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happy thanksgiving

what it is all about:

a composition for thanksgiving

This is what I think Thanksgiving is.

Sometimes you would invite people over and have a Thanksgiving party.

You could also have a party just for the family and stay at home and have turkey, stone crabs, fish, pie or maybe you could even have lobster.

Do you know what I think? Thanksgiving is the act of giving thanks, and another thing, I forgot -- the tale of when the pilgrims landed. The pilgrims hit Plymouth rock and met the Indians and had a feast; before the feast they had a war and food became scarce and then the pilgrims helped the Indians, the Indians helped the pilgrims and they helped each other. The end

- Charlie Slosson, age 9



sanibel builders prepare to sue IWA

by gwen stevenson

A group of Sanibel builders and developers have announced their intention to sue the Island Water Association and its Board of Directors.

According to David Thompson, of Outer Island Development Corp., the group has taken the position that the IWA has violated their franchise agreement with Lee County in that there has not been adequate consultation with Lee County, the franchise holder, with respect to the imposition of rules and regulations by the Island Water Association. In addition, according to Thompson, the franchise agreement requires the IWA to provide water when required and when it is economically feasible to do so.

"There is no question that there is a requirement for more water," Thompson said in an interview late Friday. "It is our position that there are economically feasible ways to supply the water and the IWA has publicly admitted that they can't supply it."

The group which includes Development Concepts, Inc., whose principals are John Kontinos and William Frizzell; Sundance Homes of the Islands, Inc.; Outer Island Development of Florida, Inc.; Sanibel Homes Inc.; Executive Services, Inc.; and developer David Squires, feel that

because the IWA cannot supply the required water, the directors have been negligent and are, therefore, personally liable.

It is the first time since the incorporation of the Island City that such a group has organized.

"There have been many of us who have tried to stave this off," said Bill Frey, who, as a principal for Sanibel Homes, is also a party to the suit. "But the time has now come," he added.

The group declined to name the law firm until the suit, now being drafted, has been filed.

Frey said that he felt the chronology of events leading to the moratorium showed clear-cut contempt for the rules and regulations set forth in the IWA's franchise agreement with Lee County.

"South Florida Water Management District wrote their letter May 11; the IWA declared a moratorium on the morning of June 1 and the same morning invited members of the Sanibel City Council to a special meeting to announce it. It wasn't until later that same day IWA general manager Larry Snell went before the Lee County Board of Commissioners without even being on the agenda."

All participants live on Sanibel. There are others who wish to join the action according to Thompson, but before a decision is made, the rest of

the group has to be consulted.

There are two reasons why other affected parties aren't joining the suit according to this group. The first is the "let someone else be the bad guy syndrome" and the second is that if the group is successful and does manage to change the status quo than everyone will benefit so why spend the money.

The group cites as evidence of negligence a series of conflicting information about the water supply dating back to February 20, 1976. At that time, says Frey, local media quoted a statement by IWA Board president Jim Robson as saying that "we have no problem concerning water supply", a statement endorsed by Larry Snell and the IWA's engineering consulting firm of Bennett and Bishop.

In April, a 63 percent increase in water demand for March of 1976 over March of 1975 was revealed. Officials of the IWA were quoted as being guardedly optimistic about their ability to meet the water demands on Sanibel. Bishop was "confident that the Lower Hawthorne will continue to provide a plentiful supply of good quality water."

The City Council's recent action in recommending that the Planning Commission study the water problem and that there be no more building while this is going on does not really affect this suit.

"Without the so-called water

problem," said Thompson, "the city action would be moot; so the first approach is to alleviate the water problem."

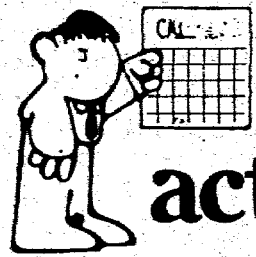
"There are two reasons why the city took the action they did," added Frey. "Either they didn't have confidence in the IWA's solution to the problem or they wanted to take the heat off the IWA, as Mayor Goss publicly admitted."

One economically feasible approach to solving the water problem was presented to the IWA by many of the members of this same coalition on August 3 after a consulting engineer had been hired by Frey to investigate the possibility of piping water from Florida Cities Water Co. across the Causeway. The report furnished to the IWA at that time, indicated that water could be delivered to the Sanibel side of the causeway for approximately \$1.25 per thousand gallons and that the outside date for completion of the project, if started in August, would have been March 1, 1978.

"We hired this engineer after asking Snell if he minded," said Frey. There apparently was no objection.

Although Snell apparently told Frey that if he could deliver one-half million gallons of water a day to this side of the causeway for \$1.25 he would take it, the

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activities

things to do

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political and governmental

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IWA to appear before county commission tomorrow

by gwen stevenson

The Island Water Association (IWA) has been requested by assistant county attorney Yaeger to appear before the Lee County Board of Commissioners to respond to allegations that it has not taken adequate steps to provide water to its franchise area of Sanibel and Captiva Islands. The IWA's franchisor is currently Lee County although there has been a special city council committee investigating the possibility of transferring the franchise from Lee County to Sanibel.

IWA general manager Larry Snell will act as spokesman for the water association, although a majority of the board of directors are also expected to present.

Snell plans to list the following actions taken by the IWA in his presentation—steps that he says were taken over the past years to ensure an adequate safe water supply to the franchised area.

1975, Snell's report begins, the IWA initiated the design and construction of an additional two million gallon storage tank (construction on the tank began in early August of this year.) The IWA contributed to the Sanibel portion of an ongoing USGS ground-water study in Lee County and initiated a comprehensive water conservation program aimed

primarily at the highest users—condominiums.

In 1976 the IWA initiated the Volkert study of operations and future options, applied for a withdrawal permit to the South Florida Water Management District for additional wells and initiated discussions for the fourth increment to the main water treatment plant.

The Volkert Report, which outlined some unknown problems concerning the IWA's electrolysis plant and the life expectancy of the Lower Hawthorne Aquifer on Sanibel, was received on February 16 of this year. On April fourth the IWA accepted a bid by the ground-water hydrology consulting of Geraghty and Miller to do a preliminary hydrological study of the Lower Hawthorne. On May 11, the South Florida Water Management District denied the IWA permission to withdraw any more water from the Lower Hawthorne than they did last year, pending receipt of further data about the status of the aquifer.

Three weeks later, on Wednesday, June first, at an extension of their regular board meeting, the IWA decided to declare a moratorium on new water hook-ups. Later that day, Larry Snell appeared before the County Commissioners to tell them of the IWA's action.

On June 15, the first report from

Geraghty and Miller was received showing that the Lower Hawthorne aquifer has a finite amount of water. The same day, the IWA initiated negotiations with the Greater Pine Island Water Association for a ten-year purchase agreement—negotiations that were concluded on October 19 with the contract with GPIWA for 100 million gallons per year.

On November 8, the IWA met with representatives from Florida Cities Water requested a proposal from them for one million gallons per day.

The pumping tests on the IWA's test well on the Sanibel Elementary School property were completed November 13 and the results from Geraghty and Miller are expected on December 7.

According to Snell, if the results of those tests are unfavorable, the alternate strategies now under investigation will be developed in more detail.

Supporting data that Snell plans to present to the Commissioners in the two o'clock session include a list of water hook-ups since 1974. The number of units added to the system include:

1974	533 units
1975	386 units
1976	386 units
1977	787 units.

(386 units have been added since the June 1 moratorium.)

Each unit does not represent a separate hook-up, however; businesses and restaurants may require multiple hook-ups according to an IWA formula.

Other data Snell intends to present will show that Sanibel and Captiva use more water daily than any other southwest Florida community other than Naples according to a U.S. Geological Water Resources investigation.

Snell will also show the Commissioners how peak water usage has escalated during February March and April from 150 gallons in 1975 to a projected 191 million gallons projected for Spring 1978.

Snell also has computed that, even with the new storage facility in use, the demand for water will exceed the capacity of the IWA by as much as 6.1 million gallons in April, 4.3 million gallons in March and 1.7 million gallons in February of next year.

What the reaction of the Lee County Commissioners will be to this impressive barrage of facts is hard to determine. Based on the previous session, however, it is reasonable to expect that, while they will likely express some concern about the imposition of a moratorium without first consulting their franchise holder, as Commissioner Betty Bowen Evans said: "Even if we find that they have violated their franchise agreement, what can we do about it?"

builders

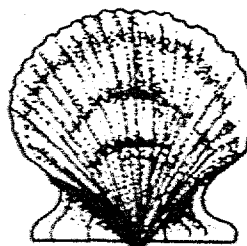
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IWA's records show that the first meeting between the IWA and Florida Cities was held on Nov. 8.

The group said that Jim Robson had remarked at their August 3 meeting that they hadn't talked to Florida Cities in two years and he had wondered why the IWA's consultants hadn't recommended the action.

Another item the group points to is the absence of any conservation measures for the Spring dry season. "The argument that they can't police it is absurd," said Thompson. "That's just another reason to go to the County Commission."

"Yes," added Frey. "Why are they avoiding the County Commission?"



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commentary

shop the Island first

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Although some smart shoppers have already accomplished the near-miracle feat of matching up names on their lists with appropriate merchandise, most of us are still faced with the task of what to get for whom and where to get it.

For many years, Islanders have crossed over the bridge to town to do

most of their shopping citing lack of selection and price as their reasons for not doing their shopping on the Islands. Perhaps the time has come to reexamine those reasons.

First: selection. You might not be aware that there are many Fort Myers and Cape Coral residents who come to the Islands to shop because they know they'll find something unique in our Island shops. With the advent of this season, there is more variety of shops and merchandise available on these Islands than ever before. And they

carry the kinds of unusual things that you can't find elsewhere.

Price has also long been cited as a major reason for going to town. But really, how much more do you have to pay here? Does it justify the mileage, traffic and general frustration of trips to town? Our Island shops give some pretty terrific bargains, too, but you won't know about them unless you patronize the stores.

For these reasons, Island consumers should make a sincere attempt to patronize the Islands' merchants. After all, shoppers, they're your neighbours.

While we are on the subject, a gentle hint to merchants may be in order. Loyalty to one's hometown shops and services is admirable, but loyalty must be earned and maintained, not taken for granted.

Shops, no matter where they are located, earn their customers through products of good quality, competitive pricing and top-notch service. The avenue of successful retail commerce is, indeed, a two-way street.

So, please remember to shop the Islands first this Christmas season.

letters to the editor

a corrected statement

To the Editor:

I read with interest your article appearing on page 14 of the November 8th issue of the Islander. For the record, I wish to correct one statement attributed to me. You said that I indicated that no definitive action had been taken. I believe my statement was that the proposals had not been pursued diligently. The only action of which I am aware which resulted from our August 3rd presentation was a

letter dated September 22nd sent from L. Wordsworth Snell, III to Mr. William Lee, Vice President and General Manager of Florida Cities requesting that they prepare a proposal. Recently, Mr. Snell indicated to me that they had not heard from Florida Cities nor had they attempted to further contact Florida Cities. Thank you.

M. William Frey

a new sanibel

Dear Editor,

A recent article submitted by Mr. Purdy, Sr. closed with the observation that "Sanibel used to be a joy, and used to be fun—but no more."

Yes, Mr. Purdy, Sanibel used to be a joy and it used to be fun—but no more and perhaps it's because Sanibel, in it's attempt to limit growth is stifling life itself. To those of us who knew Sanibel when...this observation begs the question. Why no joy? Why no fun? What events have caused what might

be termed 'social sterility'.

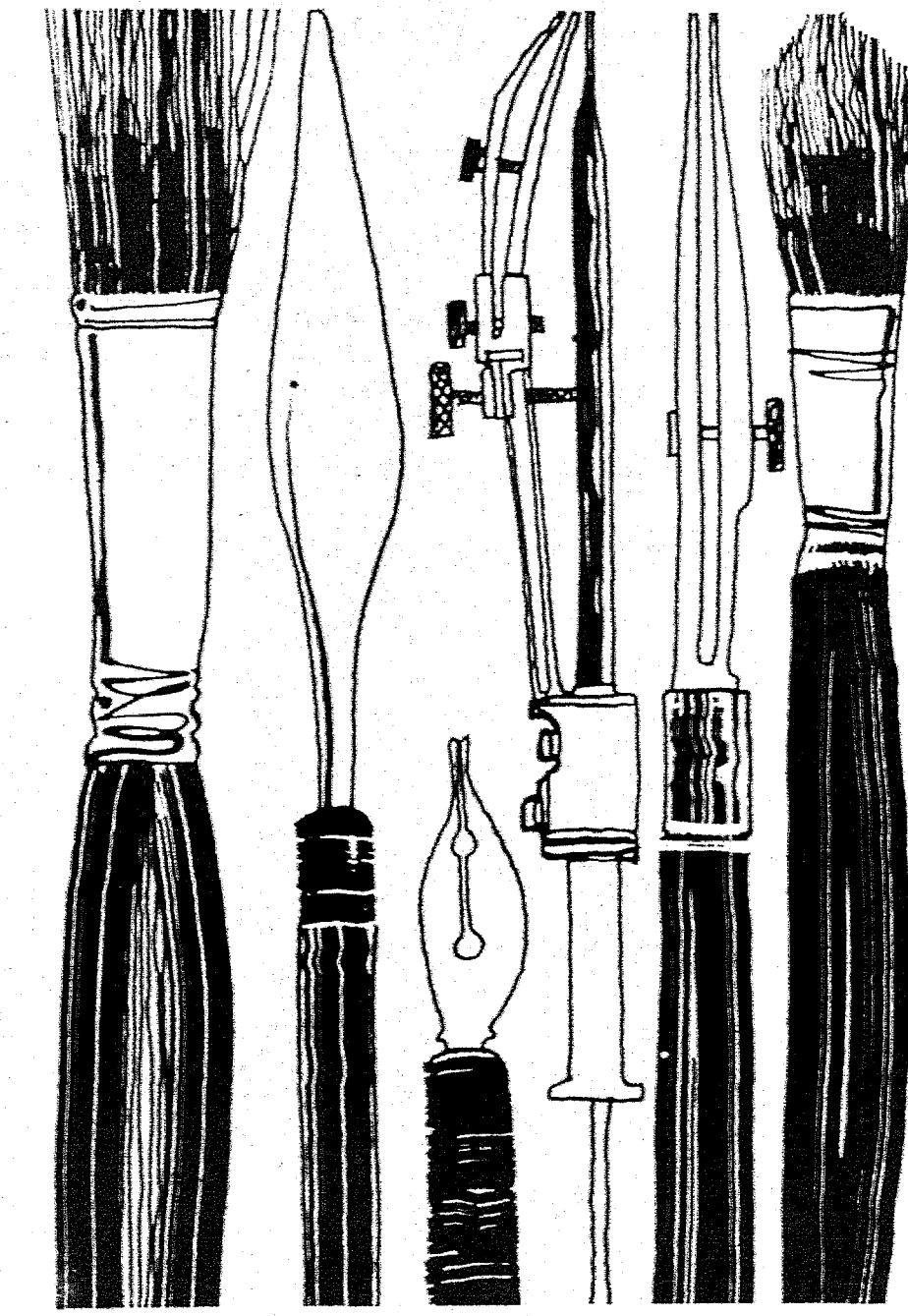
Perhaps it's because a City has emerged which can no longer tolerate the splendid sound of an over-amplified symphony, youthful laughter coming from a Moped, or a faulty muffler, or even the sound of a good 'ole knock-down drag our verbal battle...all because of a newly adopted Noise Ordinance.

Or could it be that now Sanibel is an island which attracts people because of

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HELP WANTED:

All Island Artists And Craftsmen Please Note



You are cordially invited to participate in the 7th Annual Exhibition and Sale of Island Arts and Craft for the benefit of the Sanibel Public Library, to be held on Friday, February 3 and Saturday, February 4, 1978 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at the Sanibel Community House. Participation must be limited to Sanibel and Captiva visitors and residents. Set-up will be on Thursday, February 2 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. After 4 p.m., space will be forfeited.

The Following Rules have been adopted by the Policy Committee:

1. The exhibitor agrees to donate at least one representative item to be sold solely for the benefit of the library.
2. The exhibitor agrees to contribute 20 percent of any sales he may make to the Library, including orders taken for future delivery.
3. The exhibitor may display as many as three "NOT FOR SALE" articles. No limit is placed on display articles for which orders will be taken for future delivery.
4. Space may not be reserved for exhibit only.
5. The exhibitor must provide his own props, such as display racks, etc.
6. Large commercial signs or displays will not be permitted.
7. The exhibitor is especially requested to keep his prices to the dollar or half dollar, thus eliminating the need for small change. There is no tax on items sold.
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letters to the editor

wmrt replies to Dr. Webb

Dear Mr. Webb:

Your letter published in the Islander October 25th mystifies me. First, when and where have I found it "necessary to request exoneration for any errors we may have made in the ecological zone map"? The zones were mapped in 1975 with the best data available and the combined efforts of my firm; a team of specialists retained by Conservation Foundation; the Planning Commission and numerous informed residents. The ecological zone map is an integral part of the Comprehensive Plan and may be modified only as a result of the City obtaining new data

which justify modifications thereto.

With the regard to your accusation that "His disastrous mistake was to propose an allowable density of 8 dwelling units on the sentation of the facts. The first plan we presented to the Planning Commission in December, 1975 proposed three dwelling units per acre on the Gulf Beach Ridge at the east end of the island.

The Planning Commission and later the City Council took into account a multitude of factors in this zone such as: configuration of properties; status of projects filed or under construction; presence of utilities and access; op-

portunities for resort housing and other land uses necessary to the economic base of the island. They also gave major consideration to beach access, open space, performance standards for future development and incentives to create better and more attractive projects by clustering.

While it is true that these changes did increase the density from our recommendations they were nonetheless done in public meetings in an objective manner that took all factors into consideration. You are no doubt aware that even at eight per acre the density is less than half what it was

three years ago.

I sympathize with your aspiration to protect more of the beach front in Sanibel by amending the Plan or any other public or private action. I have no sympathy with your callous references to me and my firm which are damaging and unfair.

Sincerely,
William H. Roberts

For purposes of clarification, the following is the text of Dr. Webb's letter of October 25.

CLUP makes gulf-front error

To the Islander:

It is certainly fascinating that Mr. William Roberts, one of the senior partners in a prestigious professional planning firm, and the chief architect of Sanibel's Comprehensive Land Use Plan, now finds it necessary to request exoneration for any errors he may have made in the ecological zone map. His real error was not in mapping those

ecological zones. His disastrous mistake was to propose an allowable density of 8 dwelling units per acre on the Gulf Beach Ridge (later reduced to 5). This density allocation obviously committed the beach front to multi-story condominiums lining the beach from one end of the Island to the other.

Now many Sanibelites seem surprised that our beach is being

developed so rapidly. That consequence has been obvious since the moment the Plan was adopted!

The Plan was designed to preserve our very valuable wetlands by requiring a very low density of development per acre. By contrast, the Plan ensures the rapid buildout of the Gulf Beach Ridge by assigning this valuable resource the very highest

density per acre!

There is only one remedy available now! Amend the Plan to reduce the allowable density on the Beach Ridge. How about a density of one dwelling unit per five acres -- or perhaps even better one dwelling unit per 10 acres to preserve some of the character and beauty of our beach front.
William L. Webb
Sanibel.

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its natural beauty, and then proceeds to restrict, artificialize and impound that very naturalness.

Maybe confidence has waned because the City moved to limit density, but at the same time failed to predict the exclusionary high costs for property taxes and in all related areas.

Possibly, it's because this municipality has succeeded in creating a virtual police state by hiring more police personnel per capita than any other city in the nation.

Certainly, not in keeping with the spirit of our nation is the creation of a satellite which must bus its service personnel from the mainland like so many mobile serfs, all because there is no affordable housing in the newly established kingdom.

More importantly perhaps is the fact

that our City systematically uses the terms 'environmentally sensitive' or 'ecologically fragile' as the excuse for denying individuals rights to use of their land, rather than the more appropriate terms of the big cities-- 'politically feasible' or 'politically expedient'.

It is also apparent that the City of Sanibel creates crisis after crisis--then hastens to provide creative solutions to justify the institutions it has devised.

I, too, am a bit tired of a City that continually drones out fear of the Big Blow, as an alibi for every action or inaction, with full knowledge that the big ones occur when the Island's population is at its very, very lowest.

In short, Sanibel is fast becoming a place that denies life itself, a prelude to a massive graveyard, too sterile to

laugh at itself. A place that has neither the interest, or the will to preserve life at its fullest, but is solely dedicated to the proposition that only life's very lowest forms should be conserved in the name of "Ecology".

With an abiding hope in the electorate, I predict that the Kingdom of Sanibel will crumble, and the so-called CLUP plan will either be scrapped or revised to reflect an authentic quality

of life for people as its first priority.


Of course, the result will be a little noise, possibly some confusion, and few disturbances, a bit of chaos. But, as scientist-theologian Teilhard de Chardin wrote, "It is our of this chaos and this confusion that ultimately emerges the human face of mankind."

Respectfully submitted,
LaVerne Hickey

Thanksgiving services

The following Island churches will be holding special Thanksgiving services:

St. Isabel Catholic Church: 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 24	Sanibel Community Church: Thanksgiving dinner at 2 p.m. at the Community House on Periwinkle Way, Thursday, Nov. 24
St. Micheal and All Angels: Communion--10 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 24	Christian Science Church: Thanksgiving service: Nov. 23.



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letters to the editor

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Editor:

Besides all the appeals about saving alligators, eagles, birds, sea oats and seals, I found on my return from a trip abroad, letters from the following organizations (not included are the religious appeals). I am wondering if anyone on the Islands knows anything about these organizations and their works. The titles seem important. Does anybody do anything about them? National Conservative Political Action Committee, Associated Doctors. Pat Boone - Bibles for the World &

Communist Countries; Ad Hoc Committee in Defense of Life; Self Help for a Hungry World; Panama Canal Defense Fund; Council for the Inter-American Security; Christian Crusade Weekly Against Communism, Manion Forum Trust; Citizens for Decency Through Law; One Million Regan Books-Conservative Campus Packs; Guiding Eyes for the Blind; More Information on Homosexuality & Lesbianism;

Dollar for Dollar Trust; Christian Appalachian Project; National Foundation for Cancer Research; Nat'l Comm. against U.S. Recognition of Communist Vietnam; American Security Council, Peace Thru Strength; Sanibel Environmental Defense Fund; Bangladesh Emergency Mission - Christian Youth Corps. Christian Cause - Morality Issues Poll; United States Committee for Refugees; Inflation Survival Rural Advancement Fund; The Fund for a Conservative Majority; The Foundation for Law & Society; Stop Immorality on TV; Citizens Legal Defense Fund for the FBI; National Defense Survey; Encyclopedia of Natural Healing; Americans Against Socialized

Medicine; Disabled Veterans, Tom Rooney's World Mercy Fund; Pearl S. Buck Foundation; Foundation Action in the Courts; Refugees, the Forgotten People; American Kidney Fund; Church League of America; Project Concern; Farmers National Company; Inter-American Security Poll; Family Medical Encyclopedia; Federation of Greater New York & Pistol Clubs, Inc.; American Legislative Exchange Council; Americans Against Union Control of Government; New Boystown in Korea;

And now I am at the end of this letterhead, I give up.
Yours,
Ruth Hunter

christmas stamps on sale

Yuletide mailers can choose this year between two attractive Christmas stamps when applying appropriate postage to holiday greetings and parcels being sent through the mail.

A colorful design of a rural mailbox, crammed with letters and packages, will add a cheery touch to holiday mail and customers interested in history may choose the design of General

George Washington kneeling in prayer during the winter of 1777-78 at Valley Forge.

Both stamps are on sale currently at the Sanibel post office.

The Washington stamp pays tribute to the Continental Army which spent Christmas, marred by severe hardships and semi-starvation, at Valley Forge in Pennsylvania.

This design, by artist Stevan Dohanos, is based upon a painting by J.C. Leyendecker which appeared as a Saturday Evening Post cover in 1935. Mr. Dohanos also is noted for his paintings which appeared on more than 100 other covers of the Post.

A snowy winter setting provides the perfect background for the rural mailbox depicted on the other Christmas issue. The designer is Dolli Tingle, of Westport, Conn., who also



created the popular needle-point Christmas Tree Stamp of 1973.

Both stamps were printed by the gravure method.

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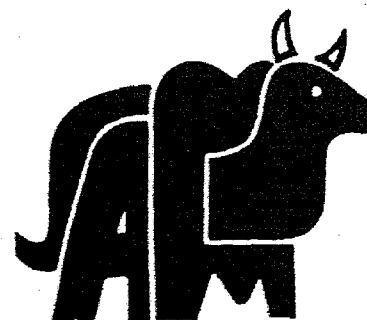
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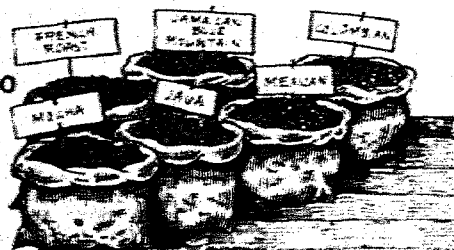
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chadwick's plans a madrigal christmas feast

The new South Seas Plantation restaurant, Chadwick's, Captiva Island, is now accepting reservations for a Madrigal Christmas Feast on Saturday, December 10th, beginning at 7:30 PM.

The Feast, to be held in the Great Hall of Chadwick's at South Seas, will feature an old-English menu, Elizabethan music and baroque entertainment. Seating for the Feast will be by prior reservation only, and tickets are priced at \$18.50 per person.

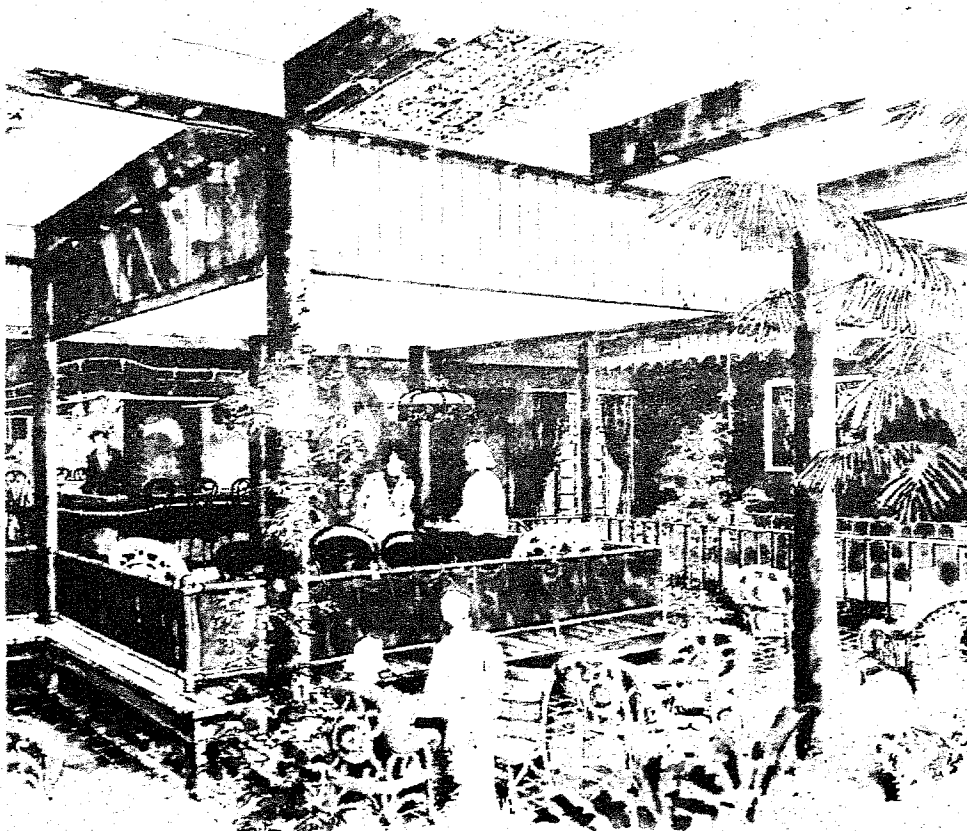
According to Michael B. Peceri, vice president and general manager of South Seas, the Madrigal Christmas Feast will consist of seven courses, or "removes" as they were called in the 1600's. "The dinner will begin with a traditional Wassail Bowl," Peceri explained, "and end with a spectacular flaming pudding. Hors d'oeuvres, soup, beef and fowl courses, accompanied by appropriate spiritis, will be prepared and served for guests in the manner of the 17th century."

The Madrigal Christmas Feast will feature a program of music and en-

tertainment by the Pro-Arte Ensemble, Ft. Myers, Florida, directed by Goerge V. Cripps. This professional group of 12 costumed singers and dancers specializes in music of the Renaissance and early baroque periods. They have performed in Southwest Florida for the past six years, and are well known for their annual Christmas ceremony of carols at Gulf Federal Savings and Loan in Ft. Myers.

Peceri commented that the Great Hall of Chadwick's will be decorated for the Feast in the manner of an English castle, and guests are invited to come in costume. "Instrumental music featuring harpsicords, trumpets, and recorders will play throughout the evening," Peceri noted. "Dancers, tumblers, and a pipe band will also be performing for the amusement of our guests."

The Madrigal Christmas Feast is the first of many special dining events scheduled at South Seas new Chadwick Hall. The Hall, a new banquet and conference center, is adjacent to the



chadwick's will feature a sunken lounge

resort's Chadwick's Restaurant, which Christmas Feast can be made by opens for public service on December calling 472-5111, extensions 3346 or 3348, 10th. from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Seating for

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community calendar

by kay pratt

kiwanis to hear Colson speak

Redeemed Watergate criminal Charles Colson will be the featured speaker at the Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club's annual prayer breakfast to be held at the Ramada Inn on Sanibel beginning at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 7, 1978.

Since his involvement in the Watergate scandal at the direction of former President Richard M. Nixon, Charles Colson has served a term in

prison and has emerged a born-again Christian.

Author of the book, "Born Again," Colson is now the director of a new religious rehabilitation program for this country's federal prison system.

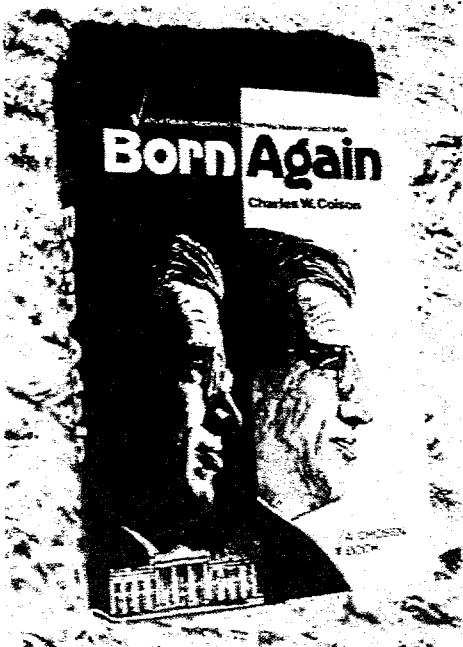
As guest speaker for the annual Kiwanis Club prayer breakfast, Colson's talk promises to be illuminating and inspirational.

Island Kiwanians Curt Reinhardt and Allan Hartley, co-chairmen for the annual prayer breakfast, reported last week that tickets are selling rapidly for the event and urged all Islanders planning to attend the breakfast to make their reservations as soon as possible to avoid being left out. There is available seating for only 200 persons for the popular prayer breakfast.

Reservations for the breakfast are required and can be made by calling Curt Reinhardt at 472-1601, Allan Hartley at 472-2646, or any member of the Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club.

Tickets for the program and breakfast are available at \$5.00 per person.

Make your reservation early to insure that you will be able to experience this unusual program planned by the Kiwanis Club.



tree lighting planned

Saturday, December 17, has been set as the date for this year's annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony at the Sanibel Community House on Periwinkle Way.

Sponsored by the Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club, the lighting of the Island's Christmas tree will take place between 7:30 and 7:45 p.m. on December 17, at the close of the Sanibel Community Association's annual

Christmas program at the Community House.

The ceremony will feature the traditional singing of Christmas carols as the tree is lit, and the public is warmly invited to join in the festivities.

Kiwanians Richard Brodeur and Steve Reynolds are co-organizers for the program, which has in past years been one of the most popular events of the holiday season on the Islands.

did we miss you?

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chamber of commerce

The Sanibel Chamber of Commerce reports this week that they are very busy. So busy that the weekly bulletin they send out has grown from 2½ to 3 pages as of this last summer to 5 pages in the last issue.

Every daily inquiry that comes in by mail, person, or phone is listed. Their weekly bulletin will probably reach astronomical proportions from now until.....?

We wish them all the best of luck. They need it.

the community

association

The Community Association Dinner Dance will be held at the Community House on Dec. 10 from 6:30 until 10 p.m. Jean Haff is the Chairman and we'll have more details in our next issue.

lions get award

Shown here is a proud Bud Ketcham, past-president of the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club, with a banner proclaiming the Island Lions one of the fastest growing Lions Clubs in the United States.

This award was presented to the Island Lions Club last Wednesday night by Dick Lydecker of Sarasota, district governor for Lions International. The award commends Island Lions for having the fastest growing club in division VI of their organization for 1976-77, during which time Ketcham was president of the club.

Ketcham said that membership in the Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club jumped from 70 to 100 members during his term as president.

Ketcham added that the award presented to Island Lions last week is

p.t.a.

The Sanibel Elementary School's P.T.A. is becoming increasingly active under the dedicated leadership of Pat Kair, president.

The big event the week before it was when a student brought in three 6½ ft. boa constrictors which all the pupils had a chance to not only observe but to feel. A special class on snakes was featured.

There are 130 pupils involved in these trips. Every Thursday at 10 a.m. a small group of ten or eleven youngs leave on this weekly adventure. They have been through the Bird Sanctuary 3 times but last Thursday they had their first professionally guided tour.

Ruth Clark, one of the newly trained guides connected with the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (whose new headquarters are not yet officially opened) conducted the group. It was her first official try-out.

The 11 students named their group "The Pioneers" in honor of this trip. They were thrilled by Mrs. Clark's detailed descriptions of all the things they had seen but knew little about, for sure.

All the 3rd and 4th graders are included in these groups as well as ½ of the 5th graders. Those who missed this tour are anxiously waiting for the next one.



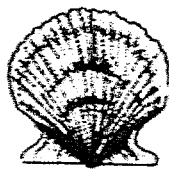
one of only two national awards given each year by Lions International.

'We've got a great bunch of recruiters,' Ketcham said, 'and the club is going to continue to grow.'

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COTI to advertise growth statistics

Alarmed over the continuing rapid growth rate of Sanibel Island and the apparent inability of vital public support services to accommodate additional growth, the Committee of the Islands (COTI) decided in a meeting November 14 to advertise statistics reflecting the rapidity of the Island's development in an attempt to generate public support for legislation to limit Sanibel's rate of growth.

COTI members are presently at work collecting growth and development statistics for their upcoming advertising campaign, which will probably get into full swing early in January, according to COTI Chairman Milena Eskew.

The COTI advertisements will also present growth-related problems currently being experienced by public

support services such as the Island Water Association, Lee County Electrical Cooperative, and all branches of the Sanibel city government, including the police and fire departments as well as the Island's already overburdened road network. Traffic problems on the Sanibel Causeway are also a major concern of COTI members at the present time.

COTI hopes that the advertisements

will stimulate public support for an ordinance to curb the Island's rapid growth, which, under Florida law, must be considered by the city council if 25 percent of Sanibel's registered voters petition the council for such an ordinance.

Last week, COTI officers began interviewing attorneys in an attempt to secure legal counsel for their upcoming efforts in this regard.

shrimp prices down sharply;

trawler owners face squeeze

by Gary F. Vogel

Area shrimpers could be facing a lean season here this year because wholesale prices have dropped significantly from what they were 12 months ago, according to packing house officials.

Harvey Hudnall, co-owner of S & H Seafoods, said that the price of "16 to 2 shrimp," (the numerals refer to the number of

shrimp needed to make up a pound) dropped from \$3.80 last year to \$2.80 presently. Since late October, Hudnall said there have been five price decreases.

The decline in wholesale prices was brought on by the heavy production of shrimp during the summer fishing season in Texas, Hudnall explained. According to Hudnall, seafood company freezers are full. The law of supply and demand has

forced the prices down, he said.

Because production during the summer season in Texas was so heavy, area shrimpers will probably have to work even harder than usual to make up the price deficit and meet expenses, Hudnall said. At the current price levels, shrimpers are making expenses now, but little more, he said.

A packer who wished to

remain anonymous said that the current low prices combined with poor productivity are putting some shrimp boats in the red financially. Whether or not a "fair price" is being offered for the shrimp depends largely on the break-even point for the boat and the packing house, he said.

At current prices and levels of production around the Tortugas and Sanibel, shrimp boats will find it

difficult to make a profit, he said. The packing house official explained that the lack of large shrimp is probably due to boats in Key West catching baby shrimp. Count laws are inadequately enforced, he said.

A drop in retail prices will not show up for weeks if at all, Hudnall said. Retail merchants bought at the high prices and must sell above those levels to keep from losing money.

At the peak of the season,

and when the moon is full or approaching fullness, more than 200 shrimp boats will be moored along the commercial docks in Matanzas Pass. But most of the boats are still in Texas or on their way to Florida, according to Hudnall.

"Shrimpfishermen are the most optimistic in the world," one packing house official said. "But the prices don't seem to go up as quickly as they go down," he added.

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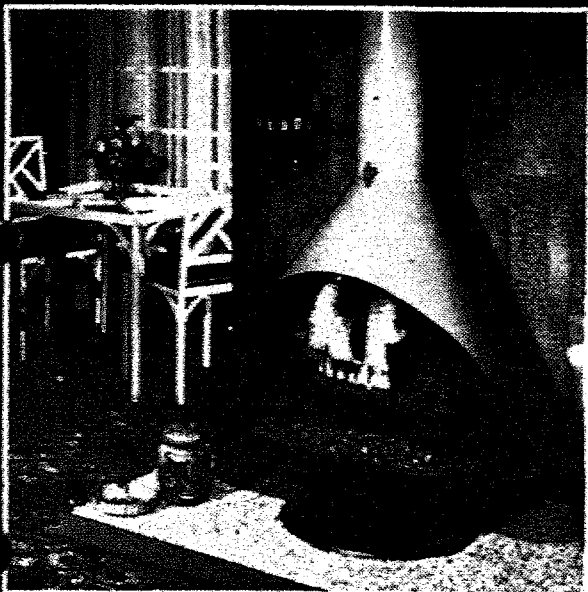
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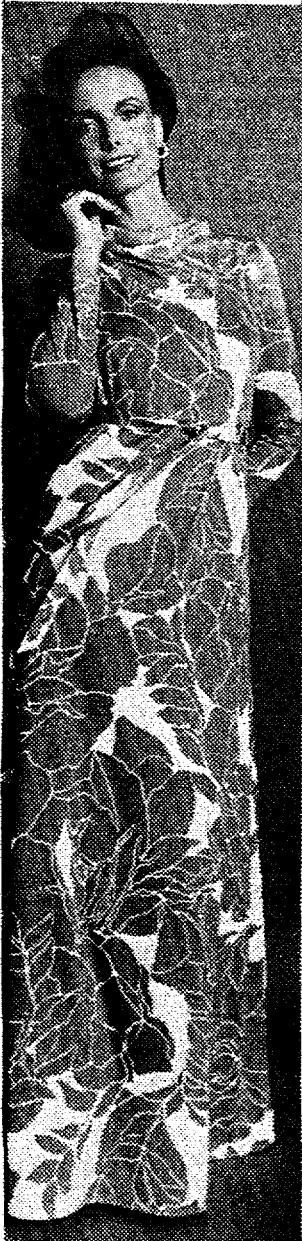
police reports

Two Islanders called SPD one evening last week to complain of excessive noise



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originating from an Island construction site.

Upon investigation, SPD learned that the late work involved sewer repairs.

City officials deemed the work an emergency, and the noisy activity was allowed to continue until the job was done.

An employee of the Island Water Association called SPD one night last week to report that one of the chain gates at the Association's main treatment plant had been demolished, apparently by an automobile.

No real damage was done other than the gate

posts, weighing over 100 pounds each, had been pulled from the ground by the impact.

Patrolmen concluded that the vehicle which had demolished the gate was probably in pretty sad shape, although no wrecked cars were noted on the Islands thereafter.

An Islander called the station last week to report a horn blowing most unaccountably in a locked car at an Island service station.

A patrolman was dispatched to look into the mystery, which was never fully explained although the horn was

disconnected under the hood so that quiet could return to the Islands.

An Island resident called SPD one day last week to complain of a foul odor in her neighborhood.

It was determined that the odor arose from nearby canals where the tide was then extremely low.

An Island woman called the station late one night last week to report that a red light had lit up on her dashboard as she was driving home and that she was afraid to drive any

farther.

The patrolman dispatched to lend assistance was astute enough in the way of automobile repair to realize that there was no water in the radiator of the woman's car.

After a quick fill-up, the motorist was sent merrily on her way.

An Island patrolman was forced to perform euthanasia for a raccoon last week because of the possibility that the luckless animal was rabid.

The raccoon was discovered injured in the parking lot of an Island condominium.

An Islander called SPD last week to report that her husband had received a suspicious phone call from a female wishing to know the telephone number of the complainant's next door neighbor.

The complainant became suspicious because the adjoining residence had already been broken into on one occasion and her neighbors were away from the Island once again.

As the residence was on Captiva, Lee County Sheriff's deputies were notified to maintain a close surveillance of the area.

An Islander called SPD late one night last week to report that she had locked herself out of an Island church where she was rehearsing, while forgetting her car keys inside the building.

She asked that a patrolman be dispatched to pick the lock of the church to enable the complainant to retrieve her car keys.

The patrolman respectfully declined her invitation, saying that it would be better to call an officer of the church to come and open the

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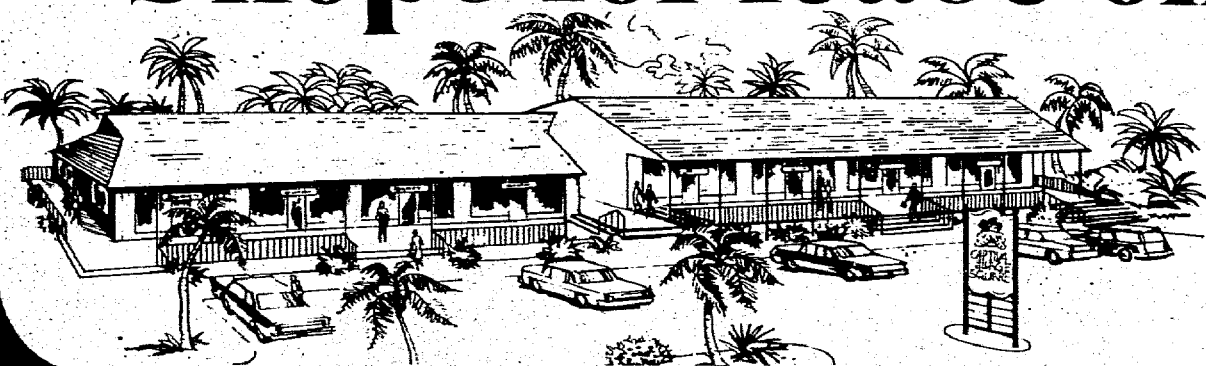
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building in a legitimate manner.

An Islander called SPD last week to report having heard a woman screaming in his neighborhood.

The patrolman dispatched to the scene could find no signs of a disturbance in the area and concluded that the screams must have been carried off on the wind.

All in all, it was a strangely routine week for law enforcement officials on Sanibel last week.

One interesting trend which appears in the police reports last week is the high incidence of Islanders who do not know enough to lock and secure their homes and offices when leaving them for the night. Sanibel patrolmen found themselves securing unlocked premises on eleven occasions last week, and insecure premises included a

number of public buildings as well as the usual array of offices, shops and homes.

As the Islands' transient population increases with the dawn of another busy winter season, Islanders are urged to secure their offices and dwellings tightly when leaving to avoid mishaps.

In other action last week, SPD investigated two noise complaints, three traffic accidents, issued three traffic citations, escorted four trucks across the Islands, and rendered miscellaneous assistance on 19 occasions.

Dog-related complaints were also on the rise last week, with SPD having investigated six reports of lost, found, or barding dogs on Sanibel, as well as two incidents where dogs had been hit by automobiles.

The Sanibel Fire Department and emergency medical technicians on the Islands were both called into action four times last week.

cabinet approval expected for Charlotte Harbor purchases

By DONALD MOODY

The Florida Cabinet is expected to approve the purchase of more than 9,000 acres of pristine wetland and mangroves along the western edges of Charlotte Harbor in their session Tuesday.

The purchase includes six separate tracts of land between the mouth of the Myakka River and Gasperilla Sound. Most is owned by General Development Corporation (GDC) and two private owners.

State Department of Natural Resources officials said today the "official" acreage being purchased by the state is 7,160 acres, because of the recently re-drawn land purchase boundary lines.

Unresolved questions over a similar land purchase and swap agreement in Estero Bay in South Fort Myers still lingers. State officials reduced the boundary area to avoid similar questions over mean high water boundaries.

The boundaries were reduced from the original 9,900 acres to 7,100 acres of wetlands and mangroves.

The owners agreed to the reduced boundaries — and reduced price — rather than conduct costly mean high water surveys to determine the exact boundary of state owned sovereignty lands.

Two independent appraisals valued the land at \$4,413 million and \$5,154 million, but the Cabinet decision was delayed from the Nov. 1 session to allow time for the purchase to be reviewed by the state's chief appraiser Robert Viele, before the land is purchased.

Negotiations are continuing with about 20 property owners, including GDC. The corporation wants to sell an

estimated 6,183 acres of additional wetland through the Trust for Public Lands, an environmental group that has negotiated the purchase of other tracts in the state.

Some of the remaining parcels to be purchased include land owned by Punta Gorda Isles, immediately adjacent to recently acquired wetlands in north Cape Coral.

Under a consent agreement with the state Department of Environmental Regulation (DER), GAC decided more than 3,000 acres stretching from the Rose Gardens area in south Cape Coral along the western edge of Matlacha Pass to slightly south of the Lee and Charlotte County line.

The state hopes to eventually acquire more than 22,000 acres of wetland along both sides of Charlotte Harbor, one of the last remaining major estuaries in the United States that remains virtually unpolluted according to environmental officials.

State Rep. Frank Mann said the Charlotte Harbor purchase is being handled in the same manner as the Cayo Costa and Upper Captiva purchases, where the land was acquired in a piecemeal fashion.

"We simply take what land we can get and purchase it as soon as we can," said Mann. "Then we continue to negotiate with property owners of additional tracts until the entire area is purchased and protected."

"The state feels that this is a better approach to take rather than trying to line up all the property owners for one complete purchase," he added. "Otherwise we wouldn't have purchased anything yet."

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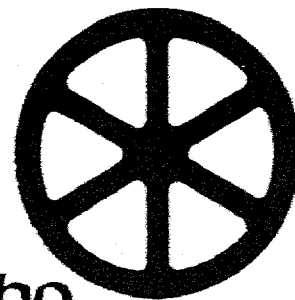
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city engineer finds shell surfaces impermeable

Sanibel planning commissioners learned last week that the city has erred all along in its calculations of impermeable surface area required by the developmental performance standards called for in Sanibel's comprehensive land use plan.

In an attempt to maintain natural patterns of storm drainage on the Island, the city's land use plan limits the amount of impermeable surface area which can be created at any building site on Sanibel. Impermeable surface refers to the portion of any development to be covered with asphalt driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, swimming pools and buildings, which can reasonably be expected to impair the land's ability to absorb rainfall and storm runoff.

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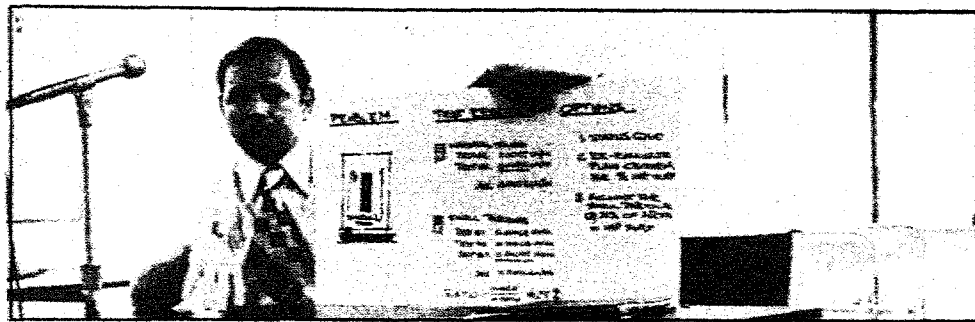
land zones.

Up until recently, the city has assumed that shell driveways and parking areas are 100 percent permeable and should not be added into the impermeable surface area of any building site.

Last week, city consulting engineer Jack Carmen appeared before the city planning commission with the results of a recent study undertaken to determine the actual degree of permeability of sand and shell surfaces.

"Shell is definitely not as permeable as we thought it was," Carmen told commissioners, adding that his tests revealed shell driveways to be about 75 percent impermeable because of the compaction of sand and shell over time.

He recommended that his findings be



City consulting engineer Jack Carmen told planning commissioners last week that shell driveways on the Island are 75 per cent "impermeable" because of the compaction of the material over time.

permitted by the environmental character of the land to be developed. Allowable land coverage with impermeable surfaces ranges from only one percent of the property to be developed in sensitive mangrove forest zones up to 30 percent of the property in the higher mid-island ridge and filled land zones.

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submitted to city planning consultants Wallace, Roberts, McHarg and Todd (WMRT) for them to evaluate what effect this new information might have upon this vital performance standard required by the city's land use plan.

Carmen suggested that the city might want to consider 75 percent of shell driveways and parking areas as impermeable surfaces hereafter, while recognizing that this could have a significant effect on the developers of condominiums and commercial buildings because of the large amount of parking area they are required to provide.

City planners accepted Carmen's report and decided to submit his findings to WMRT for evaluation.

city council opposes pine island dredging

At their meeting last Tuesday in MacKenzie Hall, the Sanibel City Council decided to write a letter to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville office, opposing a proposal to dredge and fill some 1,125 acres of land along Matlacha Pass between Pine Island and Little Pine Island.

The Corps of Engineers is currently considering such a proposal submitted by developer Robert A. Peterson of Pineland, Florida, who states the purpose of the work is "land reclamation."

According to Mayor Porter Goss, much of the land proposed for dredging is tidal mangrove swamps, and the council decided to write a letter opposing the development in keeping with the city's adopted posture of trying to promote the preservation of Florida's productive tidal mangrove areas.

city receives state planning grant

Sanibel Mayor Porter Goss announced last week that the city has received notice from the Florida Department of Community Affairs indicating that Sanibel is to be the recipient of a state grant in the amount of \$4,849 to assist with the implementation of Sanibel's comprehensive land use plan.

Made available through the funding assistance provisions of the state's Local Government Comprehensive Planning Act, the grant must be matched with \$2,425 in city funds, state officials revealed. To date, the City of Sanibel has spent well over \$100,000 to implement Sanibel's ground-breaking land use plan.

According to Mayor Goss, it will probably cost the city almost the full amount of the grant just to fill out the paperwork necessary to obtain the funds.

city vacates coquina drive

Last Tuesday, the Sanibel City Council approved an ordinance vacating a 50-foot dedicated city right-of-way known as Coquina Drive, one of two dedicated roads so named on Sanibel.

The Coquina Drive vacated by the council last week is a road platted so as

to connect Buttonwood Lane and Seagrape Lane at Sanibel's east end, although the road does not actually exist except on tax rolls.

Because of the council's action last week, ownership of the right-of-way will revert to adjacent property owners, who have agreed to accept the additional land.

The city still retains ownership to the Coquina Drive in the Rocks area north of West Gulf Drive.

city secures cemetery

Sanibel City Attorney Neal Bowen reported last week that Howard Dayton has executed a quit-claim deed for the property known as the old Sanibel cemetery on behalf of the City of Sanibel.

The city's acquisition of the old cemetery south of Casa Ybel Road marks the culmination of over a year's effort undertaken by the city's Historic Preservation Committee led by Island historian Elinor Dormer.

new sub-committee to negotiate land purchase

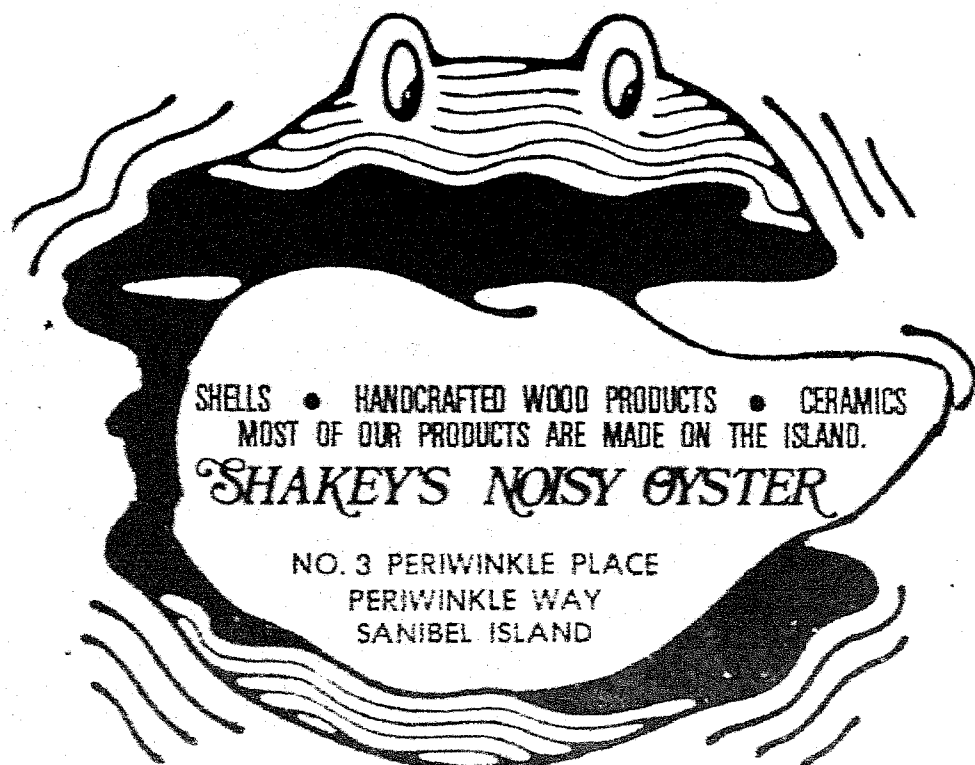
In a meeting last Wednesday, the city council's ad hoc Committee on Site Selection authorized its chairman, Councilman Duane White, to appoint a three-member sub-committee for the purpose of undertaking negotiations toward the proposed city acquisition of up to 29 acres of property along both sides of Causeway Road near the entrance to the Sanibel Causeway.

The city has proposed to acquire the property, owned by a group of investors led by William C. Hoffman as trustee, either by purchase or by condemnation. Hoffman et al have filed suit against the city over the land use plan's treatment of the property along Causeway Road.

According to Councilman White, the city's attorneys have already requested a meeting with Hoffman's representatives in which to attempt to negotiate a city purchase of the property, although no date had been set for such a meeting last week.

Appointees to the sub-committee charged with undertaking the purchase negotiations are Vice-Mayor Zee Butler, Fred Baltin and Don Manchester, a recent appointment to the ad hoc Committee on Site Selection.

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builders and officials exchange views

More than thirty builders and contractors who work on Sanibel Island appeared in MacKenzie Hall at the invitation of city building officials last Thursday afternoon for a friendly exchange of views on their respective problems concerning the development of the Island city.

John Goode, director of the city's building department, explained that he had called the meeting to promote better understanding among builders and contractors of the city's somewhat unusual ground rules for carrying on construction on Sanibel.

Goode opened the meeting by saying, "One of the problems we've noticed recently is poorly poured concrete at a number of sites."

Goode also complained that about sixty per cent of all building contractors and sub-contractors working on Sanibel have failed to meet the city's requirement that they register in city hall and obtain certificates of competency before they begin work on the Island. Goode asked the contractors in attendance at the meeting to assist him by directing their sub-contractors to drop in and register with city building officials.

He went on to explain that city building permits expire within sixty days of issuance if the contractor has not requested an inspection of his foundation work within that length of time.

On this score, Island builder Bill Frey pointed out that the length of time it takes the city to process building permit applications can sometimes result in delays for the contractor once the permit is issued.

"We've had problems in the past with processing permits in the building department," Goode admitted, "but I think we've come a long way toward working them out."

Goode added that builders can facilitate the city's processing of applications for building permits by submitting only fully-completed applications and building plans.

At last week's meeting, Goode introduced the city's new building inspector, Howard Barham, who is skilled in the area of commercial and multi-family buildings, an area in which the city formerly lacked expertise, Goode said.

Barham cautioned Island builders that the city's building code requires



City building inspectors and code enforcement officials are (from left to right) Curt Reinhardt, Frank O'Neil, Howard Barham and John Goode.

them to build according to the plans and specifications they have submitted for the approval of city engineers. If plans are later changed during construction, the changes must be submitted to and approved by the city before work can proceed under Sanibel's building code.

"It seems to me you're putting quite a burden on yourselves to study all of the specifications for every building under construction on Sanibel," observed one contractor.

"The people of Sanibel deserve quality construction," Barham responded. "I don't think that's too much to ask."

Builders at the meeting cited the city's new noise pollution ordinance, vegetation ordinance and vehicular weight restrictions as their foremost stumbling blocks when working on Sanibel.

Goode informed the group that city police acquired new weighing scales last week and will soon begin strictly enforcing Sanibel's adopted weight restrictions on trucks overloaded with construction materials.

He closed the meeting by strongly urging builders to request site inspection by a member of the city's Vegetation Committee before beginning any work on the Island.

"Vegetation is a big, big item on Sanibel," Goode cautioned the builders. "I've taken more heat on that score in the last sixty days than anyone in the city."

"If you're going to start any construction on the Island, come in and get a vegetation permit first," Goode said. "We've had a lot of problems with this requirement, and I'm getting beat on for it every day."

council wrestles with committee set-up

At their regular meeting last Tuesday in MacKenzie Hall, the Sanibel City Council addressed ways to streamline the still-growing and often overlapping network of city advisory committees which have been created over the past three years since the birth of the Island city.

According to Mayor Porter Goss, the city government currently includes an even dozen standing advisory committees as well as five ad hoc committees charged with special limited functions, while a current proposal would create yet another standing committee for the purpose of recommending Islanders who should be memorialized for their outstanding contributions to Sanibel.

"I know that the city manager has a very hard time keeping up with these 17 advisory committees we have created," Goss remarked last week. "It's virtually unmanageable already."

In an attempt to remedy at least a part of the problem, the city planning commission has recently recommended that the council create a new advisory committee from the members of five city committees currently involved in environmental matters on Sanibel. The five committees, including the Vegetation Committee, the Sanibel River and Wetlands Management Committee, the Water Resources Conservation Committee, The Marine Advisory Committee and the ad hoc Committee on Live Shelling, share many of the same members--prominent Island environmentalists and naturalists--as well as occasionally overlapping roles and responsibilities.

Thus, the planning commission had proposed to consolidate all five committees in one central "Conservation Committee" or "Natural Resources Conservation Committee," as the proposed body has been alternately

called.

"We thought it would simplify matters to bring all environmental concerns under the purviews of one committee," planning commission Chairman Ann Winterbotham told city councilmen last week.

At the council level, however, there was considerable difference of opinion as to how the city should reorganize its committee structure without creating yet another "beaurocratic monster," to quote some councilmen.

Councilman Duane White seemed to favor creating one central natural resources advisory committee by dismissing all of the others.

"I don't see any need for this multiplicity of committees," White said. "What I envision is an environmental watch-dog committee to watch over areas where the administration or the city council is not doing its job."

Island naturalist George Campbell, chairman of the city's problematic Vegetation Committee, espoused another viewpoint.

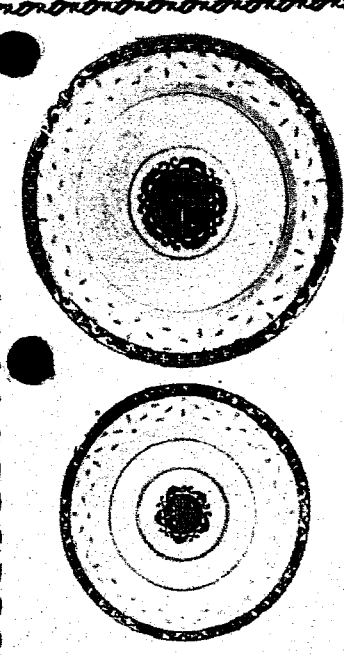
"My idea was not to abridge the existing committees, but to augment them with another group empowered to investigate other aspects of the Island's natural systems," said Campbell, pointing out that the city council presently has no advisory body responsible for overseeing areas such as ornithology and wildlife which are no less vital to the natural character of the Island.

Ultimately, Mayor Goss, Ann Winterbotham and City Attorney Neal Bowen agreed to attempt to draft an ordinance to sort out the city's committee situation for the council to consider at the time of their annual year-end review of the work of all city advisory committees.

city pension plan approved

The Sanibel City Council voted unanimously last week to approve a resolution authorizing City Manager Bill Nungester to execute a contract with Banker's Life of Des Moines, Iowa to provide a pension plan for city employees.

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Shell committee considering research project

The Sanibel City Council's ad hoc Committee on Live Shelling met last Wednesday afternoon to give further consideration to a proposed study of seashell populations in Island waters to determine the effect of live shelling on Sanibel's vital molluscan community.

At the committee's last meeting on October 27, committee members voted unanimously to recommend that the city council approve funding for a scientific study of Sanibel's seashell resource proposed by University of South Florida graduate student Laura Brinkley. Brinkley estimated that her research would cost the city roughly \$20,000 per year over a three-year period.

Following their meeting October 27, committee members began to doubt whether the research proposed by Brinkley would really be able to provide city fathers with the information they need to decide whether or not to adopt legislation to prohibit the taking of live shells on Island beaches.

"A three-year study isn't going to do any good because some varieties of shells seem to appear and disappear in cycles much longer than that," observed Island shelling guide Bob Sabatino, a member of the committee.

"This study is purely an academic adventure," added committeeman Arthur Orloff. "It's not really going to tell us anything, but as a study it will probably generate a lot of academic interest."

"I think the more we can learn in a scientific fashion the better," said George Campbell. "A three-year study might never give the council the answers they want, but I think it would be of inestimable value to malacologists in future years."

Fellow committeeman Dick Workman agreed with Campbell and recommended that the committee continue to pursue Brinkley's proposed research. He pointed out, however, that "the council needs to know from the very outset that this study will provide scientific data which may or may not answer their question."

The committee decided to wait until Brinkley submits her final research protocol before making a formal recommendation to the city council.

city hall to be closed for repairs

Sanibel City Hall will be closed this Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25, while city officials and employees repair to their family dining rooms for the observance of Thanksgiving.

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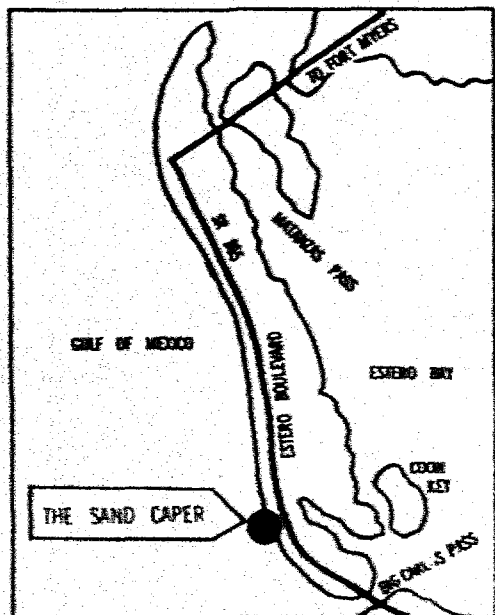
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city picnic Saturday

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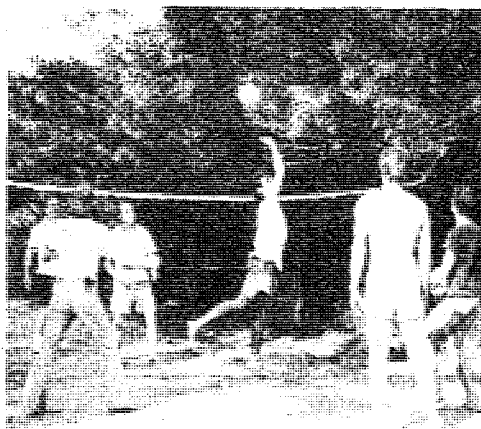


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introducing . . .

We would like you to meet the newest addition to the ISLANDER Kay Pratt. Kay will be handling information about groups and organizations for the ISLANDER S Community Calender. She will talk to each group once a week to get an update on future activities, large and small. Kay had many years with the New York World Telegram, doing stories about sports in Vermont. She later returned to northern Vermont, where her ancestral Jennison roots are deep, and went to work for the O'Shea Publication's weeklies, the St. Alban's Daily Messenger and the Burlington Free Press.

She has lived on Sanibel for two years. We welcome her to our fold.



A good spike for the fire department.

a fossil trip

Emma Guthrie, Audrey Richie, Ginger and Bill Von Eiff had a most interesting day this week when they visited the Warren Pitts in Sarasota on a fossil trip.

Many fossils were found, including some rare ones, and they had a fabulous time.

playhouse rehearsals underway

To open their season, the Hunters have chosen among the many plays they brought back from Britain, 'Ma's Bit O' Brass' by Ronald Gow. This brings to Pirate Playhouse audiences a delightful piece from the other side of the world. For it tells about Ma Lovejoy who wins the Football Pool in Lankashire. When Paramount-British made this play into a movie they called it 'Lankashire Luck' which starred the well known actress Wendy Hiller. This part in the Pirate Playhouse production will be played by a lass from London, Tania Clements.

Ma's Bit O' Brass will open the 14th season at the Island's unique are theater and rehearsing under the direction of Philip Hunter, the cast will include Alan Pote, Marylynn Barry, Jonathon Tuttle, Kris Cardinelli, Bill Hennessy and Ruth Hunter (veteran actress of 12 plays on Broadway) who plays the title role of Ma.

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high-lights

by roger frey

Thursday, November 10, was a routine day in the countdown before Thanksgiving vacation. Students who had signed up previously were bused to the Votec (Vocational and Technical School). There they toured the facilities and visited classes in an attempt to interest more students in these programs.

Friday there was no pep rally since the football game against Immokalee — at their school — was expected to be an easy win. Our superstar, Stanley Gavin, was moved from his usual fullback position to tight-end. Again, he did an outstanding job catching many passes during the game. Kip Buntrock, who played during the fourth quarter as outside linebacker, assisted in three tackles and made one solo tackle. As a result of his performance the coaches and many students have begun calling him "killer." All players got into the game because our defense dominated their offense and our offense moved the ball almost at will. The final score was 29-0, making our record for the season 6 and 3.

Monday opened the last full week of

school before Thanksgiving vacation. Spirits were high after our victory in Immokalee and everyone was preparing for the big game Friday against Fort Myers High School. The afternoon shift was interrupted twice by deans and principals who were annoyed at the number of tardy students. They announced that any student late for class would be given five days external suspension for insubordination. In addition, anyone caught in the halls without a pass during classtime, would receive similar punishment. The program worked extremely well. When the bell rings signalling the start of classes, the halls are clear with the exception of deans, principals, and teachers who are there enforcing the new policy.

The same day, all R.O.T.C. students and seniors had the option of taking the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery.) This test has eleven parts and is designed to evaluate a student's abilities in practical, technical, and mechanical applications.

Tuesday was D-day for many

students. During homeroom, report cards for the first quarter were distributed. The computer printed cards include (1) a grade, ranging from excellent to no credit; (2) absences; and (3) instructor comments, ranging from "has a positive attitude towards learning" to "parental conference requested."

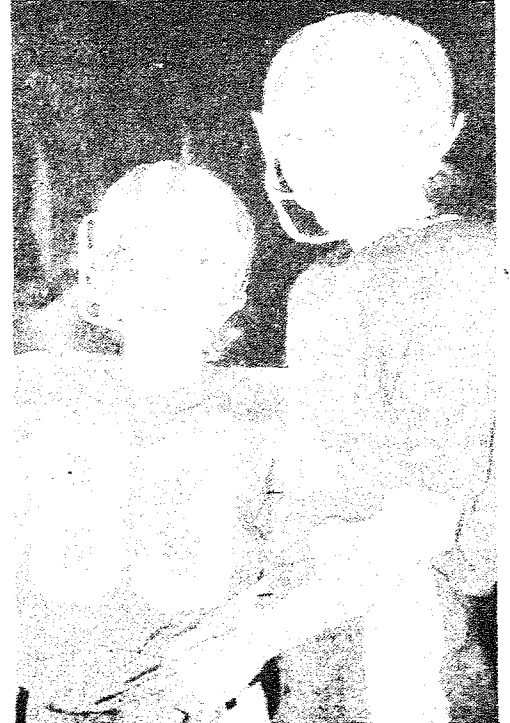
Wednesday was quite eventful. To raise spirits for Friday's game against Fort Myers, it was declared "tourist day." Students wore sunglasses, shorts, beach caps, and carried cameras and binoculars dangling from their necks. Because individual pictures were being taken, all R.O.T.C. members were in full uniform.

About 9:45 a.m., Mr. Daniels, announced in a disgusted tone that everyone would have to leave the building as if it were a fire drill. Students and faculty poured out of the building and onto the surrounding grounds. Everyone suspected that there had been a bomb threat.

Half an hour later, the crowd was allowed back in the school. The suspicion was confirmed when, via intercom, Mr. Daniels asked students to refrain from any further "false alarms." He informed students that a tracer had been connected and the next caller would be caught and permanently expelled from the Lee County School system as someone was last year.

During fifth period, class and club presidents or representatives were assembled in an attempt to form an Interclub Council. The Student Council felt such a group could do some large scale projects, coordinate activities, and help unify the school. "Project Lysol" was discussed. If this proposal is accepted, students would get together on a non-school day and clean the school (especially, the well-publicized bathrooms.) The meeting went well and participants departed to talk over the proposals with their clubs.

Wednesday evening was "Open House." The program got underway at 7:30 p.m. in the gym with an opening ceremony by the R.O.T.C. department. Then department heads were introduced by the principal. The chairman of the ten-member parent advisory council introduced other

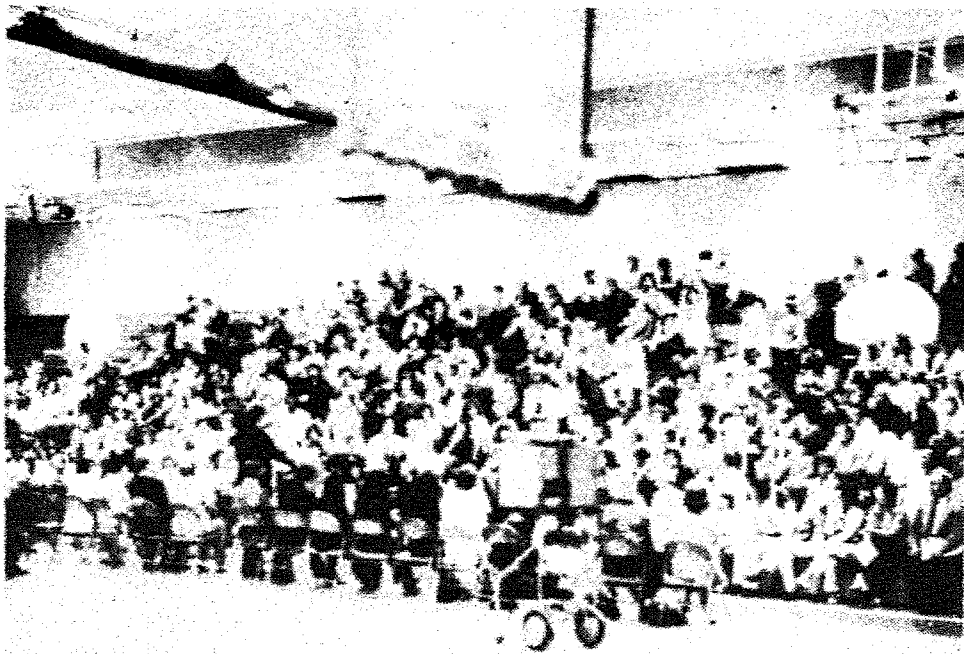


Kip Buntrock and Bert Barnes watch the game from the sidelines.

members. Mrs. Cynthia Varion is an Island parent who serves on this council which also includes representatives from the various geographic areas attending Cypress Lake High School. After the preliminaries, parents, students and teachers headed for the classrooms. Parents had an opportunity to discuss their children's strengths and weaknesses with the faculty members. Honor Society members helped give directions to bewildered parents and also served refreshments. The Open House, which ended by 9:30 p.m. had however only a fair turnout.


Although the win against Immokalee was important, it was not a conference game, so it did not make much difference. Our conference record holds at 4 and 1, tied with rival Fort Myers for first. The game against Fort Myers is our last scheduled game and a "big one." It will decide who wins the conference title and who will go to the "bowl games."

The varsity basketball team continues practice in preparation for their first game on Dec. 6. They have drawn Moore Haven for their first game in the Christmas tournament and this is expected to be a tough start.



Cypress Lake High School parents meet department heads at the beginning of the school's open house.

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food for thought

by julie gray

thanksgiving - a matter of tradition

Did you ever try to carve an orange? Search as I might, for this year's Halloween I couldn't unearth a respectable pumpkin for under \$4. As even the most devoted mother will say, that is too dang much for an orange colored squash!

I tried to persuade my kids that a cardboard pumpkin was just as good. But Halloween night there I was carving away, (very unsuccessfully) at the largest naval orange I could find.

Followed close on the heels of this defeat, I handed a column to my editor who said, smiling, "It's beginning to look a lot like...." and I groaned.

For the 17 years of my marriage and even before, I dutifully clipped and saved every article on how to cook a turkey (goose, duck and cornish hen). Every holiday season the food editors of every magazine, tabloid and newspaper seem relieved that "for this issue we can devote ourselves to seasonal fare" and proceed to come up with all sorts of exotic ways to prepare the traditional bird or birds.

Well, when I was thinking over how to do up my version of Thanksgiving recipes I first recalled my concern with tradition....and my disaster trying to carve that blasted orange.

For the first three years I was married I always served creamed onions at our Thanksgiving feast. Afterwards, we always threw out the creamed onions. For three years we did this.

Then I realized why I served creamed onions. Very simply, it was because my mother had always served creamed onions, because her mother (who has been gone for over 20 years) loved creamed onions.

This reminded me of the "but we always do that" story that has been a classic in our family - maybe you have similar ones in yours.

Along with the creamed onions, I always cut off the tail part of the turkey. I mean always. Of course this meant the stuffing always leaked out, try as I might to secure it.

One day I asked my mom why she had always cut off the tail end of the turkey. She couldn't remember, but did ask her sister-in-law, who did.

My grandmother had always cut off the tail because her pan was too short to accommodate the entire bird, tail and all.

So much for traditions. They get started, we cling to them. In spite of my 17-years-plus collection of holiday recipes, I am sure I will always make the same traditional turkey that my mother and her mother before her made.

Each year we try to add something new, so we might make it a part of next year's tradition.

Several years ago a dear friend brought me a sweet potato pie and some sweet potato jacks, part of her Thanksgiving tradition. That was the same year we started with an appetizer of homemade ravioli another friend brought from her traditional feast of thanks.

We now wouldn't dream of a Thanksgiving in our home without some of Aunt Gloria's Sweet Potato pie, and those jacks. Even thinking about them now makes me hungry!

While I was feeling guilty for depriving my children of a pumpkin this Halloween - after all this was the first year ever without a pumpkin - my daughter Laurie reminded me we had moved to Florida in search of a new life and not everything would be the same. While we couldn't go apple picking very easily, we could swim in January and pick oranges, and pretty soon that will become our tradition.

I include for you here some recipes from the tradition of my family. Whatever you do, whether it be to dine at home on a T.V. dinner, dine out or prepare a 12 course feast (in which case invite me) I feel thankful for all of you.

This column is fun for me to do and I feel a part of each of your lives when you meet me and let me know something has brought you pleasure.

Remember this Thanksgiving there are lonely people all around us, so if you have an extra seat at your table, call your church or neighbor to have someone who might be alone to share with you.

MY TURKEY

1 turkey (I always buy brand X, cheapest brand on sale)
2 cups sherry
1 stick margarine
salt, pepper, paprika and garlic powder

Melt margarine with sherry and seasonings. Pour over stuffed turkey and cover with heavy duty foil and follow directions on turkey for length of cooking time. One hour before time, remove foil and baste frequently with juices to insure brown skin. Let rest 20 minutes before carving.

MY GRANDMA FLOSSIE'S ANN ARBOR STUFFING

My grandmother was Florence St. James Proud from Ann Arbor, Mich. and I am now revealing her family secret stuffing for turkey.

(ingredients to stuff a 20 pound turkey)
4 lbs. ground beef
1 lb. sausage meat
handful sage
handful thyme

1 tsp. savory
1 tsp. allspice
salt and pepper to taste
stale bread

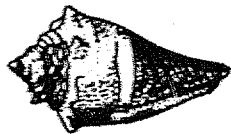
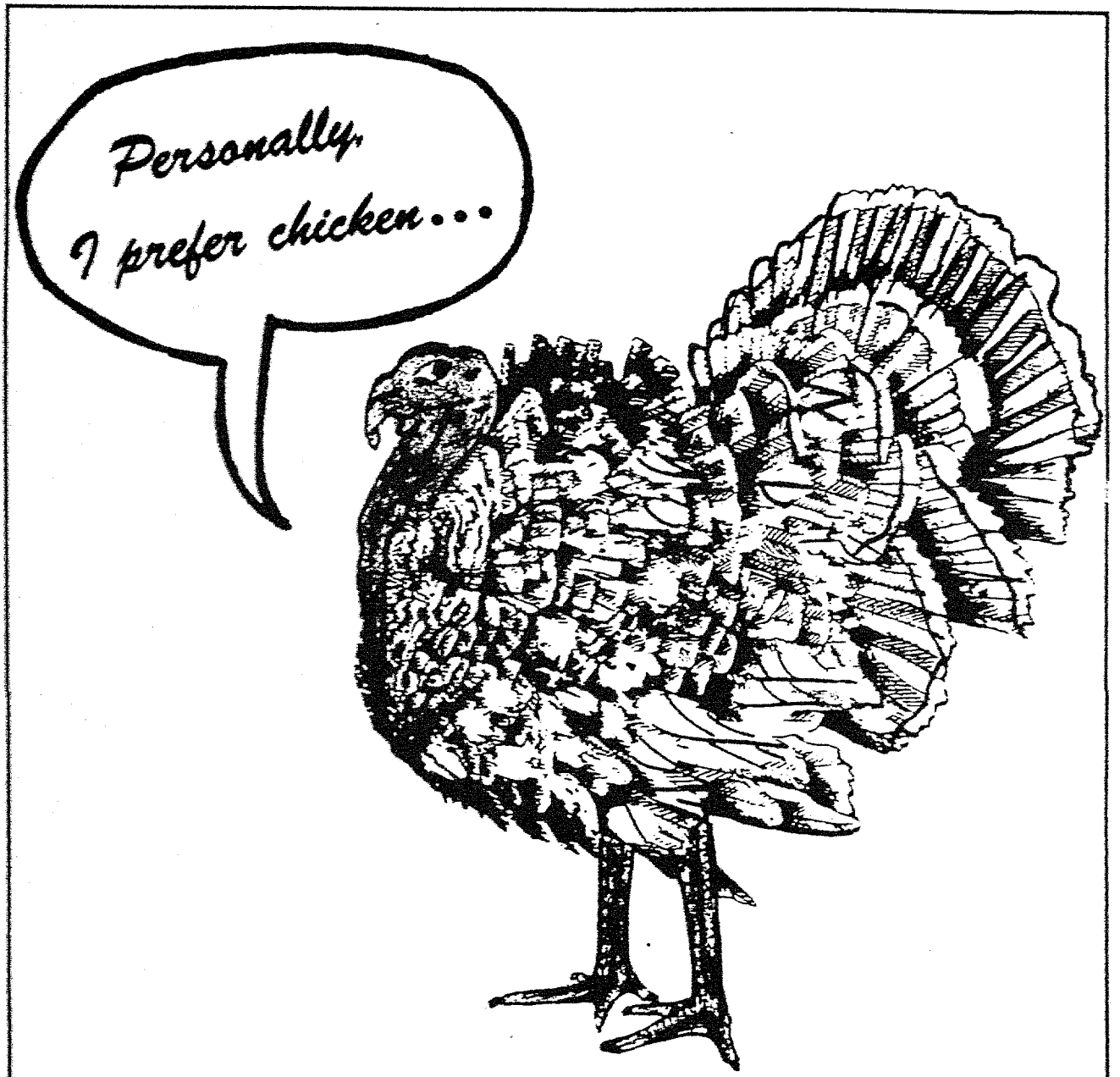
2 chopped onions and chopped giblets if desired

Place meat and seasonings in a pot with water to cover. Bring to simmer and cook for several hours until most of the water has evaporated. Skim off excess water and fat. Add enough bread to make a stiff stuffing. Refrigerate promptly and stuff bird the morning of the day. Stuffing may be baked separately.

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conservation foundation board opposes south seas dredging

by dick workman

At a meeting in October, the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation board of directors voted unanimously to take action in opposition to a South Seas Plantation proposal to dredge a channel in Pine Island Sound, which would, the board feels, endanger oyster bars and sea grass beds in those waters.

According to a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers public notice dated October 6, South Seas Plantation officials have applied for a permit to dredge 735 cubic yards of material from Pine

Island Sound to create a channel 400 feet long, 39 feet wide and 4 feet deep. The purpose of the channel is to improve access to an existing boat basin located near the site of the old air strip on Captiva Island.

The proposed channel would have a direct impact on oyster bars, grass beds and tidal mudflats that are productive nursery grounds for fish and wildlife.

A recent biological inventory of the grass beds proposed for dredging revealed thousands of immature shell fish and creatures of many varieties. The grasses provide food for these and

other animals, add oxygen to the water in the daytime and stabilize the bottom sediments.

Biologists have learned that most of the fish found in the bays and Gulf spend some stage of their life in the nutrient rich estuaries where mangroves, grass beds, oyster bars and other features contribute the food and shelter that make the estuary the ocean's nursery.

Sport fishing and other recreational enjoyment of the waters surrounding Sanibel and Captiva depend on the high quality of the estuarine system. To maintain the many benefits of these

natural features, they must be protected.

Comments on the South Seas permit application are now being solicited by the Corps of Engineers. Interested persons should write to: District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, Fla. 32201.

Or use the Corps' new toll-free hotline number: 1-800-342-5950.

When addressing your comments to the Corps regarding the South Seas application, refer to permit application number 77V-1162.

Canada candidly

Greeting from the balmy North. We are having just fabulous weather and the longer it stays, the shorter our winter.

It must seem like a long cold winter already to our Royal Canadian Mounted Police, who have been having a rough time of it in Parliament the past few weeks. The Opposition party in Ottawa seems bent on riding to a

Conservative victory by turning alleged illegalities by the Mounties against the Liberal government. It just might backfire as Canadians are up in arms over the Mounties standing there with egg on their faces.

We are mighty proud of our Red Coats and intelligent people know that they do more than tour the world with the

Musical Ride or stand around decorating Parliament Hill. They are, after all, our federal police force and as such, are responsible for the security of the country.

If the U.S. needs the FBI and the CIA, we would be very naïve to think our country free from trouble makers. The events in Quebec of 1970 with the FLQ terrorists proved we are as

vulnerable as the next guy.

I have studied the actions of the naughty Mounties but as a law-abiding citizen see nothing there to create such an uproar. They burned down a barn in Quebec to prevent a meeting between the FLQ terrorists and the Black Panthers; they "stole" a case of dynamite to prevent a bombing of some sort in

Montreal and they rifled the offices of the PQ party which seems to be completely dedicated to the destruction of this great land of ours. There are many Canadians who would pin a medal on them for all three acts.

The furor it created in Ottawa, however, is fantastic and many think that some politicians are trying to create a

Canadian Watergate where none exists. If you have nothing to hide, you don't have to worry about the RCMP and they can come to my house anytime they want. Just as long as they're wearing their red coats, Sam Browne belts, big stetsons and sing me a rousing chorus of "Rosemarie" they'll be welcome.

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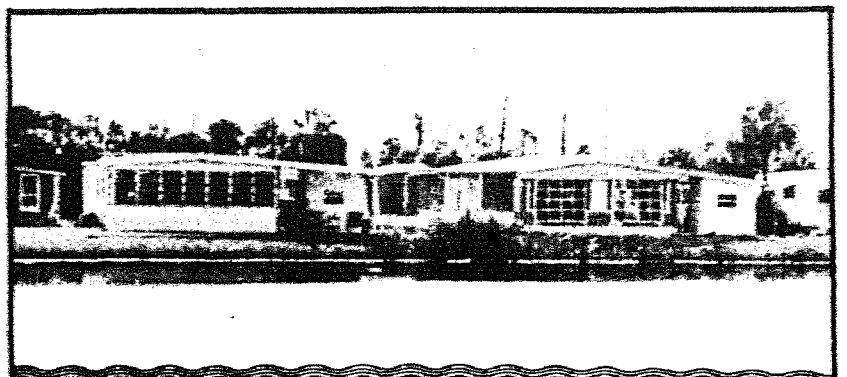


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planners recommend denial of Bowman's Beach zoning

In a long day of public hearings on November 14, the Sanibel Planning Commission voted to recommend that the city council approve a number of specific amendments to Sanibel's comprehensive land use plan, while voting to recommend the denial of only one request for a specific amendment to the plan.

Only Islander Carol Quillinan incurred a negative vote from city planners on November 14 with her request for commercial zoning on roughly four acres of property at the southern end of Bowman's Beach Road.

Ms. Quillinan owns property adjacent to the popular footpath and wooden footbridge across Clam Bayou, which currently provides the only public access to Bowman's Beach, although public claim to ownership of the easement is in question due to a lawsuit filed against both the City of Sanibel and Lee County by Nationwide Realty, Inc., developers of the adjoining Sanibel Bayous Subdivision.

Quillinan argued that inasmuch as her land adjoins the heavily frequented footpath to Bowman's Beach she should be granted commercial zoning for her property to serve the needs of beach-goers. She said that by providing a small convenience store for beach-goers on her property the city could effectively reduce the amount of traffic using Sanibel-Captiva Road, as the nearest shopping facilities to Bowman's Beach

are located at Blind Pass and at Tarpon Bay Road.

"Your plan has made a tourist attraction out of my beach," she told city planners, "and I think this would be a perfect place for a small commercial venture."

Ms. Quillinan added that she has no plan to develop a commercial facility on the property at this time, saying that her request for commercial zoning for her land was intended only to "increase its value in the marketplace."

She pointed out that she has already offered the land for city purchase, but city fathers were reluctant to consider her offer because she is still in litigation with Lee County over the ownership of the beachfront to the south of Clam Bayou.

In voting unanimously to recommend denial of her request for commercial zoning, city planners upheld a long-standing city policy of creating no additional commercial property on Sanibel until that which has been designated in the land use plan is used up.

The planning commission decided to take no action on Ms. Quillinan's alternate request for a density increase to one unit per acre for her land until all litigation clouding property rights in that area is resolved.

In other hearings, the commission voted to recommend approval of specific amendments to the land plan requested by:

—Robert and Patricia Degand to

permit the construction of a garage within the residential yard setback area at 6000 Lost Colony Road;

—J. Handy Moore to permit the development of two additional single-family dwellings on the remaining acreage at the Casa Turquesa Motel on West Gulf Drive;

—Four let-owners on Lighthouse Way to permit the construction to seawalls along their property boundary on San Carlos Bay; and

—Anne Frances Coles to permit the construction of a single-family home on two contiguous lots in the Sanibel Highlands Subdivision north of Casa Ybel Road.

In other action, the commissioners voted to approve the issuance of development permits to:

—Sanibel Properties, Inc. for the removal of an earthen dam separating two waterways in The Rocks subdivision north of West Gulf Drive; and

—Bernard LaRoux to permit the establishment of a take-out gourmet food service in the building for-

merly occupied by Tuesday's Child in the Nave Shopping Center at 2244 Periwinkle Way.

Despite objections from Commissioner Joe McMurtry, the planning commission also voted to recommend that the city council grant the request of Bank of the Islands Vice-President Jim Hermes for permission to renovate the bank's existing sign, which is visible from Periwinkle Way.

McMurtry objected to the fact that the Bank of the Islands sign is seven square feet larger than the maximum size permitted for advertising signs in the city's new Street Graphics Ordinance.

"If we don't make all signs on Sanibel conform to the requirements of the ordinance, we won't be able to make any of them conform," McMurtry argues.

The commission voted 5 to 1 to recommend that the city council grant Hermes' appeal, with McMurtry dissenting.

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sanibel disposal granted rate increase

On November 15, the Sanibel City Council voted unanimously to approve a rate increase requested by Sanibel Disposal, Inc. under the terms of their operating franchise with the city.

The ten per cent rate increase approved last week will affect only commercial customers of Sanibel Disposal, company president Joseph Hamstra told the city council.

Beginning December 1, service

charges to Sanibel Disposal's commercial customers will jump from \$2.25 to \$2.50 per cubic yard in each dumpster, and from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per each garbage can.

Hamstra said that the rate increase was necessitated by the fact that Sanibel Disposal has been operating at a loss due to rises in the cost of living, increased fuel costs, equipment costs, insurance, wages and debt retirement.

Additionally, Hamstra said that his trucks must now make a 70-mile round trip to reach the site of the sanitary landfill, which has recently been relocated further east in Lee County.

The last rate increase received by Sanibel Disposal was in 1971.

During his appearance before the city council last week, Hamstra indicated that Sanibel Disposal will

probably request a similar increase in rates for private residential customers early next year at the time of their next regular quarterly billing.

Both councilmen and City Manager Bill Nungester commended Hamstra on the excellent service provided Islanders by Sanibel Disposal, Inc., and the requested commercial rate increase was approved wholeheartedly by city fathers.

work begins for Sanibel library arts and crafts show

The seventh annual Sanibel Arts and Crafts Show, sponsored by the Sanibel Public Library is almost three months away (February 3rd and 4th, 1978) but committees have been busy. In this issue of the ISLANDER all Island artists and craftsmen will find an invitation to participate.

The committee proudly announces the following donations to the traditional Library Benefit Raffle: Russ Denyes a wood carving; Larry

Hoff a metal sculpture; Mrs. G.L. Rotcjoie a shell arrangement; and a framed needlepoint designed by Betty Puff and presently being worked on by Marion Willard. All donations will be displayed in the Library after December 15th where tickets will be available.

At the 1977 fair 65 Sanibel-Captiva artists and crafts-men participated. The arts and crafts committee is looking forward to even more in 1978.

public hearing on water tonight

The public is invited to a "pre-planning" meeting on a water use and supply development plan for Florida's Lower West Coast.

The South Florida Water Management District will be holding a meeting this month to acquaint residents and public officials of Lee County with the District's planning program, and to receive suggestions on how the District should proceed in planning for water supplies in the Lower West Coast.

The closest public meeting will be in Fort Myers, November 22, at the Fort

Myers City Council Chambers, 2200 Second Street, beginning at 7 p.m.

"We are attempting to involve the public at a very early stage of our planning process," said Jan Horvath, Public Participation Coordinator for the District's Water Use Plan. "We need to know where the people in the area stand on their future plans for growth and development, protection of the environment, and other major issues before we can develop a total, comprehensive plan for the future of their water supply," she said. She noted that these meetings are the first major step in that direction.

conservation foundation leases land for C.R.O.W.

by dick workman

One-hundred eighty-six acres of Sanibel's interior wetlands will be formally turned over to the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation by the State of Florida in a lease agreement now being prepared by the Department of Natural Resources.

The tract, which fronts on Sanibel-Captiva Road near the Baptist Church, has been managed informally by the Conservation Foundation since its purchase by the state through a Foundation-engineered grant. The lease agreement is being formalized to allow the establishment of a wildlife rescue facility to be operated by Care and Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) on ten acres of the tract.

The Conservation Foundation will sublet ten acres to CROW after the lease from the state has been signed, ending a homeless period for the wildlife rescue organization since they

were evicted from the West Rocks Subdivision on Sanibel last year.

CROW officials anticipate the construction of an environmentally compatible, energy-efficient building with holding pens and clinic for recuperating wildlife and a

caretaker's residence.


As human populations and incumbent environmental disruptions increase on the Islands, more and more wildlife encounter injuries from unnatural predators such as automobiles, motorboats and fishing line. CROW's

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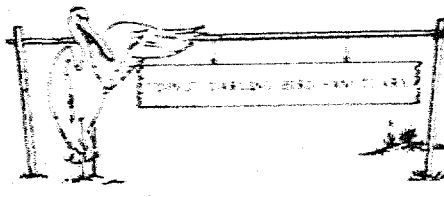
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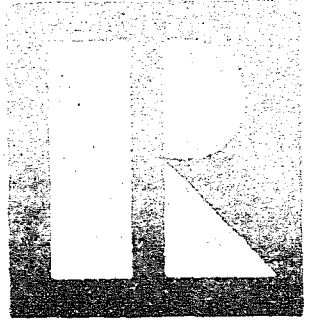
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causeway bonds challenged

by molly chikitus

Five Lee County residents appeared in Circuit Court to challenge the latest plan to utilize Sanibel Causeway revenues for improvements to county roads.

Testimony began at 9 a.m. today before Judge Thomas Shands in a hearing to validate \$18 million in bonds for improvements to McGregor Boulevard, State Road 869 and Gladiolus Dr.

The intervenors protesting the refinancing include Ellis Nordbeck, Eloise Caldwell, Mary Ann Wallace, Hannah Davis and James T. Nix.

Mrs. Davis and Nix were two of the three Lee Countians who forced a previous Sanibel bond issue to the Florida Supreme Court, where it was overturned earlier this year. Judge Shands validated the bonds in that case on April 1, 1976.

Former County Attorney James Humphrey, handling the county's case, called consultant Arthur Goldberg of Voorhees, Touns, Wemple and Johnson Engineering Inc. of New York City to testify concerning a traffic study conducted last summer.

According to the traffic study, 44 percent of those using the Sanibel Causeway use McGregor Boulevard. The study estimates that 66 percent would use State Route 869. Those figures, according to Goldberg, are based on current traffic totals.

"These improvements will make it easier and safer for people to leave Sanibel and will reduce their travel time," Goldberg testified.

"In my opinion, they are approach roads."

During cross-examination, Assistant State Attorney Peter Ringsmuth claimed the percentages were not admissible on grounds of hearsay, since Goldberg was not present for all 5,000 interviews conducted in the study.

County Transportation Director Ben Pratt followed Goldberg to the stand and echoed many of the consultant's views.

Pratt testified "They (the repairs) are necessary because of the traffic we are experiencing on McGregor Boulevard as well as the other project."

He called the four-laning of McGregor from the causeway toll booth to College Parkway the number one priority.

In answering a question about the designation of the three roads as "approach roads," Pratt said, "Based on the consultant's report, I'd say they are significant to the operation of the causeway."

During a break in the proceedings, attorney for intervenors Nix and Davis, James Seals, said, "They (his clients) don't feel the mandate of the supreme court has been fulfilled with the new bond issue."

"A lot of people are going to benefit from these roads that won't be paying for them."

The Supreme Court ruled the original bond issue was invalid, but said if roads could be proven to carry a "significant portion" of the traffic from the improved roads to the causeway, the bonds could be validated.

air ambulance has first island call

Air Four, Lee County Protective Services jet ambulance was called to Sanibel last Friday when a worker at the Atrium was struck by cinder blocks falling from a story above where he was working.

A ground unit with EMT Carolyn Clark and paramedic Kenny Hutto arrived on the scene in a ground unit and determined that the air ambulance should be called in for transport to Lee Memorial Hospital. The accident marked the first time that the chopper has been called to the Islands since beginning its regular seasonal operations a few weeks ago.

The fate of the air ambulance was in limbo for several months while the Commissioners debated about allocating the necessary \$75,000 for the use of the

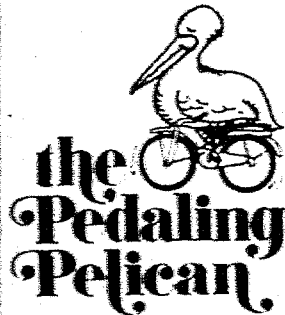
chopper for the six month tourist season.

The Division of Protective Services appealed to the Commissioners and the air ambulance was reinstated, with the funds appropriated from a general revenue contingency fund.

The cost for the jet ranger service has increased about 25 percent due to the purchase of a new chopper at the beginning of the year with more sophisticated electronic equipment aboard. "But," says Chief Dean, "we think the added expense is well worth it."

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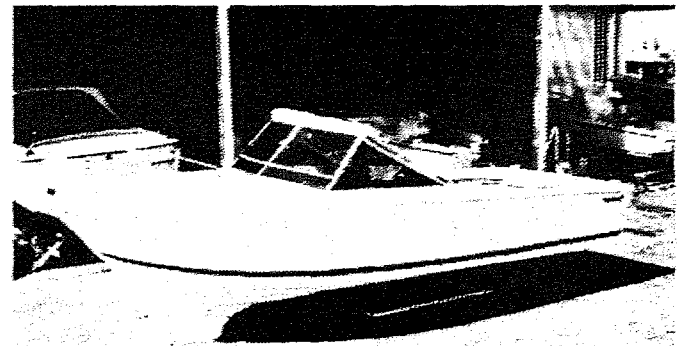
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on the water

by mike fuery

Pity the poor porpoise. He gets blamed for being a shark and causing beaches to be vacated; he catches verbal attacks by anglers for scaring away fish; and the insult of insults: people are forever calling him a dolphin.

At sunrise this morning I watched a pair of porpoise, dolphin or whatever you call them, working side-by-side with two commercial fishermen. It made me wonder who was using who to find mullet.

The porpoise often follows the commercial netters, circling the outer edges of the nets waiting for a school of mullet to escape the trap, but coming flying right into the herd of animals. It's a rare fisherman who can't tell you interesting, frightening and funny stories about their experiences with the porpoise they encounter during their days of work on the water.

Recently I had two different groups on the boat. One was from Switzerland and the other from South America and coincidentally, both related stories of scurrying out of the Gulf waters upon seeing "shark fins". They asked me one of those most common questions: Are there a lot of sharks in these waters?

Sharks certainly do surface to feed, but it's not often. What the tourists see nine out of ten times is a dorsal fin of the porpoise as it surfaces for air.

One way I find which quickly distinguishes a shark from a porpoise is the duration that single fin is seen on the surface. A curious shark might glide a few inches below the surface with it's fin above water for perhaps 50 feet. And you usually will see a second fin—the tail upright fin at the same time.

With the porpoise, you see a rolling motion, where the animal comes to the

surface just long enough to exhale, gulp more air and then dive down again. Yes, you occasionally do see a porpoise stay on the top of the water chasing a school of mullet, but that's usually when the water is a foot or two deep and not deep enough for it to dive and come up under the school.

If you are new to the area or are showing some visitors the waters and see a fin breaking the water, have a closer look before you yell "shark!"

While the commercial netters work along side the porpoise (begrudgingly), the sports fisherman usually can call it a day when a school of porpoise move into his favorite fishing nook. I've seen good fishing suddenly stop. Often it's because a pair of the porpoise have found the fish too and the target fish are in no mood to bite a hook when they are fleeing for their lives.

And then there is that problem of what to call the critters. Over on the East Coast of Florida, sportsmen prize a fish they call the dolphin. It's one of the most colorful, fun to catch, fish in the water as far as I'm concerned and it has my vote for top eating. It looks nothing like a porpoise, but over there

if you say you saw a dolphin, no one knows if you are talking about the gamefish or the protected mammal we call the bottlenosed porpoise.

I remember once while growing up in Miami, I overheard two tourists talking. "The mans says they actually EAT dolphin here!" What the guy meant was...ah, there is no use in getting into it because the confusion is bad enough over the name of the things anyway.

There are many stories of porpoise protecting bathers in the presence of sharks, etc., but I've never actually seen anything like this. From my experience, I find that the porpoise is wary, cautious creatures which go out of their way to keep away from man. Perhaps it's the boats which keep them away, but seeing a school always is a fascinating sight.

Our conservation leaders did a fine job in getting the porpoise on the protected list. But I sure wish someone out there would come up with a name we can call them which isn't so confusing.

cooking your catch

by mike bode

My Dad recently caught two flounder while fishing in the back bay. I know of a good recipe originally meant for sole, but quite easily adapted to our own delicious flounder. Here we go for two persons.

- 1 lb. flounder fillets
- 1/4 cup tarragon vinegar
- 1/4 cup lemon
- 1/4 cup dry white wine
- 1/4 cup corn meal
- 1/4 cup flour
- salt, pepper
- butter

Marinate flounder fillets in the vinegar, lemon and white wine for about ten or 15 minutes. Mix the remaining ingredients except the butter and after fillets have been marinated and drained, coat them in the mixture. Saute the fillets in the butter until they are golden brown and flake easily when tested with a fork.

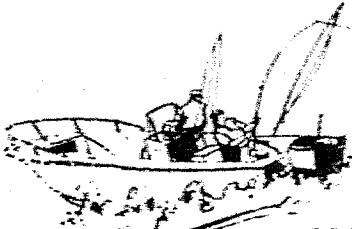
This very simple recipe makes flounder or sole taste absolutely delicious and is a hit every time. I usually serve this meal along with baby white potatoes which have been steamed for about ten minutes and then lightly sauteed in butter, Garnish meal with tomato slices and parsley, not forgetting the lemon wedges on the

side.

Ah, yes, a wine is of utmost importance as well. Since your marinade consisted of a white wine, dry, you may as well enjoy one with the meal as well. May I recommend the Bolla Soave, a fine Italian dry white wine. This famous import of Italy is quite popular here in the United States and is an excellent companion to fish or other seafoods. It should be served well chilled. For those who have not yet adapted themselves to a drier wine,

may I recommend the finest Liebfraumilch available in the United States. It is called Hanns Christof Liebfraumilch and is imported from Germany by Deinhard. All that I can say about the wine is, "Blue Nun, eat your heart out." This is truly an exceptional wine which I'm sure you will enjoy. It, too, should be served chilled.

Well, that wraps it up for this week. Until next week, good fishing, good eating and a votre sante.



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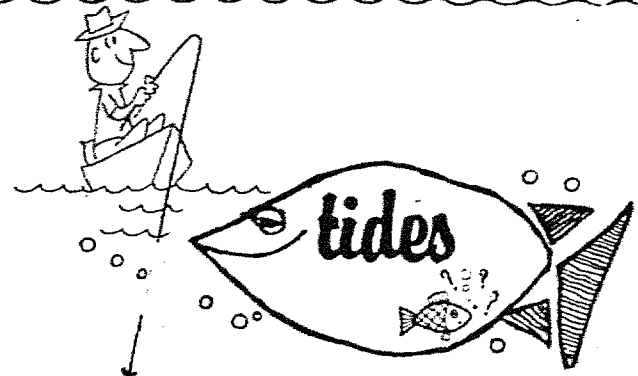
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Fri	25	6:57 AM L	1:31 PM H	5:27 PM L	**11:02 PM H
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Tides courtesy of THE REAL EEL - Herb (Skip) Purdy

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

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field notes

by fleur weymouth

There are three species of Australian Pines in Florida, and the one that primarily grows on Sanibel is the casuarina equisetifolia (horsetail beefwood.) It is not a pine at all, though at first glance it looks like one. These trees were originally brought to Sanibel by Francis Bailey's mother in the early 1900's and planted by Lawrence Rutland. They are very salt-tolerant. They are a beautiful shade tree, and remind me of the gray trees Cezanne painted in southern France.

They make a sound like pines do when the wind goes through them and have interesting cones which people like to use for decorations. But unfortunately, it is becoming more and more apparent that they are a dangerous tree, especially for this island, for two reasons: they are so shallow-rooted that they fall over during major storms; and they have no natural enemy here, as they do in Australia, with the result that they are taking over and suffocating our native vegetation.

Drive through the Dunes, especially the far end of the place near Dixie Beach Road someday, to see the way the casuarina are taking over. The smallest trees are less than a year old, and they're already taller than a man. Casuarina grow about ten feet a year for the first few years. TEN FEET A YEAR! Blind Pass has been closed in less than a year. Guess what's growing right in the sand? Guess how

tall they already are?

The only natural enemy of the casuarina are the parakeets and finches which eat the tiny seeds from the cones. According to Dick Workman, you have to hunt for Australian Pines in their native land, Australia. Over there, the trees are controlled by the birds. Here, we have no birds to eat the seeds. Shall we import several million parakeets for a while and throw a big



net over Sanibel until they have their fill?

The wood of this tree is very dense and extremely hard. It makes a firewood superior to any other. Try it,

you folks from up north, who swear by oak and maple and apple. It has no pitch so it doesn't smoke, and pops very little because of its lack of moisture due to its density. You can cut casuarina green and burn it without having to wait for it to dry. It burns hot, it burns long, and it burns completely. Sears has some woodstoves to burn them in. (Three businesses in Fort Myers and one business here sell woodburning stoves. They have all been experiencing very brisk sales this winter.)

The "Pines" are even taking over our shores and crowding out the native beach vegetation that holds our sand down. Charles LeBuff said that every year at the Refuge headquarters at the lighthouse, they uproot all the young trees that start growing there. LeBuff would like to see all the Australian Pines chopped down along Periwinkle Way. He saw what happened to our only main road during Hurricane Donna in 1960. It took ten days to clear a one-way path along the road, and now that the trees are double-size, it will probably take twice that long to get through after the next hurricane. Jim Pickens, Senior, has some hair-raising pictures of Periwinkle Way after the storm in '60.

Various Florida plant publications, including the Florida department of Agriculture's free booklet "Flowers, Shrubs and Trees for Florida Homes" (1972) say that casuarina equisetifolia is excellent as a barrier to salt spray since it is highly salt tolerant. But all you have to do is to drive along Captiva's beach road and view the dead casuarinas there. Their roots don't go down, like that of an oak; they go out, sideways. A beautiful way to view them is to visit the bar at the Sanibel Inn where they've turned the trees upside



down and installed pretty small lights in the roots near the ceiling.

If you look closely at the "needles" on the casuarina, you will see that they're not needles at all, but thin branchlets that fit into one another in an interesting way. The Latin family name comes from the resemblance of the needles to the feathers of the cassowary, an Australian bird.

There is a road near Fairchild Tropical Gardens in Miami that is one of the most beautiful roads I have ever seen in my life. It's a quiet back road, entirely arched over by fig trees. These trees would not topple during hurricanes the way the casuarina do because of their different root system, and I recommend planting figs here instead of casuarina. I've always wondered why people in Florida planted Royal Palms by the sides of the roads, when what is needed here during so much of the year is a tree that shades the roadway, such as a ficus.

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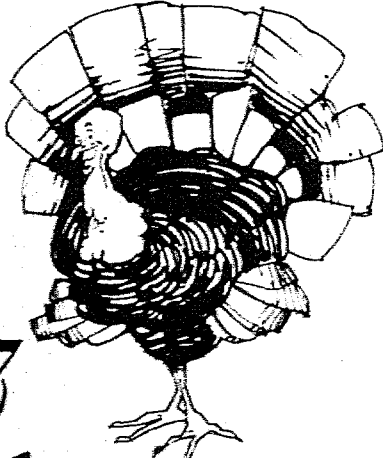
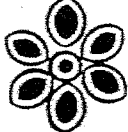
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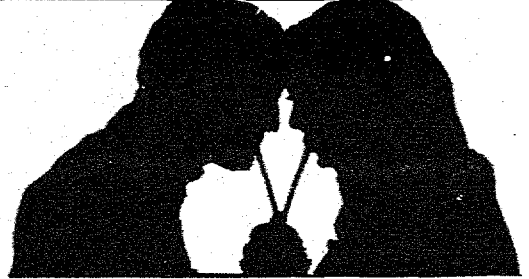
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Sacrifice - 3 bedroom beach home on fabulous Captiva Islands. Price a secret? No! Just phone owner: 813-542-2822.

Beautifully furnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath with den villa at Pointe Santo de Sanibel overlooking freshwater lake, pool and gulf. You must see to appreciate. E.A. Browne Realty, 1554 Periwinkle, Sanibel, FL. 813-472-5454.

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FOR SALE '69 Chevy Bel-air, white. In good shape. \$200. 472-9979. TFN

1970 Van, Econo-line, good condition. \$1,500 firm. Call days 472-5374; evenings 472-4991.

Car for sale - 1972 Gremlin, 6-cylinder, tires in good condition. Call 332-1529.

Must sell immediately. Gold sofa, brown chair with cane sides, green shag carpeting - 475 sq. ft. All items in good condition. Phone 472-5464.

WANTED:
Old oak table, round or oblong, chairs also if available. Fort Myers or Sanibel. We will pay cash and pick up. 472-4237.

help wanted

Help Wanted - Full time gas station attendant wanted apply in person at Three Star at Tarpon Bay, Palm Ridge Rd.

ADVERTISING SALESPERSON with background experience in selling design and-or layout helpful. Call The Islander, at 472-1881

Cleaners needed for homes on Sanibel. We will train you for quality home cleaning. Must have own car. Call Executive Services, Inc. between 4 & 5 p.m. at 472-4195.

Cosmetologists needed. Full or part time. Please call **The Nu-Image** - 472-2371 or 472-1663.

Nu-Image Beauty Salon, Gene Reed, Sanibel Center Building, Sanibel Island, Fla.

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wise guide — a guide to Island shops and services

The three Crafty Ladies are now back in business after some hectic weeks remodelling their Periwinkle Way shop. A buying trip to Mexico has produced some unusual pottery and jewelry that Island shoppers are bound to find irresistible. Classes in various crafts will soon be starting so give them a call at 472-2893 for more information. And make the Three Crafty Ladies one of your first stops on the Christmas shopping trip. You'll be glad you did.



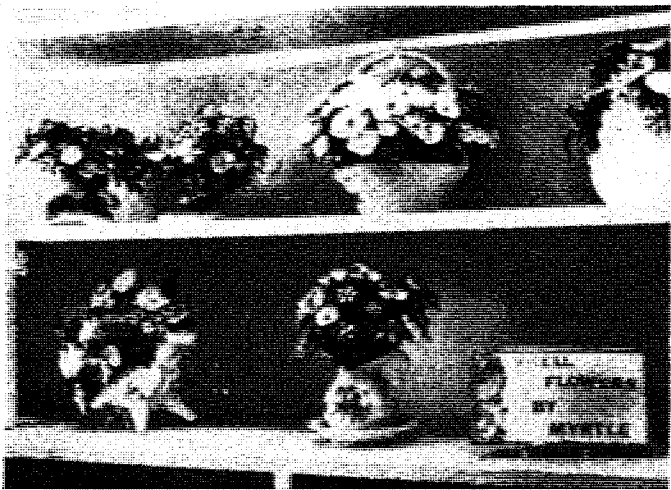
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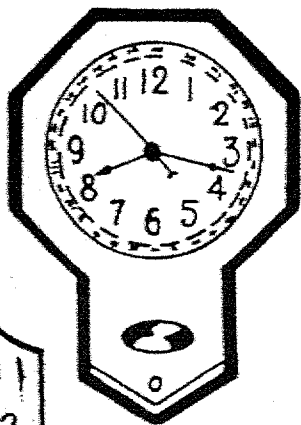
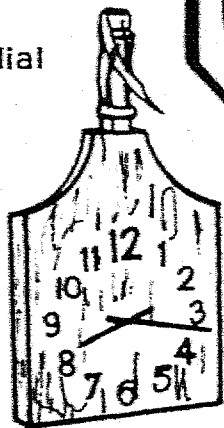
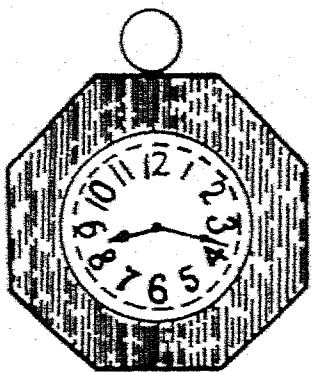
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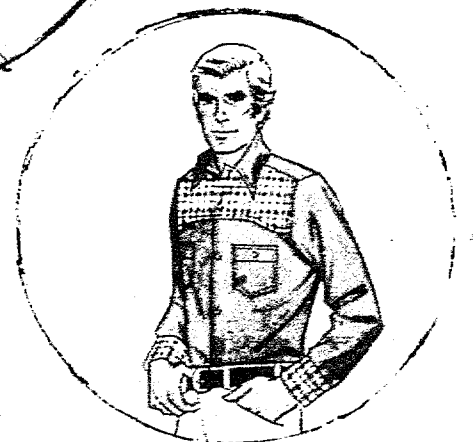
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