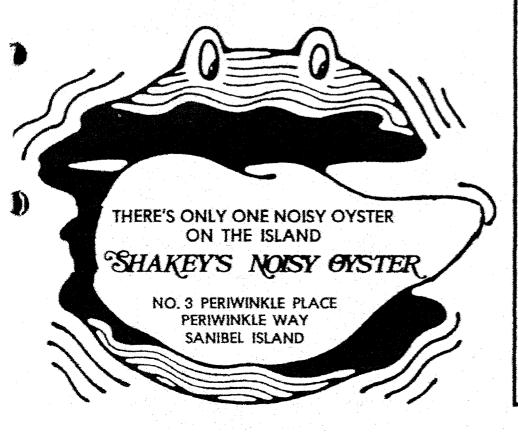
erosion board elects officers

In a meeting held last Tuesday afternoon, the Captiva Erosion Prevention District's board of elected officers to serve for the coming year.

Board member Dan Burner, Jr. was elected chairman of the Erosion Prevention District's board for the year, while Dwight Wilson was elected to serve as secretarytreasurer.

Burner said that the board is still awaiting the appointment of a replacement commissioner to fill the seat on the board vacated recently by the resignation of past-Chairman Max McCord

Governor Reubin Askew responsible for appointing replacement to serve out the remaining year of McCord's term of office.





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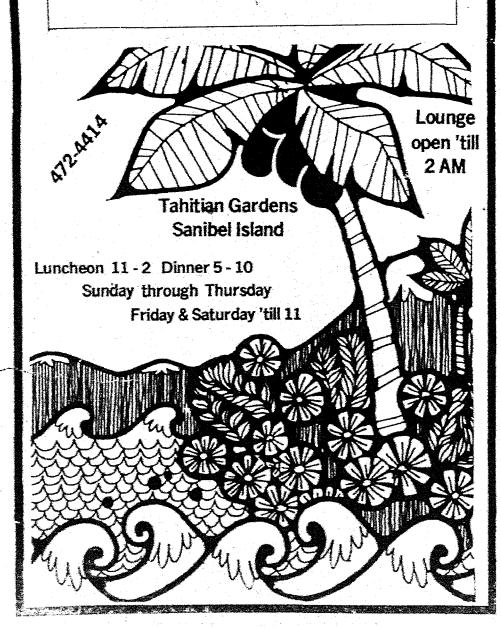
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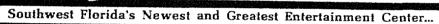
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Top of the Mast, II, starts third year with a bang

There were several Islanders busily engaged in applying ice packs last Thursday after the Second Anniversary Party given by the Top of the Mast at the Ramada Inn. Mel Kern gave the soiree to mark two years at the Ramada and it sparkled with Islanders of all ages, music, conversation, dancing and sumptuous buffet. In last week's issue of the ISLANDER Mei said thank you to all his friends and patrons for their business over the last two years. We, in turn, would like to thank him for being such a gracious host and wish him all the possible success during his third



A sparkling wine punch was a perfect accompaniment for the delicacies on the buffet table.



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Austin named Colony Manager

Mitch Austin has been named manager of the Colony. Born in White Plains, New York, Mitch has been on the Islands since 1974. He is a magna cum laude graduate of Morris Harvey College in Charleston, W. Virginia with a history major and minor in political science and sociology.

While in school, he participated in the G.E. College Bowl and was the only one to win from his state. He has some credits towards a Master's degree in history but that will have to take a back seat for awhile while he pursues his current profession.

Mitch, who was the Colony's office manager for 14 months prior to accepting his current position, is extremely pleased with the development and feels that it is a tremendous challenge to be the manager of one of the finest resorts on the Islands. The ISLANDER wishes him very good luck in his new job.



Mitch Austin



Gale Knorr, sporting a smart new haircut, chats with the Top of the Mast's popular entertainer Jerry Dyche at the anniversary party.

Wanted: Dead or Alive: One pumpkin

Jerry (J.B.) Brown tells us that he will get his revenge when he finds out who stole his 85-pound pumpkin from the back of his pick-up truck at the nosee-um tournament. J.B., who had carted the pumkin all the way from Punta Gorda, had planned to carve it up for the Nook's Halloween party.

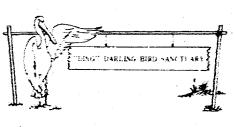
When the SPD asked him for a description, JB said that it was round, orange and HUGE. JB is now hot on the trail of an Island cook who just made an exhorbitant number of pies. So, if you're the guilty party, beware. He has a sticky revenge in mind.

Frozen Yogurt shop opens

Jane and Paul Epranian are opening their frozen yogurt shop in Bailey's shopping center this week. Their new venture will feature frozen yogurt, (of course), yogurt milkshakes and fresh juice. Frozen yogurt flavors include boysenberry, rasberry, strawberr banana and vanilla, two of which w be featured every day.

The Epranians will also feature nut and fruit toppings. They are closing their other shop across the street from the Sea Horse Shop and will just be working in their new operation. We are looking forward to it.

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Halloween round-up

This year's Hallowe'en Eve passed other parties around the Islands off with much fun and merriment for contributed to the general good times, Islanders who got themselves and their and left everyone little the worse for children up to go trick or treating. The wear. One general comment was that Middle School party at the Community October 31st seemed to kick off the House was a spooky success and many holiday party season on the Islands.



bank of the islands crew

The Bank of the Islands crew got all dressed up in both glamorous and gruesome garb for the occassion and the Sanibel Beach Club folks put on a good party.

It made me realize that November is upon us and the holidays are just around the corner. It's funny, but time does seem to fly here on the Islands.

Winners in Bailey's great pumpkin coloring contest were:

Ages 3-5:

1st: Melanie Loveland 2nd: Mindy Potts 3rd Jennifer Workman

Jay Muench John Gavin Andrew Carlstrom

Peter Frank

Brian Vantil

Tommy Keir-

Mike Frank

Keith Day

Ages 6-8

1st 2nd Jennifer Knight 3rd Dana Shultz

Agest 9-12 Marle Spraill

1st: Heather Kennedy 2nd: Vallee Haverby man

3rd Deanna Shultz

Congratulations, y'all.



Tortugas rendez-vous

The fish in the Tortugas are in for a rough time. There has been a massive onslaught mounted against them by Islanders and they don't stand a chance. The Nook's Sea Rocket, with Charlie Miller, Bill Covington, Ed Smith and Steve Reynolds and Bob Cone aboard was to rendezvous with Jim Hermes, Don Whitehead and Walter Klie. If you're planning a fishing trip to the Tortugas, you might want to wait a little while until everything is returned to normal down

has been purchased by Mel Kern. current proprietor of the Top of the Most, II at Sanibel's Ramada Inn.

The former Gasparilla restaurant

The new restaurant, which Kern hopes to have open by mid-December. is called the F. and B. Oyster Co. and will feature fresh seafood.

"The entire restaurant is being gutted," said Kern. "A new facade is being constructed along the front and back of the building and parking will be at the side.

The interior of the restaurant, designed by Top of the Mast creator Doris Massey of Fort Worth, will feature skylights and have an interior and exterior garden effect.

The current capacity of the restuarant is 67 but Kern plans to expand it by 150 seats in late April to qualify the new dining spot for a full liquor license. Until then, the F. and B. Oyster Co. will serve beer and wine.

The menu will feature four or five oyster specialties, Kern estimates, including oyster stew, gumbo and chowders. The plans for the bar include an oyster bar.

The new restaurant will serve dinner only except Sunday when they will also feature a Sunday seafood and champagne brunch.

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microwave: cooking for the future

I have given in!

It happened this way. About three or four weeks ago one of my children called me at work and said plaintively, "Mommy, I'm hungry, and everything is frozen stiff. What can I eat?"

This is bad enough for any mother to hear on a regular basis. What with the guilt about working, to feel your children are starving to death while you work with food all day long is a bit much.

Clearly something had to be done and very quickly-so I remembered an ad I had seen for a new store that not only promised to sell me a microwave even that very day, but also teach me to use it.

My acquaintance with mocrowave cooking has been one of "well I'm sure it's very nice, but all my friends do with theirs is to make instant coffee and baked potatoes and I guess I can make do with a less expensive gimmick."

Not only did we purchase a beautiful microwave oven, but in the last three weeks we have consumed about 20 bags of baking potatos.

Since I think instant coffee tastes like burnt rubber, I haven't tackled that. Microwave Etc., in the Regency Shopping Center in Fort

Myers, offers five major brands of microwave ovens Owned by Phil and Donna Harper, Fort Myers natives. the store offers free cooking classes to their customers for ous long as they wish to attend.

"A microwave even produces absolutely no harmful radiation. A microwave is subject to the most rigid scrutiny of any appliance manufactured," Harper said.

"You can't even burn your finger on a microwave oven. When you open the door th eheat stops automatically and instantly."

"Cooking in a microwave is much safer than using a regular range or oven. Last year there were over 60,000 recorded accidents on conventional cooking equipment, with none on microwave equipment," he said.

"Nutrition is better taken care of with microwave cooking as foods with high moisture content such as vegetables need little or no water to cook. They cook in their own juices meaning you eat the vitamins rather than tossing them down the drain," Donna Harper added.

The Harpers first became interested in this revolutionary aspect of cooking when Donna bought a Cuisinart food processor. She attended classes at the local Microwave Etc. store, and Phil began to go with her. Soon they also owned a microwave oven.

They went to class to learn how to use their new oven, and before long saw the opportunity to open a store in their home town. The Harpers give the cooking classes free to any customer of their store, for as long as the customer wished to attend. They say this is because it is important that every microwave oven owner learn how to really cook in it, and the only way is to attend demonstrations.

They are willing to answer any questions and say "If we don't know, we'll sure try hard to get the answer to you."

Last Tuesday evening I attended my second cooking class. The week before I was enchanted with the lesson which included Chicken Cordon Bleu as the main course (yes we get samples).

The menu Tuesday evening included Broccoli pancakes, cole slaw with homemade mayonnaise (made in a food processor which the store also sells) and almond-stuffed pears in wine sauce.

As Home Economist Dori Whitehair demonstrated the evening's menu to a hungry and appreciative class of microwave owners, we watched the lesson in front of us and in an overhead mirror over her work table.

"Food has always been my hobby, and I guess that of my whole family. My mother is a home economist too and demonstrated foods at the 1937 World's Fair in New York City," she said after the lesson.

As she gave the class her recipe for mayonnaise, Dori admitted the first time she had made it was a disaster.

"Sometimes it takes a while to figure out what to add gradually means," she laughed.

In the class last week was Dottie Jennings, 2323 SE 28th St., attending her fourth lesson.

"As sales manager of Lazy Days Mobile Village I work seven days a week and never know when I'm going to be home to cook. For the first time in years I'm enjoying cooking. This makes cooking pleasurable," Mrs. Jennings said.

"I use it mainly for my busband and in-laws who live with me. I even heat my coffee in it. I do a lot of heating on paper towels and paper plates. Why, I find my leftovers go so much further now.

Mrs. Charles Hollingshead, Lehigh Acres, also in class added "these classes on a regular basis are a vital necessity to owning a microwave oven."

Dishes to avoid in microwave ovens are metal (except in a very few exceptions), fine china and hard plastic products. To test for use in a microwave, place dish in the oven with

water in it and turn the oven on high for 30 seconds. If no damage occurs, it should be fine for microwave use.

Because of the exciting possibilities of this form of cooking and the meteoric rise in their sales, we will start a special column of recipes especially for those interested in this form of cooking.

Dori Whitehair has agreed to supply us with tips and recipes, and we invite you to share your recipes and tips.

"The only thing so far that I have found out can't be made in a microwave is a pizza from scratch and I'm working on that", Dori said.

BROCCOLI PANCAKES

A Brazilian version of the French crepe, this entree is a delicious meal in itself.

I package soft tortillas (El rio brand was used)

¼ cup grated parmesan cheese

6 tomatoes, peeled and chopped

dash pepper Meat Sauce

1 lb. lean ground beef

2 Tblsp. finely chopped onion

1 clove garlic finely minced

1 bayleaf crumbled

4 tsp. oregano 1 Thisp, finely chopped paraley

1 tblsp. chopped dried chives

Filling

1 large bunch broccoli

2 thisp. vinegar

4 cup water

4 cup butter

2 Tblsp. finely chopped onion

Put mest, onion, garlic, bay, oregano, parsley and chives in plastic wrap covered casserole and cook 5 minutes on high, stirring several times to break up the beef. Add the tomatoes salt, pepper and cook covered 5 minutes more.

Cut the florets from the stems and divide into a mixture of the vinegar and water; let stand while preparing the stems. Trim and pare the stems and cut into tiny pieces. Put into a covered casserole with the butter and onions and cook in the microwave for 5 minutes, stirring at least once. Add the florets and two tablespoons of the vinegar water mixture. Return to oven; cook covered for 5 to 7 minutes.

Soften the tortillas in the microwave carefully, by heating a few seconds each. Overheating will make them hard. Place one-twelfth of the broccoli mixture near one end of each tortilla and roll up crepe fashion. Tuck a floret into each end. Spread meat sauce over the tortillas and sprinkle on the parmesan cheese. Return to the oven for a few minutes until heated through.

from a reader

The following letter was sent to ISLANDER food editor Julie Gray after a "Food For Thought" column on "crustless pies and the frustrations they can command. We would like to thank Elaine Fisher for sharing her recipes with us.

Dear Ms. Gray:

We visited your charming island last week and during our visits to some of the shops, we purchased the Islander.

I read with much interest your column "Food For Thought" (October 18) and would like to pass on to you, and perhaps you would like to share them with your readers, several more recipes for "crustless" pies.

These recipes have been tried, tested and devoured many times over by my friends and family and I'm sure you will find tham enjoyable too. Of special interest is the "low calorie" cheese pie - if you are watching your weight, this is indeed a real treat.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Elaine D. Fisher

LOW CALORIE CHEESE PIE

1 pkg unflavored gelatin

1/4 cup cold water

34 cup boiling water

Sweetner to equal one-third cup sugar

1 tblsp. lemon juice

¼ tsp. salt

8 oz. cottage cheese

4 drops yellow food coloring

2 cups strawberries, sliced - or 1 can drained crushed pineapple

Soften gelatin in cold water, dissolve in boiling water. Add sweetner, lemon juice, salt and cottage cheese. Whip in blender until no lumps remain - about 30 seconds. Add food coloring and chill until thick. Then whip in blender 10 seconds. Refrigerate 2 hours or overnight.

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island reaction to city council's decision varied

Reactions to the Council's action last week in passing an ordinance permitting them to deny building permits even with Island Water Association water hook-up 1 commitments met with a mixed but fairly predictable reaction. As residents and developers lined up on either side of fence, the demarkation lines tended to illustrate the ongoing controversy between single-family home dwellers, many of whom have been on the Island for several years, and developers who are engaged in developing or selling either subdivision or condominium-type housing.

Bill Frey, president of Sanibel Homes, is perhaps the most succinct and persistent representative of the latter group. He said after the meeting that he was very suprised at the Council's decision and didn't expect that the City Council would take the kind of action that drastically affects such vital Island industries as real estate and construction without proper notice.

Frey had requested copies of the proposed ordinance on Monday, Oct. 31, and received three drafts none of which were similar, according to Frey, to the one finally adopted by Council. Frey also expressed consternation that the Council would take additional action affecting water permits without exhausting the administrative remedies available through the Lee County Board of Commissioner, holders of the IWA's franchise. Frey contends that the five minutes notice the public received to examine the revised ordinance did not, in his opinion, constitute proper legal notice.

Frey and a group of Island businessmen have been investigating other sources of Island a water supply to the Islands for the past few months since the onset of the IWA's well problems. According to the information Frey has received, he says that water could be purchased from Florida Cities for a whoesale cost of \$1.25 per thousand gallons. (The IWA's wholesale cost is now \$1.85 for the same amount of water). This is treated water and would not have to be processed by the IWA's plant. The cost includes the financing of the pipeline across the causeway and a consulting engineer hired by this group estimates that construction of the pipeline would take between two and four months.

According to the terms of its franchise, the IWA could transport the is permitted the use of county bridges, probably eliminating any obstacles in the way of putting a pipe across the causeway.

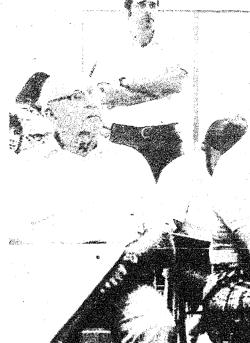
Frey said that his group had presented the plan to the IWA on August 3 but to his knowledge no definitive action has been taken.

There has been some question raised by local authorities about the quantity of water available in the Upper Hawthorne Aquifer which is the source of the water fog Florida Cities, but there seems to be a general consensus that there should be adequate water to meet the additional needs of Sanibel.

Frey based his figures on bringing over approximately a million gallons of water a day.

Frey's sentiments were echoed by Mariner Properties president Robert Taylor who said at last week's city council, meeting that he "took issue with the way the Council has handled the water situation."

Taylor, who has attended Monday's Planning Commission meeting as well as Tuesday's Council session, said that it was very frustrating for all concerned to not to know what the real



Mariner Properties president Bob Taylor at council session

numbers are.

"I take issue with not being able to get a definitive answer in this area," he said referring to the estimated 1000 hook-ups the IWA has pinpointed as being committed but not yet in use.

"In every other situation the City requires people to provide complete data, Taylor said heatedly, "Why aren't you making the IWA do the same?"

Taylor wanted to know how many of those 1000 outstanding hook-ups were actually going to be water users by this coming spring.

He cited cases like Sundial where the group has apparently received commitments for the full build-out allowed them by Lee County—a build out th was reduced significantly by the recent settlement with the City Sanibel.

Anything that is going to operational by late spring is alread underway, Taylor pointed out, e pressing his chagrin that the City woundle to pinpoint their projects water usage more closely.

Mayor Porter Goss agreed that the the City should have a better handle of the numbers, adding that he, tor dissatisfied with the type of formation forthcoming from the IW

Vice-Mayor Zee Butler told Tayl that she thought the Planning Commission's study would be the mechanism to take care of that. Whe asked if that would be a priority in the study, Planning Commission chairma Ann Wintherbotham said that it soon to tell until the Commission workshop on the subject.

David Thompson, a partner in Out Island Development Corp. also e pressed concern at the Council's a tion. "The situation before la Tuesday was a moratorium anyway he said. "If the city wants the Planni Commission to study the wat problem, fine, but why do they feel it necessary to impose a mor. "iu while doing it?"

Many residents, however, seem
'al that the moratorium may be mporary necessary evil until the exact nature of the water situation clarified. (See People Poll in this issue Sanibel resident and veteran cincouncil watcher Paul Howe said that I felt it was long overdue because of the declining state of the water situation in his opinion, "It has gone from bad periless."

Whether it has or not will be reveal to the IWA Board of Directors I Geraghty and Miller on the testi results December 6.

Pumping tests are now underway the third (and thus far healthy) to well at the Sanibel Elementary Scholand IWA president Jim Robsestimates that some preliminal results should be in within the next followers.

moratorium

Thus, few, if any, Island developers realized that the proposed ordinance would contain almost diametrically opposite provisions at the time of its second reading by the council last Tuesday – a surprise which elicited a formal complaint from Islander Bill Frey as well as lound objections from other Island builders.

Frey complained that the public notice requirements for the adoption of the ordinance had not been met, while city officials maintained that the title of the ordinance had not been substantially changed from that which appeared in the city's legal notice in a local newspaper.

When asked for a legal opinion on the title change, City Attorney Neal Bowen said, "It's pretty skimpy, but I think it puts the public on adequate notice."

Frey and other builders took exception with the attorney's opinion, and begged the council to estiblish some method of granting variances to the ordinance and resulting moratorium. Their request found one sympathetic listener in Mayor Porter Goss.

"I think we've found that when drafting an ordinance, we ought to put con't from page one

a side door in it because sure enough someone will come along with a reasonable request and we'll end up looking pretty foolish," Goss said.

Islander realtor Stan Johnson pointed out that IWA officials expect the results of their current test well program to be available by this coming December or January, at which time they anticipate knowing the status of the Islands' water supply. He argued that the council's action of last week would continue to prohibit development on Sanibel until the completion of the planning commission's study even if the IWA test wells reveal that there is ample water in the Lower Hawthorne Aquifer to accommodate additional growth on Sanibel.

Mayor Goss replied that if the test well study yields bleak results, the planning commission will probably recommend that the city impose tight restrictions on the use of water on Sanibel similar to water use restrictions in effect on Key Biscayne.

Citing the disagreements among professional engineers over whether or not there is sufficient water in the Lower Hawthorne Aquifer to supply the Island's needs, Island developer John

Kontinos asked the council what is meant by "adequate water supply" in the ordinance and who will be responsible for interpreting this provision.

Mayor Goss replied that the determination of what constitutes an adequate water supply for Sanibel will be left solely in a very arbitrary manner because we have no proof that there really is a water shortage," Kontinos argued.

"Don't you think that this council would be derelict in its duties if we didn't try to maintain the status quo when we don't know the extent of the water supply," responded Councilman White.

While applauding the council's decision to direct the planning commission to study the Island's water situation, Bill Frey objected vehemently to the council's action as being a violation of the IWA's operating franchise with Lee County. While a committee has been created to investigate the possibility of transferring the IWA franchise from Lee County to the City of Sanibel, the Lee County Board of Commissioners is still the franchise agent for the IWA.

also proposed that it might be less expensive in the long run for the

Islands to run a pipe to the mainla and connect with Florida Cities Wa Company, rather than continue "mining" of the Lower Haw' Aquifer on Sanibel by the IWA.

Despite the impassioned objection of Island developers, Councilman Butler moved for the adoption of final draft of the ordinance, another Island-wide build moratorium was imposed by unanimous vote of the Sanibel Council.

"I had heard it was going to be moratorium in sheep's clothing came to this meeting, and by go that's just what it is," remarked Isl realtor Bert Jenks.

According to commission Chairt Ann Winterbotham, the plant commission has scheduled a spe workshop meeting for Thursd November 10, at 9:00 a.m. to begin task of reviewing the water element of Sanibel's comprehen land use plan.

To a large extent, the commissi progress in this project will did when and under what conditions "moratorium in sheep's clothing" be lifted by the city council, at who point the verity of Councilman Bail concern will be put to the test.

County Commission hears IWA complaint

John Kontinos appeared before the Board of Lee County Commissioners ast Wednesday, November 1, to request that the County, as holders of the Island Water Association franchise, enforce a clause in that franchise that stipulates that the Island Water sociation will provide, at its cost and pense, water to its franchise area, which includes Sanibel and Captiva. Kontinos, who along with William Frizzell own Development Concepts Corporation has been denied 18 water 100k-ups in their Dunes subdivision. "The County can serve notice on its

reachise to show cause why they can In't supply water to their franchise area because we think there are ways hat they can furnish water," Kontinos old the Board.

Kontinos had been scheduled to go before the Commissioners before the City Council passed its ordinance last Tuesday stipulating that even possession of water hook-up comnitment does not guarentee a city had appeared before the Commission. ovilding permit.

appeared angered that there was no representation for the Island Water Association even though Kontinos' ittorney, Lloyd Hendry, had sent a

Commissioner Evans stated that them of the situation.



John Kontinos tells the Board of County Commissioners his complaints against the Island Water Association.

there was no way they could reach a decision on Kontinos' request until after both the IWA and the City Council

Kontinos argued that the IWA was in mmission chairman Joseph Whan violation of its franchise agreement with the County in June when it imposed a ban on hook-ups without providing the Commissioners with written notice of its intention to do so. copy of his letter to the Commissioners Larry Snell, IWA general manager, did explaining their appearance before the appear before the Board on June 1, the day the ban was imposed to inform declared.

ficially represented at last Wednesday's meeting, Sanibel Mayor Porter Goss was and, while purporting not to speak for the IWA, gave the Commissioners an accurate and thorough chronology of the water problems besetting Sanibel.

The strongest statement was probably made on behalf of Kontinos Commissioners about the question of when his attorney told the Board flatly: the IWA's franchise obligations will be "The IWA has no authority to decide scheduled within the next few weeks. the Island can't grow. All it has to do is to provide water and if they can't or won't, then the county should take over their franchise."

Commissioner Whan replied that he wasn't an attorney but he didn't see how the IWA could set up a moratorium.

The County attorney told the Commissioners that they must determine whether there's been a failure to comply with the franchise agreement.

"Even if they are in violation, said Evans, "what will we do about it? Throw them out?"

Whan pointedly asked Goss if it were Sanibel's idea to stop growth.

Goss replied that the city has spent \$200,000 for the land use plan, \$100,000 thus far in implementing it and would probably spend another \$100,000. "There will be growth on Sanibel," he

One result of both the IWA's and the

Even though the IWA was not of- city's actions has been a spurt of requests for building permits on Captiva, a situation that according to Don Malloy, Director of County Development, has Captiva residents worried. Malloy was referred to the IWA concerning allowing building permits for Captiva.

A public hearing by the County



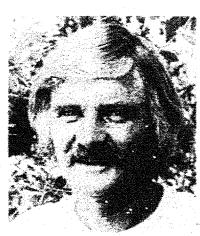
Porter Goss explains the city council's actions to the county commissioners.

in your opinion...



The City Fathers understand more about the situation and if they deem it necessary, I'm all for it.

Virginia Lee, Sanibel



I don't think the City Council can ever make everyone happy, but if the people could only be sure that there is a water shortage, perhaps it would merit a moratorium.

Roy Davis, Sanibel

what do you think of the Sanibel City Council recent action prohibiting building permits until a study of the water situation is completed.



I'd rather not see any more building on the Island, period.

Laurie Lommers, Sanibel



We've been here since June and want to build a home here but can't because of the restrictions. Our business is here on Sanibel and this is where we want to

Mary Parcells, Sanibel.



I think six months is too short a period of time. We're just asking for too much trouble for not taking long enough to assess this thing properly. At the rate Sanibel has progressed in the last two years, the original Sanibel will be gone.

Al Emrick, Sanibel



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Eileen Casparis, Sanibel

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gumbo limbo building permits to stand

In spite of the ban on building permits last Tuesday, Mayor Goss, on the city attorney's advice, told Gumbo Limbo Developer John Bunting that building permits for the subdivision would be issued because the density allocations were a court-stipulated settlement. Bunting, however, still had to obtain permission from the Island Water Association for water connections. Bunting, who estimated that his water demands would place a "minimal" strain on the water system concurred with the City Council's decision saying that "his fight would be with the IWA".

The question of whether or not Bunting would be issued a certificate of occupancy if, at the time of building completion, there were still no water hook-ups was left in doubt.

city sued twice

City Attorney Neal Bowen told the City Council that the City of Sanibel had been sued twice in a period of two working days.

One suit, filed by John Kennedy et al, purports to be a class action on behalf of the residents of Sanibel Harbors, against resident Jim Kuhn and the City.

acknowledge the subdivision's deed restrictions and that Kuhn, while building a home that conforms with the specifications of the land use plan, is violating the restrictions of the subdivision. Bowen told the Council that he presumed the suit reffered to the height restrictions. Mayor Porter Goss suggested that Bowen send a copy of the complaint to the Federal Flood agency in Atlanta whose specifications were followed when the Plan's 13.5 foot elevations was adopted.

A second suit, field by Porto and Graesser against the Lee County Board

of Commissioners, the Lee County Building department and the City seeks permission to build a 21-dwelling building with a motel and condomium. The plaintiffs claim vested rights, using Sundial's original trial court decision as a precedent and seeks to prove that their Lee County building permit is valid. (This prompted Goss to remark to the Lee County Commissioners later in the week that "nothing seems to last as long as a Lee County building permit").

Because, according to Bowen, the case attacks the basic tenets of the land use plan, he sought and received the council's approval to hire the Chicago law firm of Ross. Hardies et al as co-

Goss remarked that he hoped that resolution of this case would "bury Lee County permits once and for all.'

In other legal action, Bowen reported that discovery is ongoing in the Sanibel Bayous suit with depositions currently being taken from city officials. The fderal judge has not yet ruled in the Wulfert Point suit about the validity of the federal jurisdiction or upon the City's motion to dismiss.

city manager changes profile

"During the past year and a half I've been keeping a pretty low profile," City Manager Bill Nungester told the city council last week. "Those were the terms of our agreement when I took the position, but," he added, "I am instituting changes this week to strengthen my role in city government and relieve you of some of your daily burden."

Nungester said he was making the change because the city charter

demanded it and added that the change would entail some shifting in personnel assignments and job descriptions. He cited the five-year capital improvement plan as an area where he felt more work should be done by a stronger city manager.

The change was endorsed by the council, with councilman LeBuff ao ding that he was all for this particular change a year and a half ago.

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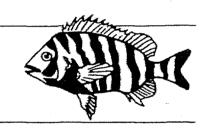


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Crediting Sanibel resident Paul Howe with bringing the matter to his attention, City Manager Bill Nungester presented the city council with a check for \$2252.53, a result of a Lee County audit that revealed

municipalities were not receiving their share of interest on taxes. Goss commended Nungester for his persistence in following this profitable line of inquiry.







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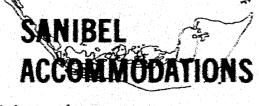
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SEA OATS COMPROMISE SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL

In a meeting October 31, members of a city fact finding team reached a tentative compromise representatives of the Virginia South Corporation over the density to be allocated to the southern half of the 70acre Sea Oats Subdivision between Guld Drive and Sanibel-Captiva Road west of Rabbit Road.

Virgina South President Charles Smith has applied for a general amendment to Sanbibel's comprehensive land use plan to permit the development of 142 dwelling units on the entire 70-acre tract, while the city planning commission has proposed an alternate amendment which would entitle Smith to a total build-out of only 33 units for the subdivision. Smith said that the tract carried Lee County zoning for 162 units at the time he purchased the property and commenced the development of Sea Oats in 1973.

Realizing that the dispute over density might land Sea Oats in a prolonged court battle, Smith requested that the city council establish a fact finding team to attempt to negotiate an equitable settlement for Sea Oats.

After three negotiating sessions with Smith and his attorney, William Haverfield, the city fact finders last week arrived at a proposed solution for Sea Oats which would permit Smith to develop 65 single-family homesites on the southern half of the property, which is transected by the Sanibel River roughly midway between West Gulf Drive and Sanibel-Captiva Road.

In return for the density increase over that hich is allocated in the city's land plan, Smith has agreed to dedicate 200-foot buffer strips both north and south of the Sanibel River to the city for preservation as greenspace, along with additional open space south of the river to be used in calculating the minimum lot size for the 50 lots in the platted Tuesday, the Sanibel City Council first phase of the subdivision.

The 50 platted lots in phase I of Sea Oats average about 13,855 square feet in area, less than the 15,000 square-foot minimum lot size required by the city's land plan. Smith was adamant in his negotiations that these lots be allowed to remain as platted, as they are already served by water and sewer lines and registered with the Florida a replatting of the lots would originally part of the "The Sisters expense and delay.

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In their proposed settlement for Sea Oats, city fact finders did not address the question of the 30 acres north of the Sanibel River fronting on Sanibel-Captiva Road roughly across from the entraance to the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, which is allocated a total density of one dwelling unit in the comprehensive land use plan. In his concurrence with the proposed settlement for the southern half of Sea Oats, Smith had expressed interest in dedicating this land to the city or an appropriate conservation agency as well.

The proposed compromise for Sea Oats was presented to the city council for approval at their meeting last Tuesday, but council deferred action on the matter for two weeks to give themselves time to fully digest the provisions of the proposal.

SANIBEL RECEIVES TRIPLE A SAFETY

At the city council's meeting last Tuesday in MacKenzie Hall, Sanibel Mayor Porter Goss and Police Chief John Butler accepted a pedestrian safety award from the American Automobie Assosciation AAA for the city's perfect record in having recorded no pedestrian traffic fatalities on Sanibel during 1976.

The national award was presented to the city by Ted Allr d of the Peninsula Motor Club as part of the AAA's 38th annual pedestrian safety inventory. According to Allred, last year represents the fourth consecutive year that no pedestrian fatalities have been recorded on Sanibel.

THISTLE LODGE DECLARED ISLAND HISTORICAL

At their regular meeting last adopted a resolution declaring the 80 year-old Thistle Lodge an Island historical site while urging the Island Water Association's (IWA) board of directors to grand a water hook-up for the house to enable Mrs. Sara Cist Glenn to relocate and renovate the decaying structure.

According to Island historian Elinor Dormer, the Thistle Lodge is now all that remains of the original buildings Land Sales Board, such that from the Island's oldest resort. It was necessitate considerable additional resort off Casa Ybel Road, which was formded in 1889. The name of the resort

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was later changed to Casa Ybel and was then shortened to Casa Bel earlier this year when Mariner Properties purchased the property to develop a condominium on the site.

Sarah Cist Glenn took an interest in restoring the old house, which was owned by her family from about 1906 until 1957 and in which she spent much of her life, when she learned that Mariner Properties was planning to demolish the historic structure to make way for their new condominium.

Mrs. Glenn requested the city's permission to relocate the Thistle Lodge to a lot on Clam Bayou and to restore the house for use as a private dwelling for her family, while offering to open the house to the public on a regular basis.

Before she will go to the trouble and considerable expense of moving the old structure, however, she wants to be assured that she will be able to obtain a water hook-up for the dwelling from the

Both the city planning commission and city council voted last week to endorse the resolution asking the IWA board for special treatment in granting a water hook-up for the old home, but that body took no action on the matter at their meeting last Wednesday, despite a petition from 18 Island oldtimers in support of Mrs. Glenn's proposal which was presented to the city council on Tuesday.

Overall, Islanders' support for the proposed restoration of Thistle Lodge has been considerable.

"It's no exception as far as the board is concerned," said IWA President Jim Robson following the board's meeting "They should go last Wednesday. ahead and move it, and when water becomes available they'll be treated just like everyone else."

On the basis of the council's declaration of Thistle Lodge as an Island historical site, City Manager Bill Nungester said last week that the city is ready to issue permits for the relocation and restoration of the

structure, but will withhold a certificate of occupancy for the dwelling until it can be connected to the IWA.

According to Island carpenter Peter Valtin, who has been working with Mrs. Glenn toward the restoration of Thistle Lodge, the firm of Flint and Doyle have expressed a willingness and confidence in their ability to successfully move the old structure to Clam Bayou.

At the council's meeting last week, Mariner Properties President Bob Taylor offered to transfer one of the water hook-ups for Casa Bel to Mrs. Glenn's lot on Clam Bayou to facilitate the undertaking.

Mrs. Glenn was out of town last week and could not be reached for comment. She is expected to return to the Islands by November 10.

Thistle Lodge is a large Victorian structure which features four spires, turret staircase and beaded woodwork. It was built approximately 80 years ago by Island homesteader George O. Barnes on the occasion of the marriage of his daughter, Georgia, to Edward

"The Sisters." According to Elinor Dormer, the restoration of Thistle Lodge might render it eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

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WEIGHT RESTRICTION WORKSHOP SLATED

The Sanibel City Council has scheduled a special workshop meeting for 4:00 p.m. on December 14 to consider permanent weight restrictions to be imposed on vehicles travelling Sanibel's streets and roads.

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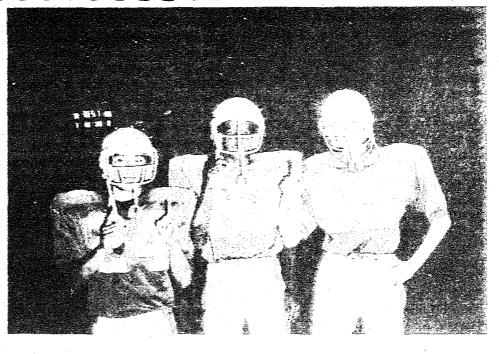
Spirits began to rise on Friday, Oct. 28. Homecoming Week was only a school day away. That night was our "open game" which meant that we didn't have a game.

Monday marked Halloween and the first day of Homecoming Week. It was advertised as "costume day." Students were disguised as everything from coaches and umpires to a tree. What a day!

That evening also ended the season for volleyball and freshman football. In volleyball, Cypress played Canterbury. It was expected to be a sure win. Cypress took the first game 15-0 in less than five minutes. The second game with a score of 15-3 didn't take much longer. That makes the volleyball teams record 17 and 1 and they win the county title. It cost coach Jim Reed some money because he had to live up to his promise of steak dinners. But, he is very proud of the team's performance. The freshman football team played Lely in their final game of the season. Cypress wooped Lely 26-6. This gave the freshman football team a final record of 3 and 2.

Last Tuesday, November 1, was "kiddy day" at Cypress Lake. As the announcement the day before said, "everybody get out your little red wagons, diapers, lollipops, freckles, and pacifiers." The students did just that. Hundreds of little girls and boys were in diapers, sucking thumbs, lollipops and the like.

Hat and sock day was the theme on Wednesday. Students wore seven and more pairs of socks, sometimes



reaching all the way to their hips. Some wore multicolored knee socks and other socks that fit like a glove with places for each toe. While the multicolored socks dominated the lower portion of the anatomy, hats dominated the upper portion. Various snapes, designs and styles of hats were worn. Hats ranged from four foot sombreros and ski hats to baseball and sailor hats.

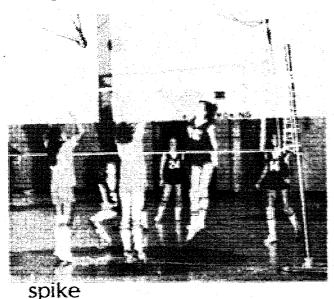
Also by Wednesday every class had their sections of hall decorated. Purple and white are C.L.H.S. school colors. Therefore purple and white streamers, signs, paint and pennants filled the halls. The class with the best hall decorations would be given a spirit stick at the Thrusday pep rally.

Everyone wore purple and white on Thursday because it was "spirit day." There were purple and white shirts, shorts, shoes and socks. Some students even painted their faces purple. Classes were shortened to twenty-five minutes and during homeroom a count was taken of everyone wearing an obvious amount of purple. Morning students were given a two-hour pep rally after classes. The cheerleaders and band started off the show. Then skits were given by various organizations, classes, clubs, and even the teachers. This was followed by a Pantherettes show. Then came the announcement that 43 percent of the seniors and 46 percent of the juniors were wearing purple. Therefore the juniors won the spirit stick. Next it was announced that the juniors won the hall competition. What a day for the Juniors! Many seniors were disappointed. But the juniors gleefully hugged and congratulated each other. The cheerleaders and band finished the show. Much spirit was evident, but possibly less that some earlier rallies.

During the week students were mailed a newsletter for Quarter I. The newsletter is a relatively new way of communicating and included information about new staff members, homecoming plans, pupil progression, graduation requirements and the calendar for the '77-'78 school year. There is an open house scheduled for November 16 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Also during this week, juniors were given the results of the DAT (Differential Aptitude Tests.) These tests were given during the sophomore year. The tests cover verbal reasoning, numerical ability, verbal reasoning, mechanical reasoning, special relations, spelling and language usage. The tests are designed to help students in career planning. They include the student's score, percentile based on students in the same grade and a profile. With the profile numbers, students can study a career information sheet and find what careers he might be best qualified to pursue.

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on the water

by mike fuery

Hey, what happened to Blind Pass? It's all filled in!

That's the comment I hear probably once a week from an Island visitor who either used to shell or fish at the bridge which joins Sanibel and Captiva Islands. And it's kind of a shock for these people to see all that sand where all that rushing water used to be.

But thinking it over, it's not the fishing and the lost excitement I miss about the closed pass, what has really changed is the atmosphere.

I don't know if there ever were a more casual meeting place in all the islands than on Blind Pass Bridge. Whether there were fish or not, there were fishermen. And their wives. And their kids. And a dog or two.

When the flow of water started to

narrow, that huddled fishermen and women into a diminishing section of the northeast rail. On an incoming tide, about eight at night, with all the lanterns hanging down near the water, it made a picture you might see on the front of a fishing magazine.

And the characters who fished there! I have a friend who told me about going to the bridge at night to meet people on the islands who normally worked during the day. He told of one guy who brought three coolers--two for bait and one for beer-and spent the night waiting for a snook to bite.

Blind Pass was not only a fun place just to people watch, but it was good fishing too. It was not unusual to see a poor gal hook a big redfish at one end of the bridge and before it got off, the fish would run over every other line in the

The fishing parties were something else again. If you were going to fish all night, you had to send someone down to reserve a place at the bridge rail. This would require placing coolers, lanterns, fishing rods and bags of sandwiches on either side of you so no others would get your spot. Elbow-to-elbow fishing was standard and tempers often flared at times.

Once I remember driving over the bridge at six one Sunday morning and many were still fishing, but two guys lay on the walkway, out cold, and ankle deep in beer cans. Their buddies stepped over them when needed.

It was that kind of place. You could meet just about anyone who was a year-arounder at the bridge. The shelling was good there too and lots of times the men fished and the girls walked the beaches.

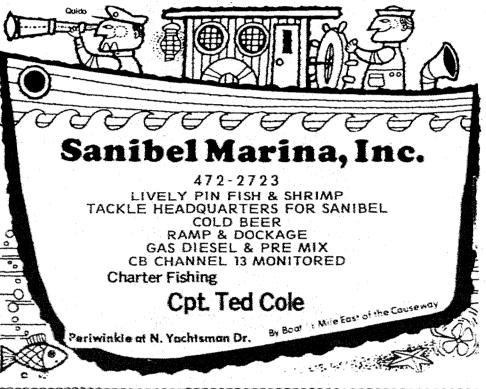
The bridge was never a good spot for boaters. That swift water and narrow set of pilings made any skipper nervous when going under. And with all those fishing lines in the water, a person operating a boat might get hooked and landed if they weren't careful. You might recall that about a year ago I mentioned a friend who drove his boat under the bridge and when he came out on the other side a guy had thrown a casting net over him!

There are many tales about the good times at Blind Pass Bridge. There are many who would like to back some type

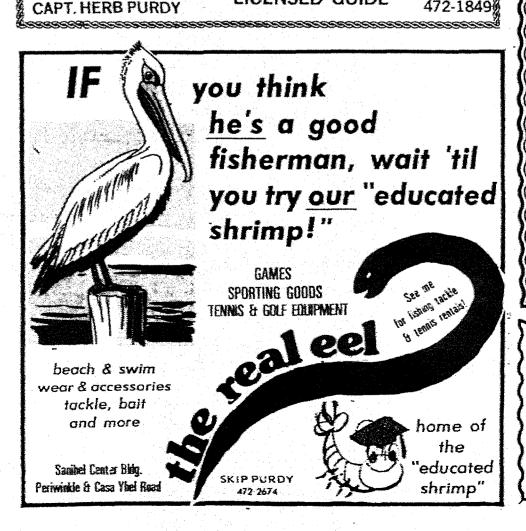
of dredging effort to get the pass opened, but a few old timers I've talked to say it won't do any good. Most feel the pass will open by itself as it has before and it will close again by itself too, I expect.

You'll probably hear the comment about the pass being closed a few times this winter season, but tell them not to worry, when it's ready the sand will wash out and those crazy times on the bridge will be back.

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



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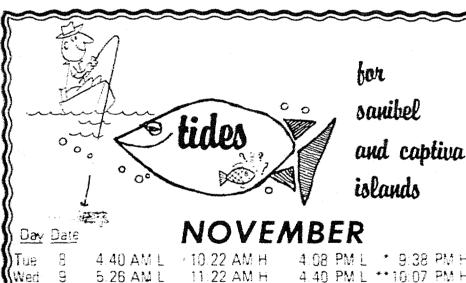
National Geographics Society writer, Robert Morrison, was on Sanibel and Captiva Islands last week researching on a new book on island seashores in the United States.

Morrison is an editor for the special publications and educational filmstrips division of the large publishing firm based in Washington, D.C.

Morrison said the islands on the Southwest Florida coast and those in the Keys will be featured in the book, tentatively set for publication next

June. He toured the wildlife areas Sanibel with conservationist, George Campbell. On Friday he explored several mangrove islands, live shelling beds and Cayo Costa Island with Capt. Mike Fuery.

The writer-editor for National Geographics said he was impressed with the relatively unspoiled atmosphere of the islands. He donned diving gear to examine the grass beds in Pine Island Sound and also to study live shells along the beaches.



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

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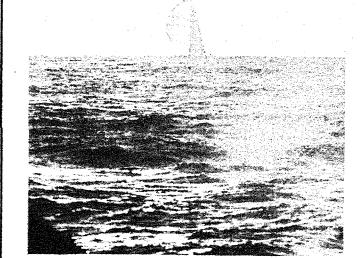
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The No-See-Um Tournament officially ended on Sunday when the Lady Lions took the championship by beating the Sanibel Packing Co. Foxes, 15 to 4.

It was unfortunate that the schedule worked out in such a way that the final game had to be played a week after the official tournament. The Foxes were missing two of their regular players: Karen Booth and Betty Hennessey who have departed for Killington, Vt. for the winter and the excitement that everyone has during a tournament was really not in evidence. The crowd, if not noisy, however, was numerous, as the Lady Lions really had the game under control all the way.

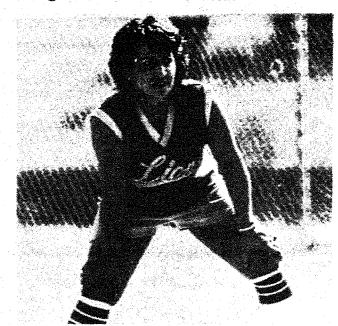
Tom Traucht umpired

and Dick Muench announced it.

That brought regular and tournament play to an end until next spring but there will be various challenge matches trhoughout the winter.

will Players changing teams during the next few months so the next season should see a different league.

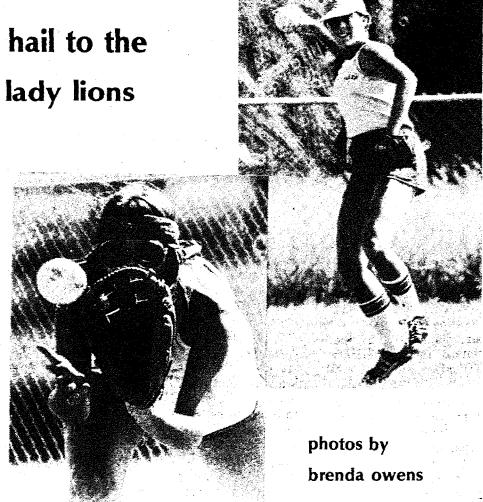
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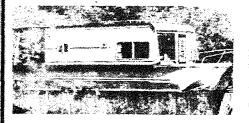


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police reports

An Island resident became alarmed last week upon observing a suspicious young white male walking aimlessly around her yard.

When questioned as to his raison d'etre, he replied simply, "Just watching the raccoons."

Still alarmed, the Islander called SPD to come and investigate this suspicious individual, who had disappeared into thin air, apparently, by the time of the patrolman's arrival.

A detective with the Newport Beach, California police department called SPD last week to request assistance with locating 14 year-old runaway rl who was believed to be in company with a young Islander.

Upon questioning this individual, SPD learned that the young runaway had been on Sanibel but had departed a week earlier for Key West in company with unknown white male from New Jersey.

This information was relayed to the detective in California, whose work was not yet finished.

An Island restauranteur called the station one day last week to request the assistance of a patrolman after having been offered traveller's check on which the signatures did not match.

He said that upon mentioning this to the diner, the man showed him a large number of traveller's checks, saying that he never signed his name the same way twice.

A check of the man's American Express account number revealed that his checks were as good as gold.

An Islander called SPD last week to report a motor vehicle driving on Sanibel's beach in violation of city ordinance.

Upon being acquainted of local law by an Island patrolman, the unthinking motorists, who were visiting the Islands, readily complied with the patrolman's desire that the car be operated only on the public right of ways.

Another Islander called the station to report a vehicle parked illegally on Sanibel's Gulf beach.

Here again, the visiting motorist was more than happy to move his car upon being informed of city ordinance prohibiting this practice.

The ordinance is aimed at minimizing the destruction of native beach vegetation by automobiles.

The sharp eyes of an Island patrolman noted a splintered door jamb at an Island office building one night last week and assumed that it was the result of an attempted illegal entry.

A call to the owner of the building revealed that this was not quite the case. Having lost his keys, the building's owner tried to force the door himself, with little success.

On Halloween night, an Islander called the station to report that her car had just been hit by a raw egg while she was driving down Periwinkle Way. She claimed that four young goblins were responsible and that eggs were flying all over the place along this. stretch of Periwinkle Wav.

Island patrolmen decided they would repeat her experiment to verify the accuracy of her complaint.

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hard waxed exterior of the squad car, they concluded that the complainant was herself a Halloween trickster. Either that or the merry goblins were corporeal enough to recognize a

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SPD received a call last week from United Airlines in Chicago requesting assistance with locating an ex-Islander who has written well over \$4,000 in worthless checks drawn on the Bank of the Islands since leaving Sanibel this summer.

National and local law enforcement officials continue to search for this prolific checkwriter.

SPD received two calls last week from Islanders who claimed their bicycles had been stolen

Both bicycles reappeared later last week, unlike many other twowheelers which have been reported stolen on the Islands over the past few months.

The manager of an Island condominium called SPD last week to report acts of vandalism which resulted in the destruction of property at the condominium.

The resort manager further pointed an accusing finger at certain Island youths who frequently amuse themselves in beach parties near the condominium, although no action in the matter was taken at that time.

Sanibel City Councilman Duane White called SPD one night last week to report that he found a skunk wandering about his yard.

The skunk in question gives off no unpleasant odor and is known to be the pet of a young Islander, so Councilman White took the stray in for the night.

The skunk was returned to its owner the following morning.

Since the Sanibel City Council's recent adoption of a noise control ordinance for Sanibel, SPD has been receiving an increasing number of complaints about noise pollution on the Island.

Last week alone SPD received four noise-tourist season has only related complaints from Islanders whose peace

was disturbed. Three of the complaints concerned construction noise, while one was in reference to a loud motorcycle.

No charges were filed as a result of any of the noise complaints received by SPD last

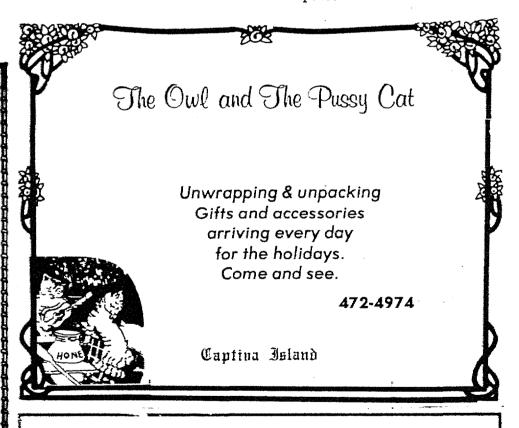
Over and above the individual reports outlined above, SPD investigated six traffic accidents last week, one case of domestic strife. four reports of lost, found or vicious dogs, secured four insecure premises, escorted five large trucks across the Islands, and rendered miscellaneous assistance on all of 24 occasions.

Emergency medical technicians on the Islands were called out five times last week, while the Sanibel Fire Department answered eight calls for assistance from Islanders ablaze.

And they say the just begun.

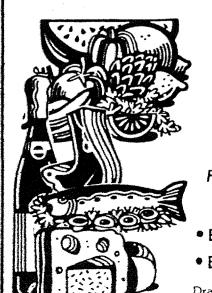


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Mariner Properites President Bob Taylor revealed last week that officials of the Mariner-owned Sanibel Sewer System and representatives of the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation (DER) are close to reaching an agreement on a solution to the problem of sewage effluent disposal on Sanibel.

Earlier this year, DER chief Phil Edwards threatened to revoke the temporary operating permit held by Mariner for the Sanibel Sewer System (formerly Jamestown Beachview). after Islanders residing in the vicinity of the system's main treatment plant off Donax Street complained that the overflow from the system's two perplation ponds was polluting the waters

of the nearby Sanibel River.

Over the past summer. Mariner representatives have worked closely with DER officials to arrive at a more acceptable method of disposing of the effluent produced by the Sanibel Sewer System, with the ultimate aim of reusing the nutrients in the effluent through spray irrigation of the effluent over unpopulated areas of the Island.

In a letter to Sanibel Mayor Porter Goss dated October 31, Taylor outlined a possible solution to the effluent disposal problem which he says has met with a favorable reaction from DER officials.

According to Taylor, Mariner is currently in the process of negotiating the purchase of about 18 acres of land north of Periwinkle Way roughly across from Scotty's Pub for the purpose of relocating the percolation ponds away from Sanibel's interior wetland system.

Taylor said that Mariner hasalready filed an application for DER permission to develop a large percolation evaporation pond on the site across from Scotty's Pub and that engineers for the sewer system are now working out the details of the pond's design with

"This new percolation pond should allow the discharge of all effluent into this area, without the use of the existing ponds except for backup or emergency reasons," Taylor states in his letter to Mayor Goss.

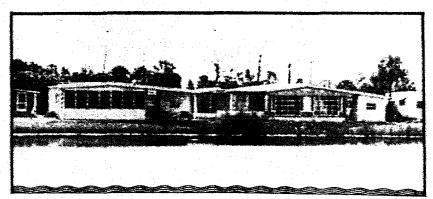
Taylor said that Mariner will apply for a city permit with which to carry out the required excavation work as soon as DER has agreed upon the design for the proposed percolation pond.

He added that effluent quality in the pond will be closely monitored throughout the coming winter to determine the design characteristics for a filtration system to be installed along with existing chlorination equipment, which he hopes will have the Sanibel Sewer System producing effluent of a quality which can be used for irrigational purposes by late 1978 or early 1979.

"This new pond will give the Island a much greater and better effluent disposal capability which can last for several years without converting to the irrigation system," Taylor said. "More importantly, it provides a first step toward implementing an irrigation and reuse system which I think can be of benefit to everyone."

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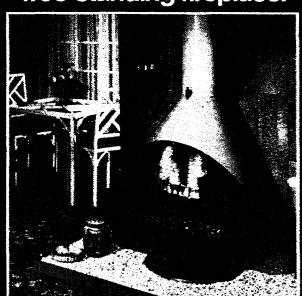
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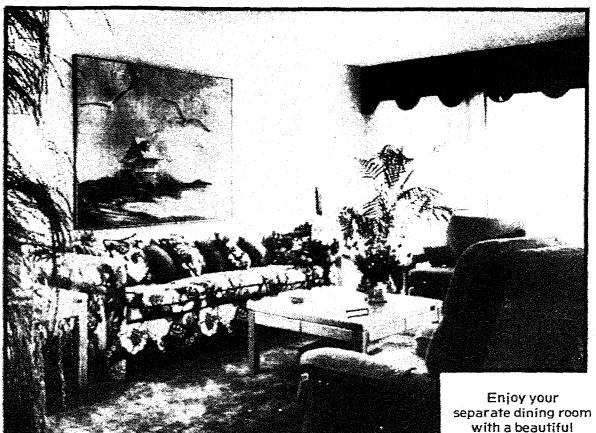


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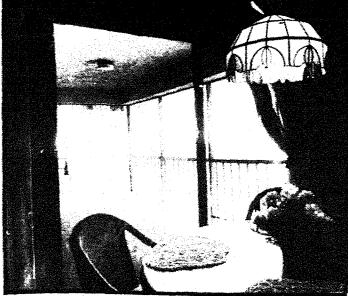
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New this year will be a master theme for the event - "Owl and the Pussycat (or whatever)" suggested by Freda Iurka. Those who will handle specific phases of the big event were announced at an executive meeting of the fair last week and include:

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The 1978 Fair will be the first to operate a snack service on the grounds.

shell fair news

by bill von eiff

A meeting of the Shell Club officers was called by President Anne Joffe for the purpose of planning the program for the season.

The first meeting will be held in November, so all you shellers be prepared to attend.

Hope you all had a nice summer and watch for the date of the first meeting.

The Committee of the Islands (COTI) will hold its regular meeting this

coming Monday, November 14,

beginning at 2:00 p.m. The meeting

will be held in the Sanibel Community

In a special meeting last Friday,

COTI's board of directors expressed

art show this month.

The Sanibel-Captiva Art Show will hold its fourth show of the season for its members on Tuesday, November 22. The judged and juried show is being chaired by Mrs.Ralph Friedmann who can be reached at 472-2571 for further information.

Paintings should be brought to the Captiva Civic Center between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday, November 21 and can hang at the Center for the remainder of the week.

The next art show is slated for February and will be held in conjuction with the Sanibel Library's annual Arts and Crafts Fair.

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mounting concern over the rapid growth rate of Sanibel Island. COTI Chairman Milena Eskew has

been closely monitoring the city council's actions with respect to Sanibel's growth rate and has earmarked the matter for further study and consideration at future COTI meetings.

seats left for ballet

House on Periwinkle Way.

COTI meets

The Fort Myers Symphony Orchestra and Chorus Association has announced that a few reserved seats for the four remaining concerts beginning with the "Nuteracker" Ballet to be performed December 17 are available at \$21.00 and some unreserved seats at \$17.00 for the

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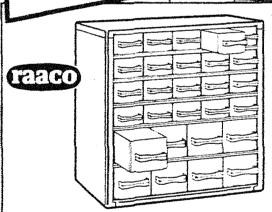


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LIMITED QUANTITIES 28-DRAWER SMALL PARTS Cabinet

Welded-steel cabinet has 28 compartments in 2 sizes. Clear-plastic drawers let you locate items at a glance. Removable plastic dividers help keep small parts separated, handy stops keep drawers from being pulled out too far. Overall size: 13"Hx12"Wx5-3'4"D

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