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LeBuff reports steady decline in area loggerhead population

When Islander Charles LeBuff first arrived on Sanibel about twenty years ago, he could walk the Island's Gulf beach and count hundreds of loggerhead turtle nests along the relatively undisturbed beach of that bygone day.

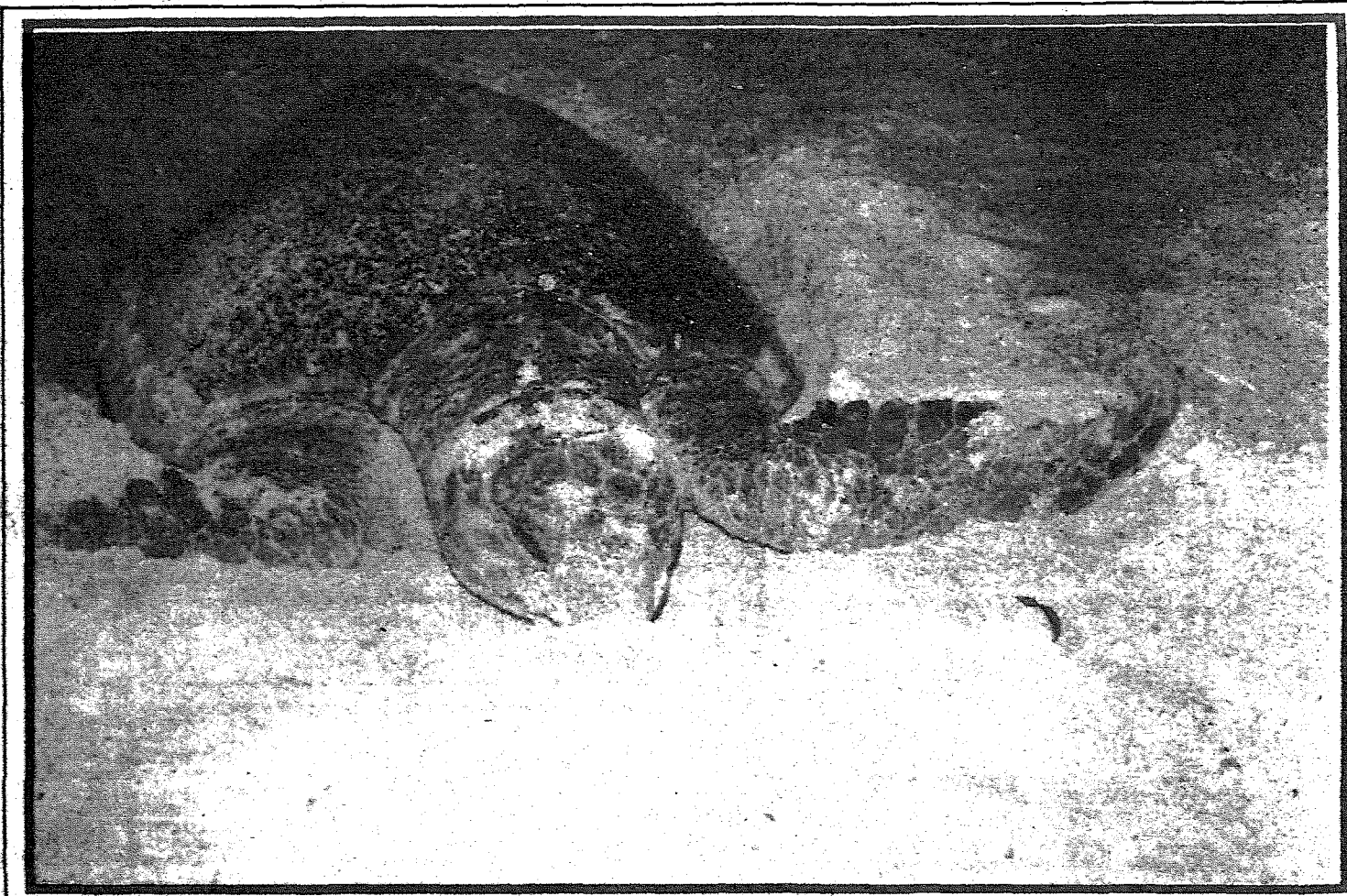
At that time, Sanibel was considered a lucky island for the disappearing loggerhead sea turtle, LeBuff told a group of Islanders and visitors gathered for the tenth annual meeting of Caretta Research last Saturday night.

By 1968, when the number of loggerhead nests on Sanibel's beach had declined to a mere 36, LeBuff and a small group of area environmentalists decided that something had to be done to preserve this endangered marine species from total extinction.

In that year, LeBuff founded an organization called Caretta Research, a non-profit group dedicated to the study and preservation of the endangered loggerhead sea turtle (*Caretta caretta*), from which the project takes its name.

In the years which followed, the project attracted a growing number of Island volunteers and contributors, enabling LeBuff to carry out a pioneering research effort into the habits and status of the loggerhead turtle as a species.

Every summer between roughly the first of May and the end of July, Caretta researchers conduct nightly patrols along Island beaches in search of nesting loggerheads. This is prime



nesting season for the species, when female loggerheads instinctively reenact their timeless ritual of reproduction by emerging from their watery home to crawl up onto the beach, where they dig a shallow cavity and deposit their eggs in the warm summer sand.

Statistics compiled by the Caretta

Research unit on Sanibel indicate that the loggerhead lays anywhere from 40 to 180 eggs per nest, and that each female can nest a number of times during the season at intervals of about 13 to 14 days. Loggerhead eggs are leathery to the touch and round in shape, roughly the size of a ping pong ball.

If all goes well, the eggs will hatch about fifty days after the mother has abandoned the nest and returned to the sea, and within a few days thereafter, the hatchlings will begin to emerge from the nest in the cool of the evening and make a beeline for the bright horizon of the sea—the strongest light source on an undisturbed beach.

If the hatchlings are attracted to a stronger light source, such as the artificial illumination from nearby streetlights, beachfront condominiums or motels, they are usually found dead the next morning huddled around the light—killed by the waxing heat of the day. Caretta researchers have found that increasing human development in the coastal zone presents a formidable obstacle to their efforts to reverse the trend toward dwindling loggerhead populations in Florida.

When Caretta volunteers encounter a nesting loggerhead on the beach, they measure and weigh the specimen, count the number of eggs laid in the

nest, and tag the individual with a monel tag for future identification. This information is then analyzed by LeBuff and others to provide general baseline data on the loggerhead for such areas as metabolic and physiological characteristics, migrational patterns, as well as the overall health of the species as a whole.

But the goals of Caretta Research go far beyond the relatively simple task of data gathering and analysis. The project is also dedicated to a valiant attempt to preserve the species in the face of encroaching coastal development in Florida, continuing poaching of loggerheads and their eggs, as well as the natural toll taken on the species by both marine and terrestrial predators.

Foraging raccoons are frequent predators of loggerhead eggs, a host of shore birds awaits the emergence of the young to gobble up the hatchlings before they can reach the safety of the sea, while once afloat the young loggerheads are susceptible to a multitude of marine predators. According to Charles LeBuff, less than one percent of all loggerhead hatchlings survive to adulthood in the open sea, while roughly 95 percent of all loggerhead eggs are destroyed by

ABC sale set for Friday

Beginning at 9:30 Friday morning, February 24, the annual ABC sale (attic, basement and closet) sponsored by the Captiva Civic Center.

Aside from offering some of the best rummage shopping in Southwest Florida, the annual ABC sale also features the yearly raffle for the priceless needlepoint rug crafted by the artful ladies of the Captiva Civic Association. According to Gene Peck, chairman for the sale this year, the raffle for the original needlepoint rug, which has been appraised at \$4,000, will be held at noon on Friday.

Chairman Peck added that a number of valuable items which have been donated by Islanders will be auctioned

off at about 11:00 a.m. Friday. A boat and motor, fruitwood chest, and several gift certificates are among the booty to be auctioned off at the sale by Islander Dewitt Jones.

This year's annual ABC sale will also feature a plant sale to be coordinated by Islander Millie Onstine and an art show and sale arranged by Captiva artist Helene Sparkes, while early-bird shoppers will once again find coffee and donuts awaiting them at the snack bar to be operated by Georgia and Bud Hemphill.

So, be forewarned, and don't miss the annual ABC sale on Captiva this Friday morning. Proceeds go to benefit the Captiva Civic Association.

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things to do

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police report

An Island resort manager called SPD last week to complain of drag racing on Middle Gulf Drive and to report that he has been repeatedly harassed by a group of juveniles living in the neighborhood.

Upon questioning the complainant, patrolmen learned the identities of the offending youngsters, although no charges have been filed.

Island policemen were somewhat surprised last week to receive a call from an Islander who reported that someone had entered her house while she was away and removed the labels from certain canned goods stored in her kitchen cupboards. She added that the canned goods had been moved around from one cupboard to another, and that without the labels, she has no way of telling what she's going to find in the cans.

The complaint said that no other items had been removed from the house, only the labels from the majority of her canned goods, with the notable exception of her supply of pork and beans, which was fortunately left intact.

After a lengthy investigation, SPD officials learned that the complainant's housekeeper had been in to clean the house and had been accompanied by her 12 year-old son.

Faced with rubber hoses and possible life imprisonment, the lad confessed to having removed the can labels for a science project at

school.

He added that the project was intended as a study of ways to confuse homemakers and confound island policemen.

An Islander called SPD one day last week to report acts of vandalism to his car.

Upon investigation, patrolmen learned that a CB antenna had been broken off the complainant's car, causing about \$25 worth of damage including the cost of a new antenna.

As no clues to the identity of the vandals have been forthcoming, the investigation of this heinous crime is continuing.

After receiving a complaint of excessive noise emanating from a private party on the Island, Island patrolmen were dispatched to the scene and did, indeed, find a boisterous party in progress.

Under the watchful gaze of the patrolmen, the volume of the booming stereo was reduced to a somewhat tolerable level and the party was subdued for the duration of the officers' stay.

Island patrolmen were

called upon last week to investigate the disappearance of a sign from the Sanibel Fire Department's sub-station on Sanibel-Captiva Road.

Upon conclusion of the investigation, Island police had determined that said sign had in fact disappeared.

Vandalism to signs seems to have been a popular pastime on the Islands last week.

Another Islander reported damage to the sign at his commercial establishment on Sanibel last week, and police

officials believe this damage to have resulted from a chance meeting between the sign in question and a fair-sized rock.

Luckily, the rock sustained no injuries in the encounter, authorities said.

A number of Cadillacs owned by visitors to the Island apparently came in for a bad time last week.

An Island resort manager reported that one night, a number of Cadillacs parked at the resort had been deprived of their radio antennas

and hood ornaments by person or persons unknown.

The complainant alleged that the vandalism was perpetrated by a pair of Island youths who had that same night been refused a drink at the bar in the resort due to their tender age.

As the complainant could not positively identify the youths, no formal charges were filed.

Emergency officials on the Islands received a call last week from the U.S. Coast Guard station at Fort Myers Beach to assist in rescuing a sinking sailboat that had been sighted off Sanibel's northern shore.

Both Island police and members of the Captiva shore patrol joined in the search for the vessel, although no such vessel was found.

Three visitors from Wisconsin were escorted off of the Islands last week after they were reported as suspicious by the manager of an Island commercial establishment.

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As a result of continuing complaints from residents in the Donax Street area, Island

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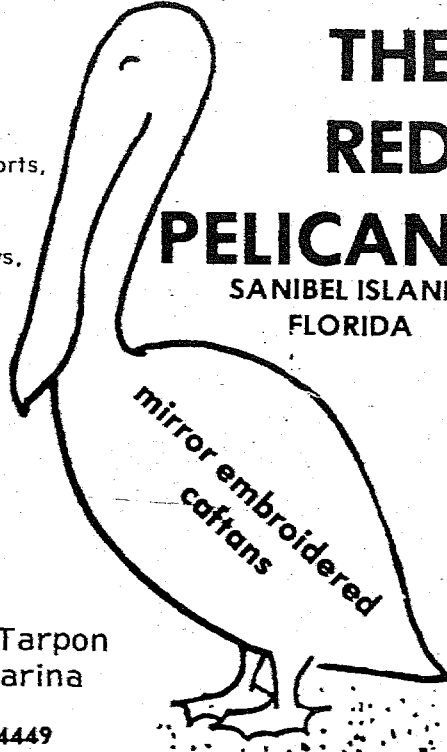
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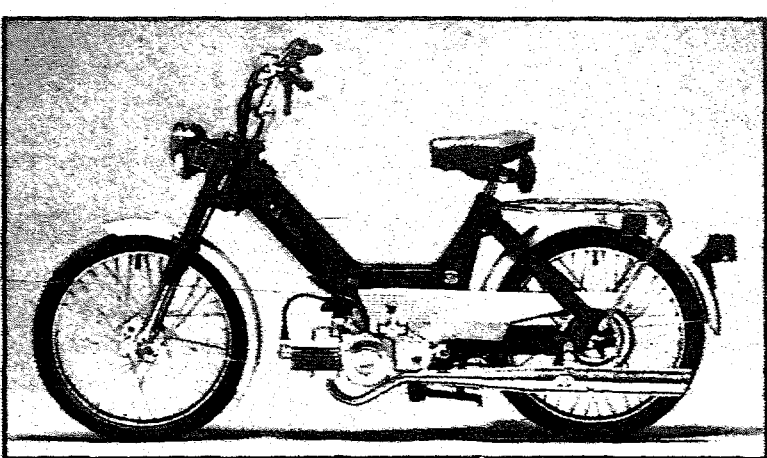
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letters to the editor

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To the Islander:

Just a short note to express my appreciation for a most accurate and wonderfully written follow-up article regarding my recent presentation on raccoons at the Conservation Center.

It's quite evident that raccoons have suffered greatly due to the most unyielding indiscriminate predator of them all, the automobile. By emphasizing the very real problem of

speeding motorists as well as the adverse effects of raccoon feeding by the general public, you have helped to focus attention in areas of grave concern.

Thanks again for a very professional and competently written article!

Sincerely yours,
Ray Judah
Naturalist

Darling Foundation sends thanks

To the editor:

All of us of the Darling Foundation wish to thank the ISLANDER staff for the excellent coverage given the February 4 dedication of the Jay N. "Ding" Darling Refuge on Sanibel. We are very happy that over one million visitors a year are now enjoying the

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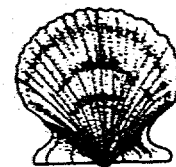
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This is one of two young raccoons local naturalist Ray Judah used to illustrate his recent presentation at Conservation Center.

In his talk, Ray emphasized the need for Islanders and visitors to drive more cautiously to avoid further wanton destruction of raccoon populations in Southwest Florida.

In a letter to the ISLANDER submitted last week, Ray reiterates his point in no uncertain terms.

We endorse his viewpoint, and urge all Islanders and visitors to this area to keep a sharp eye out for wildlife when driving along our roads.

Sheehan paintings featured at Artisan Shop

Last weekend, the Artisan Shop and Gallery on West Gulf Drive, Sanibel, hosted a showing of the work of prominent watercolor artist Les Sheehan.

A painter whose extraordinary watercolors have earned him numerous honors and awards, Les Sheehan is a winter resident of Sanibel who operates a gallery in Sexton River, Vermont, during the summer months.

A graduate of the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, Sheehan later studied with some of this country's most prominent artists, and his work has been widely viewed at one-man and group showings in many areas of the country.

Sheehan's exhibit attracted many Island art-fanciers to the Artisan Shop last weekend, and the artist treated viewers to a demonstration of his watercolor technique both Friday and Saturday afternoons.

This week, Island potter Jo Kohn will

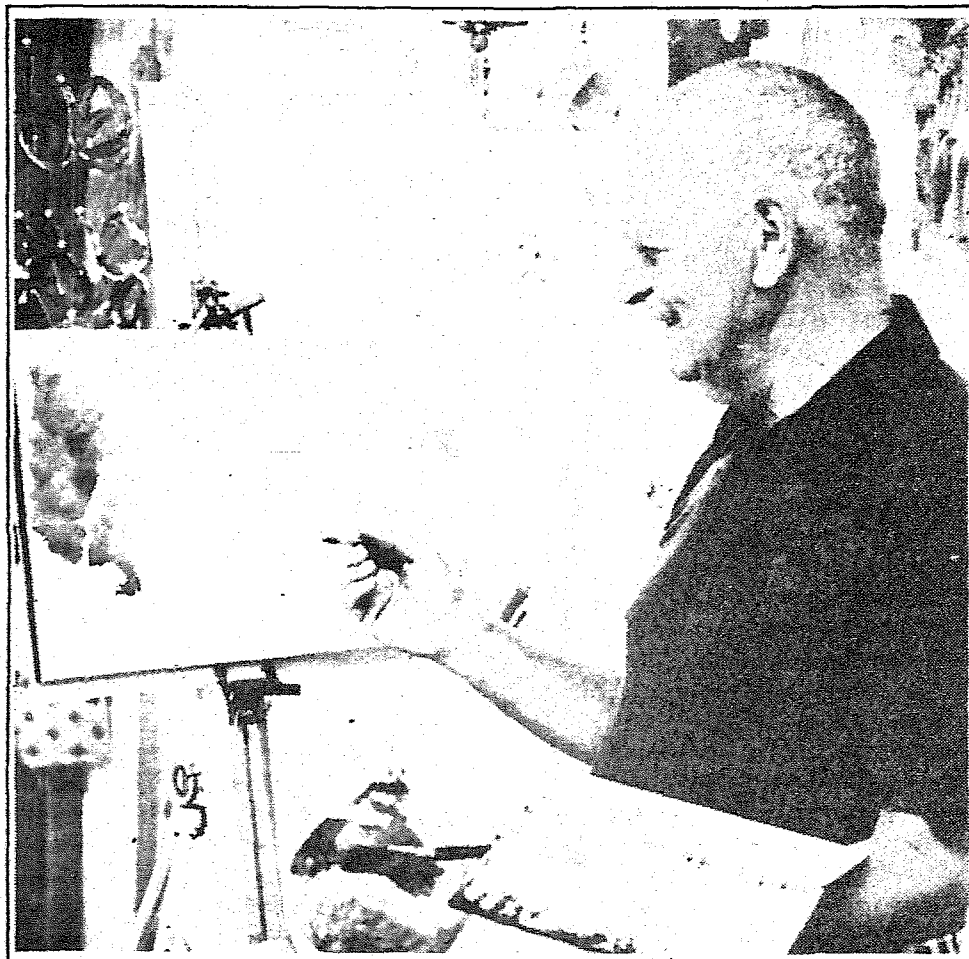
give a demonstration of her slab technique for pottery making at the Artisan Shop, located at 2807 West Gulf Drive.

The demonstration will be held this Wednesday, February 22, and will run from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The public is warmly invited to attend and urged not to miss this interesting demonstration in the art of slab pottery.

Prominent artist Les Sheehan demonstrated his award-winning watercolor technique last weekend at the Artisan Shop and Gallery on Sanibel's West Gulf Drive.

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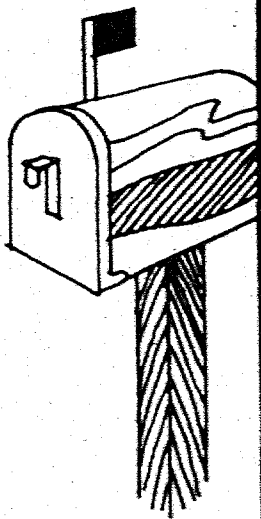
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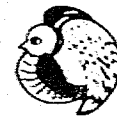
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Sanibel land use plan challenged again

On February 10, another lawsuit was filed in Lee County Circuit Court challenging the development intensities allocated to Island real estate in Sanibel's comprehensive land use plan.

The lawsuit was filed by attorneys with the firm of Henderson, Franklin, Starnes and Holt in Fort Myers for Quinton B. McNew, trustee for the 51-acre tract on Sanibel known as the Little Lake Murex subdivision, located in the Island's interior wetlands north of Lake Murex off West Gulf Drive.

In his petition filed with the Circuit Court on February 10, McNew maintains that a plat of Little Lake Murex was accepted by the Lee County Commission on October 30, 1974, and recorded in the official records of the

county on January 6, 1975.

The plat called for the tract to be subdivided into 49 single-family building lots, each about a half-acre in size, with the remainder of the property to be developed as roads and a large man-made lake for the enjoyment of prospective buyers.

McNew maintains that actual work on the project was initiated in May of 1975, and that he received a city permit to proceed with the work from former city manager Dave Bretzke on June 11 of that year.

On July 16, 1975, however, Bretzke ordered McNew to halt work on the excavation of Little Lake Murex, based on allegations made by Island environmentalists that the excavation was allowing salt water intrusion into Sanibel's freshwater interior wetlands.

Work on the development was for the most part stalled thereafter, according to McNew's petition, pending the adoption of Sanibel's comprehensive land use plan.

Arguing his vested right in the development, McNew claims that the density allocated to Little Lake Murex in the land use plan "will destroy the substantial value of land created by the planned development thereof." His suit further contends that the land use plan "arbitrarily and unreasonably assigned a density" to Little Lake Murex "which is substantially less than the density assigned to other similar subdivisions on the Island."

The petition goes on to call the land plan "unconstitutional" and "discriminatory" with respect to the

density allocated to McNew's property on Sanibel.


In his suit, McNew requests a court determination of equitable estoppel against the city, asking that the city be enjoined from further interference in the completion of the development as platted with Lee County in late 1974.

"It appears to be strictly a vested rights lawsuit," commented Sanibel Mayor Zee Butler last week, "and it really came as no surprise to us."

"I am confident that we have the wherewithal to successfully defend the land use plan in this litigation," Mayor Butler added.

The case has been assigned to Circuit Judge John Shearer, and the city has until early March in which to respond to the charges filed in the complaint.

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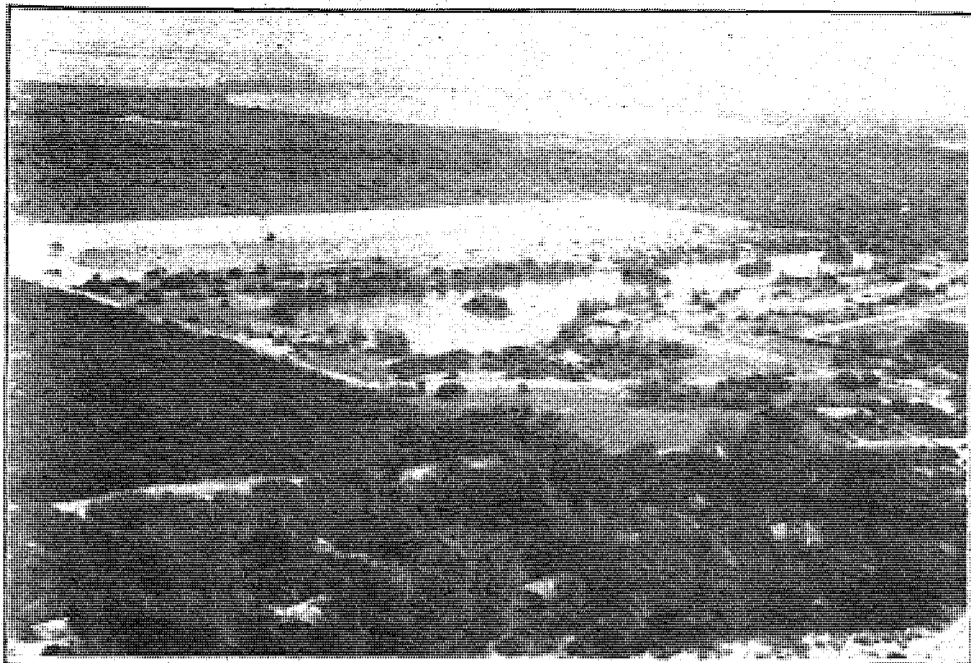
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This aerial photograph taken in August of 1976 shows Little Lake Murex in the background behind Lake Murex, looking north across Sanibel's interior freshwater wetlands.

Quinton B. McNew, trustee for the property, recently filed suit against the city challenging the density allocated to Little Lake Murex in Sanibel's comprehensive land use plan.

"All States Night" at Ft. Myers Tourist Center

Monday, March 6 marks the annual "All States Night" at the Fort Myers Tourist Center. The Fort Myers Tourist Center is located on Edwards Drive in Downtown Fort Myers across from the Fort Myers Yacht Basin.

The festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. and entertainment will be provided by the Senior Citizen's Harmonica Band. This year, the Fort Myers Tourist Center will select the King and Queen of "All States Night." Candidates are being selected from all area State Clubs, organizations and from those people who visit and enjoy the facilities at the Fort Myers Tourist Center.

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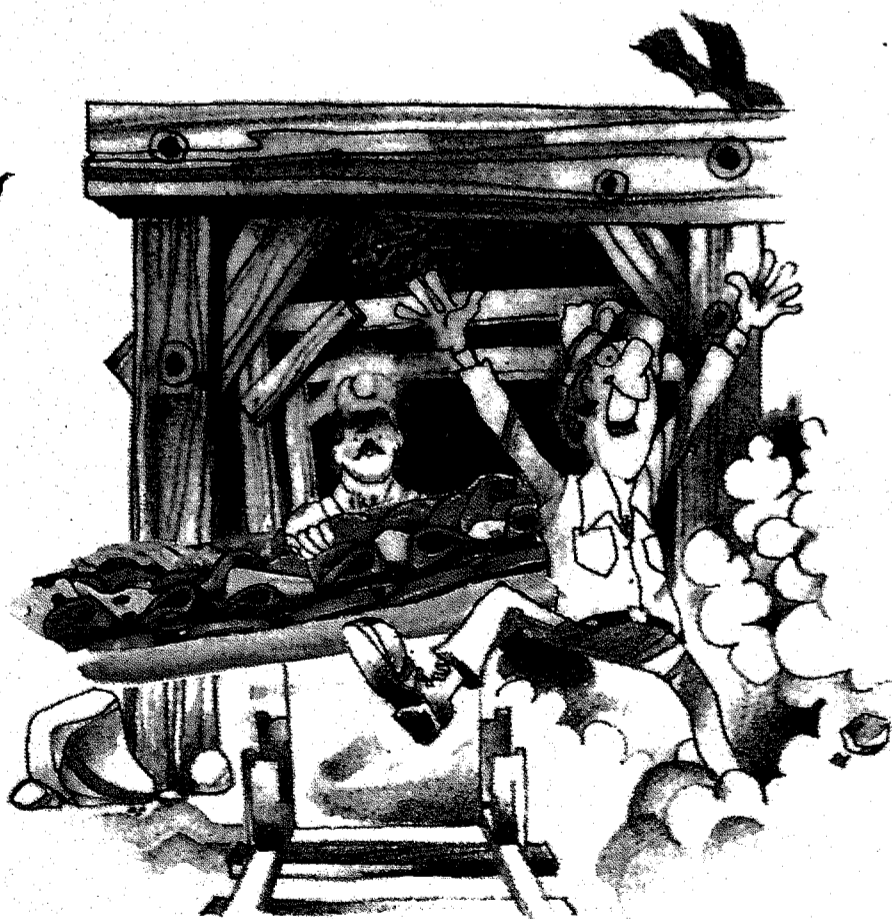
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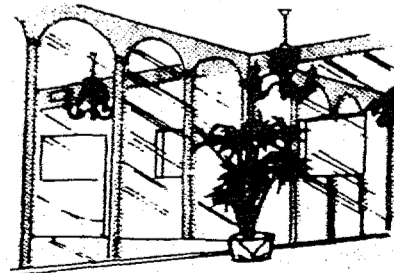
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Date	Hi.....	Lo.....	Rainfall (in inches)
February 10	60	50	None
February 11	76	53	None
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February 13	72	52	None
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planning commission considers beach management proposal

At their regular meeting held on the morning of February 13, Sanibel planning commissioners received a draft version of a beach management program for Sanibel which was prepared by the city planning department at the direction of the city manager.

The report presented to city planning commissioners last week includes general as well as specific analyses of past beach management problems on Sanibel and contains recommendations as to how beach management efforts should be carried out by city officials in the future.

The program outlined by city Associate Planner Ty Symroski, author of the report, calls for the city to maintain its existing policies governing the protection of native beach vegetation, mandatory use of elevated wooden boardwalks across the beach, and removal of Australian pines from the beach zone, while recommending that the city play a more ambitious role in encouraging proper beach management and restoration efforts on

Sanibel.

To this end, Symroski suggests that the city should establish a nursery of native beach plants and a supply of rip rap and other beach nourishment material for use by the city and the general public in beach nourishment projects on the Island. The planner further recommends that the city should assist private property owners in removing Australian pines from the beach zone and restoring the beach with native plant species which prevent erosion.

He recommends that the city undertake an extensive educational campaign to promote appropriate beach management techniques among Island property owners, and suggests that the city itself should take the lead in this area by initiating proper beach management efforts at all public beach accesses on Sanibel.

Additionally, Symroski recommends that the city should take steps to correct existing problems by making

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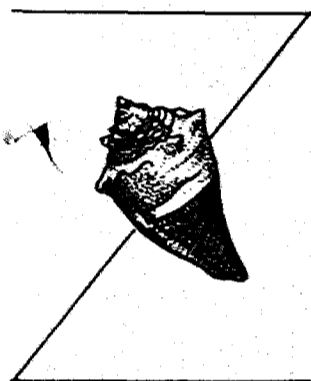
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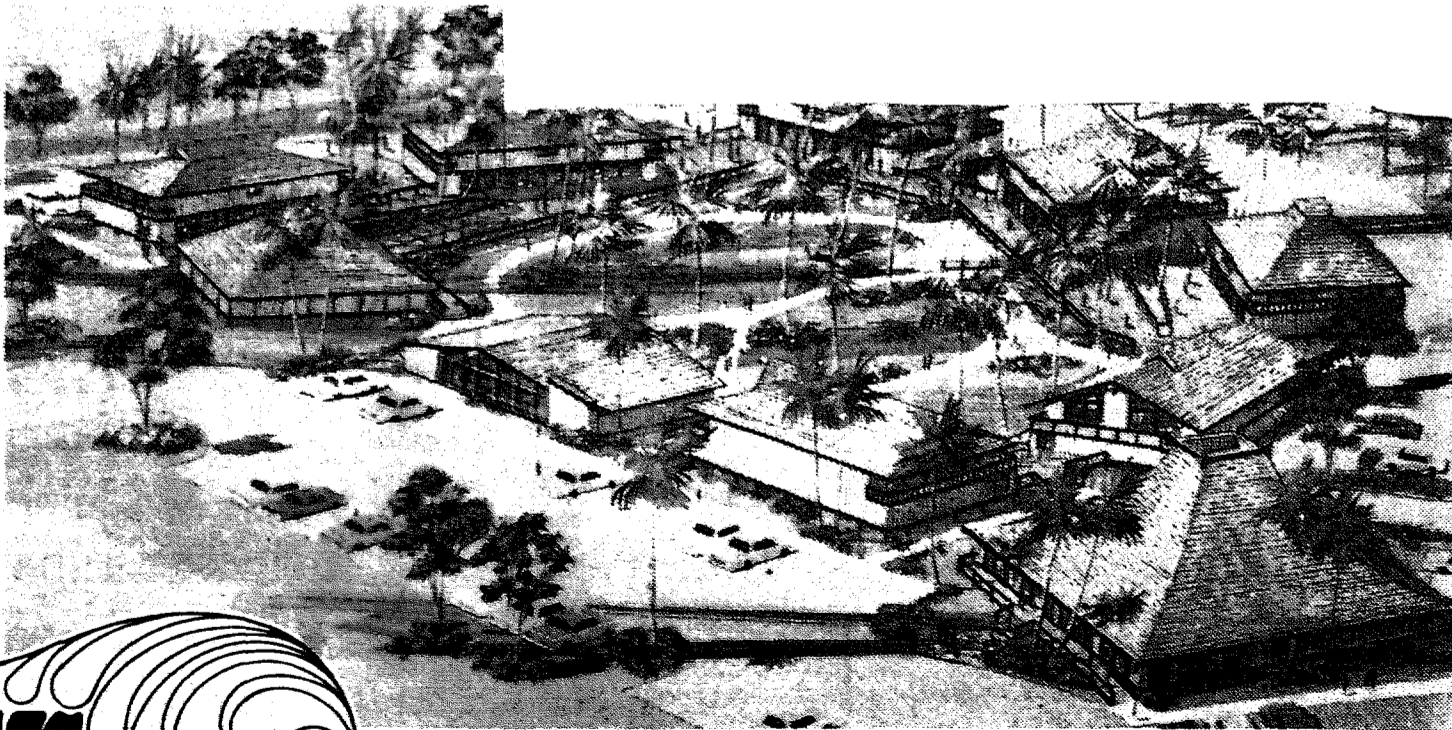
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an inventory of all structures on Sanibel situated seaward of the coastal construction setback line established in Sanibel's comprehensive land use plan. As these lawfully existing uses cannot be rebuilt if more than 50 per cent destroyed by fire, hurricane, or other disaster, Symroski suggests that the city closely monitor the status of these buildings and try to encourage property owners to remove them or make other adjustments to insure the protection of the beach zone.

He also suggests that the city consider the entire beach system of the Islands in making any decisions which could affect the beach zone. In this regard, he recommends that city officials take an active role in the decision-making process for the management of Captiva's beaches, and suggests that the city should hire a coastal engineer and marine biologist to assist city officials in evaluating any proposals affecting Sanibel's shoreline.

Moreover, the planner recommends that the city permit no construction whatsoever in the beach zone unless an applicant can demonstrate that the structure will not adversely affect any other part of the Islands' beach system.

According to planning commission Chairman Ann Winterbotham, Symroski's report was requested by the city manager to aid city officials in

formulating overall beach management policies for the Island.

"Requests for seawall permits are coming in rather fast these days and there is some urgency involved in getting effective policies for beach management established," Chairman Winterbotham explained.

Symroski suggested that some of his recommendations be incorporated into an ordinance outlining the city's policy on beach management and said that his report is currently being reviewed by the city attorney with this goal in mind.

"This report gives you something to focus your attention on the problem, and hopefully something from which to synthesize a broad policy governing beach management," Symroski said.

Commissioner Twink Underhill pointed out that many of Symroski's recommendations are already adopted as law of the city in Sanibel's comprehensive land use plan, adding that such regulations are poorly enforced at the present time. Chairman Winterbotham seemed to concur with the observation and said she would bring Commissioner Underhill's remarks to the attention of the city manager.

Commissioners requested additional time to study Symroski's report, and a workshop meeting to discuss the matter was scheduled for Monday, February 27.

Commissioners were also pleased last week to be presented with a set of revised ecological zones maps of the Island prepared over the past year by Symroski and other members of the

"We've been waiting for these maps for an awful long time," said Chairman Winterbotham, "and it's a remarkable piece of work."

City planners initiated work on a clarification of the ecological zones map accompanying the land use plan last winter because of minor discrepancies between the ecological zones outlined on the original map and the actual configuration of ecological zones on the Island.

The job of field-proofing the maps has taken almost a year thus far and is still incomplete with respect to the Blind Pass area at Sanibel's western tip, Symroski reported. He added that the remaining mapping work should be completed within the next few weeks, and said that the work completed to date has already been submitted to city planning consultants Wallace, Roberts, McHarg and Todd (WMRT) and other appropriate city consultants for review.

As the ecological zones of the Island are to a great extent the foundation upon which density allocations in the land plan were calculated, WMRT has been charged with reviewing the revised ecological zones maps prepared by city planners to see if any adjustments in the density allocations provided in the plan are necessary.

Symroski said that WMRT's review and recommendations concerning the new ecological zones maps should be completed and submitted to the city in the near future.

"We need additional professional support before we can go to a public hearing on these maps," said Chairman Winterbotham last week.

The commission plans to hold a

number of public hearings on the revised ecological zone maps in coming months, after which the maps will be presented to the city council in the form of a general amendment to the land use plan.

The council, then, is required to hold at least two additional public hearings on the maps before they can be adopted as law of the Island city.

Copies of the revised ecological zones maps proposed for inclusion in Sanibel's comprehensive land use plan are available for public inspection in Sanibel City Hall, and Island property owners are urged to familiarize themselves with revisions in the proposed maps prior to the forthcoming public hearings.

In other action at their meeting on February 13, commissioners voted unanimously to recommend that the city council approve three specific amendments which have been proposed for inclusion in the comprehensive land use plan.

In brief, commissioners voted recommend approval of specific amendments proposed by:

—Kenneth and Barbara Meeker to permit the construction of an overhang on a single-family home currently under construction at 1508 Angel Drive in the Sanibel Isles Subdivision;

—Hugh and Gertrude Swanson to permit the use of their 1.28-acre parcel of land along Sanibel-Captiva Road as a parking lot for the adjoining First Baptist Church of Sanibel; and

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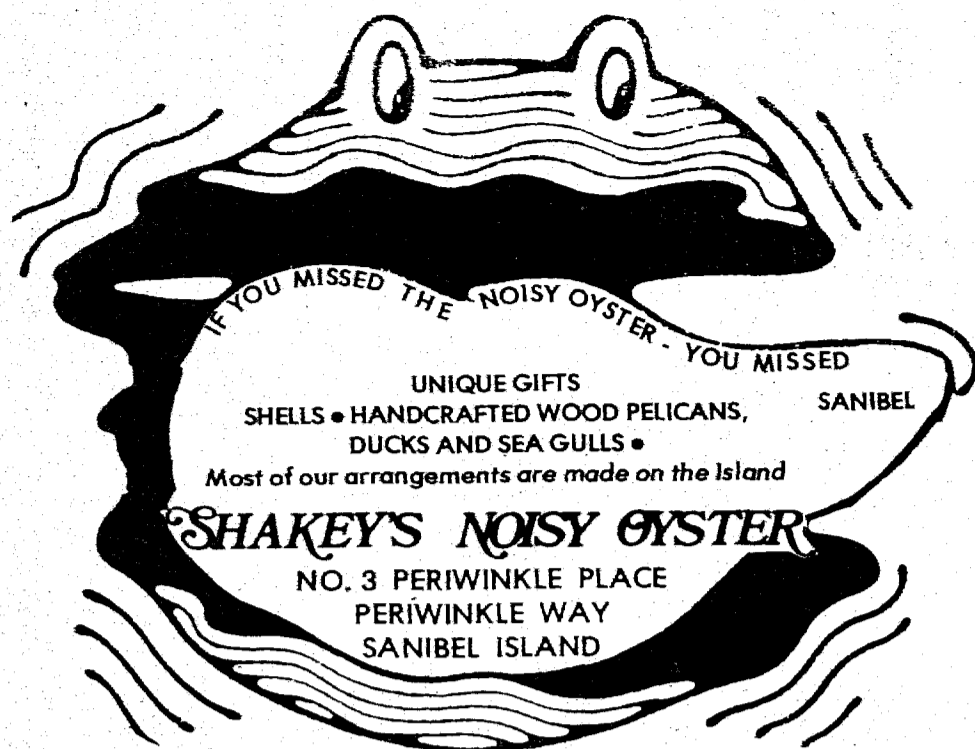
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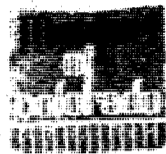


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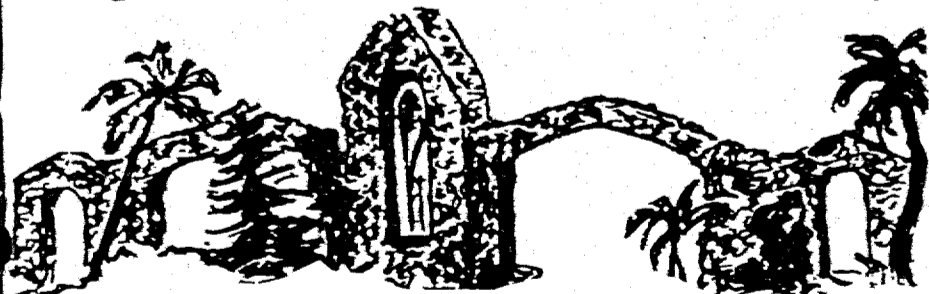
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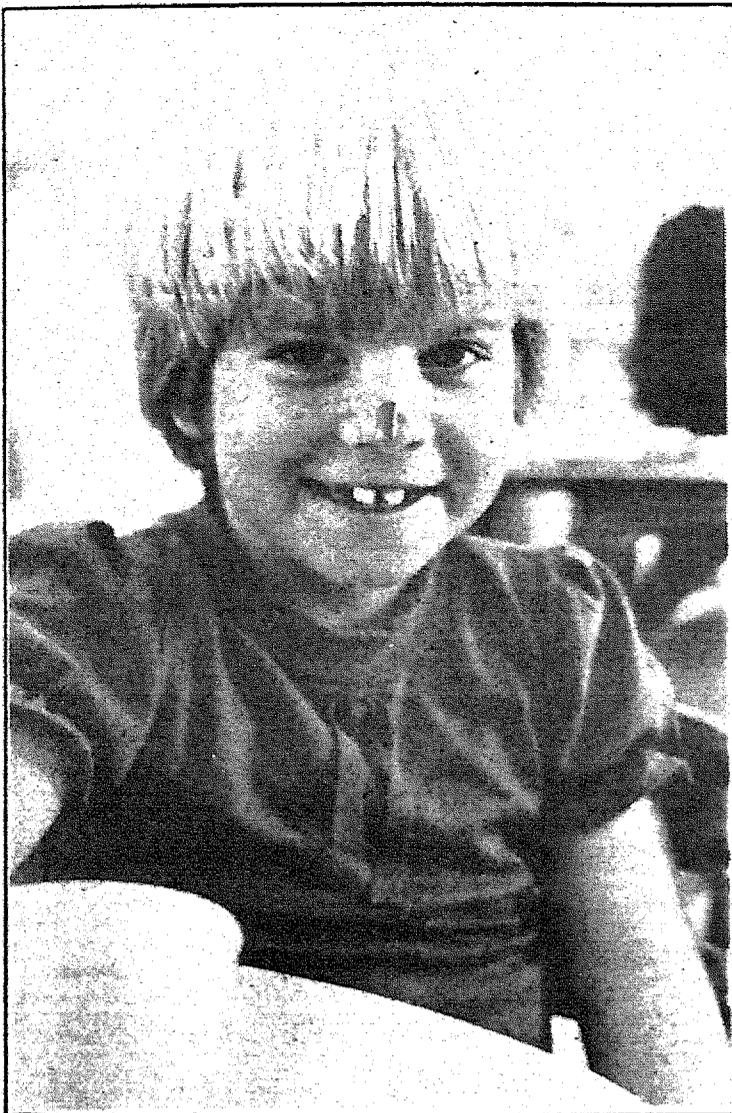
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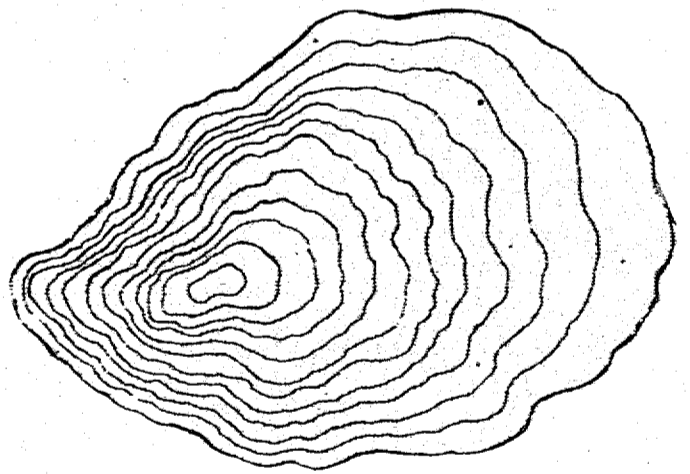


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LeBuff reports steady decline in area loggerhead p

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raccoons prior to hatching.

Such bleak statistics have prompted Caretta researchers on Sanibel to collect loggerhead eggs from nests along the beach and remove them to a protected hatchery area where they are safe from natural predators and poachers. LeBuff claims a 92 percent hatching rate for all loggerhead eggs so collected by Caretta Research volunteers over the past decade.

In the past, Caretta volunteers have also attempted to raise the hatchlings in captivity to improve their chances of survival in the open water upon release. According to LeBuff, this effort is no longer possible because of

the prohibitive cost and difficulty involved in maintaining the young turtles in captivity.

Another facet of Caretta's ongoing effort to protect the species has been the struggle to obtain state and federal protection for the loggerhead. After two years of intensive lobbying undertaken by some Caretta officials and volunteers, the Florida legislature has accorded the loggerhead fully protected status in Florida, making it illegal to molest or to possess any part of a loggerhead sea turtle in this state without a special permit.

Securing federal protection for the loggerhead has been a more prolonged battle, said LeBuff, although he added that the official declaration of the

loggerhead as an endangered species nationwide is expected in the near future. As an endangered species, the loggerhead will be even more closely protected by federal conservation agencies, LeBuff said.

Once the loggerhead is declared an endangered species, LeBuff said that officials of the National Marine Fishery Service will probably be able at last to prevail upon shrimpers and other commercial fishermen to use a new type of trawling net the Service has developed in the attempt to minimize the destruction of loggerheads by the commercial fishing industry.

"That's one of the big factors in the decline of the species today," LeBuff

said, referring to the fact that shrimp nets have claimed the lives of hundreds, possibly thousands, of loggerhead turtles in the Gulf of Mexico.

"Shrimpers, raccoons, and coastal development are the loggerhead's greatest enemies today," he added.

By the present day, Caretta Research has grown to include volunteer patrol and research units along both coasts of Florida and even up into southern Georgia, LeBuff told the gathering at Caretta's tenth annual meeting last Saturday night. On the Gulf coast, Caretta researchers patrol beaches from Egmont Key near Sarasota to Cape Sable in the Everglades National Forest at the southern tip of the peninsula.

Sanibel, where the project was founded by Charles LeBuff in 1968, serves as headquarters for this continually growing and far-reaching volunteer effort to preserve the disappearing loggerhead sea turtle.

At the group's annual meeting last weekend, Caretta founder and project director Charles LeBuff presented a very discouraging report on the status of the species along Florida's Gulf coast at the present time.

Citing aerial surveys of Gulf coast beaches made in 1970 and 1975, LeBuff revealed that the number of loggerhead nests along the Gulf coast of Florida has declined from 758 nests during the 1970 nesting season to only 520 nests in 1975—a steady 33 percent decline over the five-year period, LeBuff said.

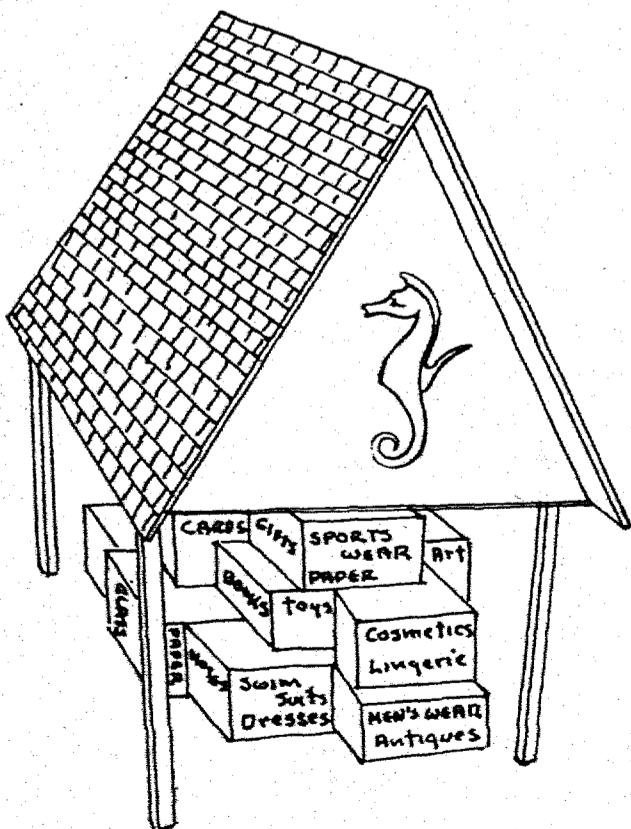
He added that more recent aerial surveys have revealed a continuing decline in loggerhead nesting of about the same rate, while Sanibel unit leader Jim Anholt reported that there were only about a dozen loggerhead nests sighted on the Island last summer. Anholt reported sighting a total of only 13 loggerheads on Sanibel's beach last summer, only one of which had



Here, Caretta researcher Paul Zajicek prepares to tag another specimen. Through a program of tagging all new specimens discovered

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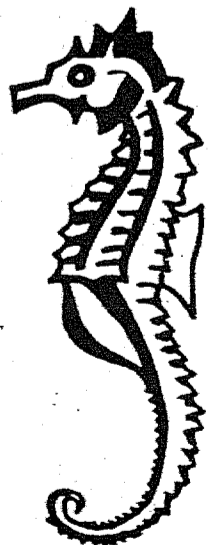
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beaches, Caretta Research units have been established to protect loggerhead eggs from both human poachers and animal predators such as foraging raccoons.

never been tagged by Caretta researchers before, indicating that the recruitment of new nesting turtles on Sanibel is about nil.

But despite the steady decline of loggerhead populations on Sanibel and Captiva and throughout the native range of the species, Caretta Research volunteers continue their discouraging effort to save the endangered loggerhead sea turtle from extinction.

In 1973, Caretta Research was incorporated as a non-profit corporation in the State of Florida, enabling the group to accept tax-deductible contributions to support their important work. The project is funded solely by

annual membership dues and by contributions from individuals, groups and foundations.

On the occasion of the tenth annual gathering of the members and friends of Caretta Research, Inc., the ISLANDER would like to take this opportunity to commend the valuable work undertaken by Caretta members and volunteers, both past and present, over the last decade, and to urge Islanders and visitors to continue their generous support of this unique Island-based project dedicated to the preservation of the disappearing loggerhead sea turtle.



Islander Charles LeBuff, founder and a highly regarded authority on the project director of Caretta Research, is loggerhead sea turtle.

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community calendar

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What: The Lions Club of Sanibel Captiva will hold their annual rustic redwood sign sale this coming week. These island signs are made to specifications, for home or business

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Power Squadron

The wives of the members of Sanibel-Captiva Power Squadron had their second meeting at Sunset South Condo. Further plans were discussed for the organization of a social club. The needs were outlined concerning the things they might do as well as the need to get acquainted.

Those present agreed there were many helpful things they could do. A group volunteered to provide decorations and to decorate the tables for the change of watch party for the squadron, using the native flowers and plants. The women present also volunteered to help serve refreshments at the squadrons monthly meeting, where Mrs. John Sallemi acts as hostess.

The next meeting is planned for March 14 at Sunset South Condominium at 7:30 p.m. The ladies are urged to mark their calendars and join the group, bringing their ideas with them.

United Church of Christ

Dr. James Wills Lenhart has announced a special series of Lenten Sermons on the theme of "A time to Speak and a time to be Silent" depicting Jesus' close encounters of the most direct kind. The series will include

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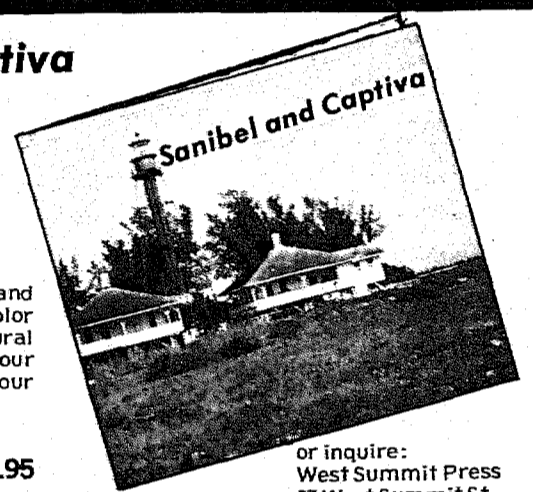
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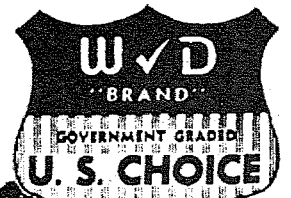
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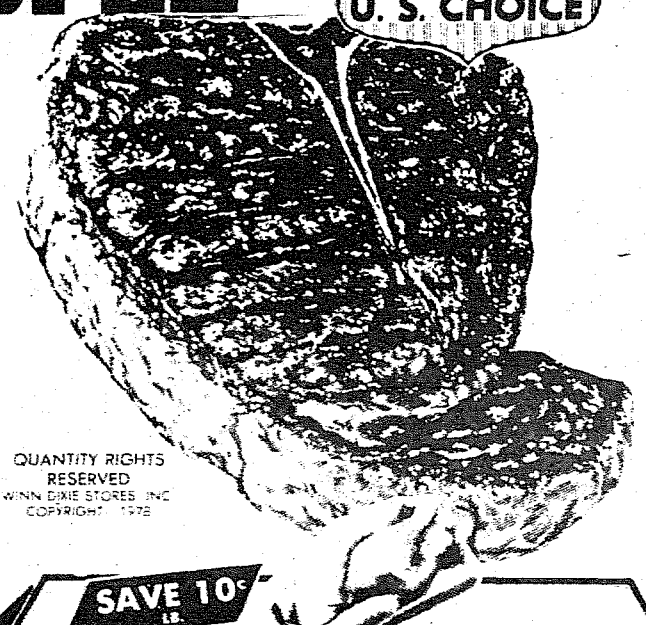
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on the water

by mike fuery

Every fisherman worth knowing has a tacklebox full of useless equipment. It doesn't matter how large or small your box might be, there is something in there which will never in any way aid you in catching a fish. And, you wouldn't think about tossing it out.

On occasion we get to wander through stray equipment boxes while fetching a hook or sinker from a friend's tackle box. I used to feel guilty about the junk in my own, but not after rummaging through others. Here's some of the typical items to be found. You might recognize them from your own rusted treasure box.

There is a gadget which nearly all fishermen and women have, but it was bought as a gift from a non-fishing relative. It came to me from my grandfather, who probably didn't know or care which end of a fish came with gills on it. It's one of those combination things that weighs fish and has a pull-out tape measure.

I've put 10-pound fish on the old one I had and found that the steel spring inside the darn thing was rusted solid. The tape measure was in the same condition. Have you got one of these things too? I don't know why I still have mine, either.

The tackle boxes themselves are always interesting. I've had the opportunity to fish with this fella who uses an old lunch bucket for his "junior" tackle holder. The other day we were catching sheepshead from the beach for fun, when I found I needed a pair of pliers to remove a fish from the hook. When I opened his tackle box, all I could see were cigars. "They're in the box, I tell you," he shouted. They were too. One pair of pliers and 24 cigars. That's being ready for any emergency.

On television, around the holiday season, they advertise a piece of junk that's a combination fishing rod and reel—only the whole works is about a foot long. The ad shows some person "catching" a fish. These contraptions deserve a place on the bottom of the box. Once last summer a guy came down to the dock and tried to cast for fish. What a riot! The problem is that no one wants to throw out a possibly useful piece of equipment, so if you've got one of these you'll probably have it until the day you die.

Knives hold a special fascination for fishermen. Ever notice how many knives the average angler has? You'd think they were getting ready for hand-to-hand combat with the Viet Cong. In the collection is a knife which was given to you by dear old aunt something-or-other. She won it at the bingo games 20 years ago. Invariably it's a carbon steel hunting knife which rusts at the mention of saltwater. You last used it to take the barnacles off the lower unit of your engine and the blade never got smoothed out after your son used it to pry up a board on the dock.

Worst of all, you hang on to it, thinking that one day it's going to come in very handy. Like if your life gets threatened by a great white shark. How many of these old knives do you have?

Fresh water lures aren't much good around here, but darn if some people don't keep their favorite old pike lures for 20 or 30 years after they come down here. I've got a white lure which never did catch a fish on trips up north, but there it sits year after year, tucked away in its own place of honor on the second shelf of my tackle box. You never know when you'll run into a bass, or a misdirected pike.

A friend of mine and I were talking about the junk we cart around. He said he never was big on cleaning out his equipment, but when he did, he found crackers and matches. Carefully placed there for emergencies—years ago.

Remember when you bought a tube of reel lubricant? Since then, half of it has oozed out in your box, but you never know when you will need a drop of grease, right? And how about that pair of pliers which some fool tackle salesman talked you into buying? It scales fish, takes out hooks, cuts line and opens bottles. Too bad you never got around to using it. And what is that? A box of special hooks, now fused together into a bundle of dull points?

That and more. There's a host of memories wrapped up with everything in there. Wouldn't mean a thing to anyone else but you. Women have hope chests, men have tackle boxes. And that's an important part of this crazy sport we call fishing.

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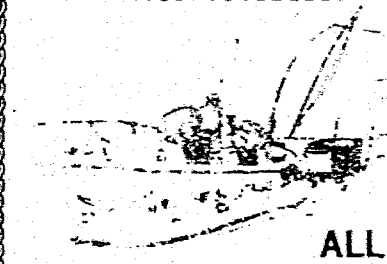
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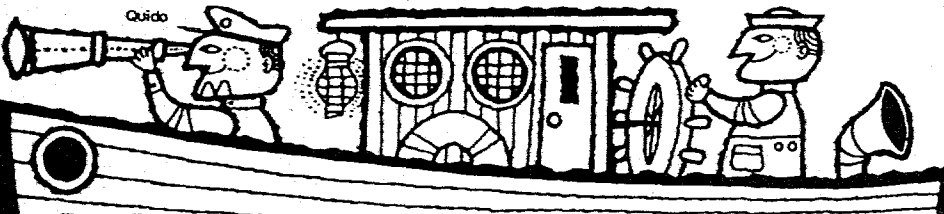
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island survival

by mike fuery

If you are down here soaking up the island atmosphere, you might be wondering what you need to wear to blend into the surroundings and avoid looking like you just stepped off the plane. If you look like you were born here you are going to have a better time, get into more trouble and, in general, will be qualified to spot a real tourist at 200 yards.

This week, in our continuing series for new visitors, called Island Survival, we are going to transform you into an Islander.

HATS

If you insist upon wearing a golf hat from some famous country club you belong to back home, you might as well also wear a sign which reads: Attention. I buy all post cards with key lime pie receipts on them and all small silk pillows that say, "Come to Florida."

What you need is a real hat. The best kind is a straw variety, often called a Panama hat. This is for guys and girls. But for Heaven's sake, don't go out and buy a new one. You've got to find an old fisherman and trade him a couple of six packs for the worst looking hat he's got. That hat should be well mildewed, have an inside band of hair oil, sweat and bug spray. It should have no shape at all and the front brim should flare up when you turn into a breeze. Wearing a hat like this says something about you. It says you look

like you lived here all your life. It also says you have unchallenged bad taste in hats. Now, we're getting somewhere.

SWIMSUITS

Not having a tan, or in other words, looking like a fresh snowbank, will naturally mark you as a recent arrival.

But, let's say you have suffered through that first day of sunburn and now have something resembling a tan, a little on the rare side, but still a tan. Now comes the critical choice of what to wear as you sunbathe or ply the waters of the pool or beach.

Fellas, unless you've really got something special to advertise, don't wear one of those skimpy nylon "tank" suits. You may think there is a tiger in the tank, but most likely there will just be a chubby teddy bear, or bare, which ever. What you need is a pair of cut-off jeans. This way you can haul your bottom around boats, beach shells and docks without fear of a ripping exposure. Besides, jeans have pockets for shells and money, both of which you'll need to win over the hearts of the local women.

Women and bikinis seem to go together, until the ratio gets out of control. That is, if the material covers 20 percent of the body of a slim person, the same suit might cover only 10 percent on a larger person. That's getting out of control. Not all of us are

slim, right, so what to wear?

If you're going to look like an island girl, you need that bikini top and a pair of abbreviated shorts. It's great as a combination for body surfing and gets you into bars and shops that say "no swimsuits allowed." Also, the shorts provide you with pockets for shells and money—which you will probably have to loan to the first guy who asks you out.

SHIRTS AND SHOES

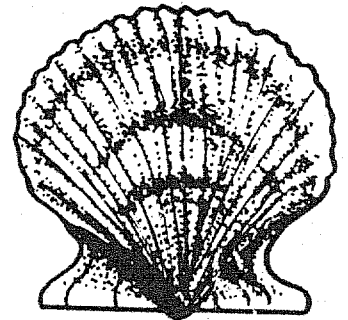
This is the year of the advertising tee-shirt and I have to say that shops on Sanibel and Captiva Islands have about the best choice anywhere. Hawaiian shirts, polo shirts and button down collars are finished. Girls can get ready to put formal blouses back in the suitcase. What you need is a tee-shirt and shorts. That tee-shirt can say about anything you want as long as four of you visitors don't get together, each with a large letter on your chest. Because if the four of you stand together to make a dirty word, you might have problems.

When it comes to shoes, leave your white socks at the motel.

White socks and dark shoes on the beach make you look as if you got your foot wear from the same guy who wraps Seattle Slew's legs before a race.

Old sneakers, or sandals keep you off the "just got here" list. You can still get dressed up for dinner, just wear your leather running shoes in place of the canvas sneakers. It's as easy as that.

Perhaps these few hints will get you on the right path to island blendability. One guy once told me when he was on vacation, his neck was also on vacation. You couldn't get him into a place that required a coat and tie for dinner. We don't try to impress each other too much around here with new clothes. Get your act together and go casual to the brink of incoherency. That's our style for relaxation. Enjoy yourselves while you're here.



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Rutland House slated for historic designation

In recent weeks, the City of Sanibel's Historic Preservation Committee has met a number of times to promote the idea of securing a historical designation for the home of Sanibel's beloved "Uncle" Clarence Rutland on Periwinkle Way.

According to Island Historian Elinor Dormer, chairman of the committee, the rustic frame house in which Clarence Rutland has lived since 1926 was built by a man by the name of Swit, an uncle of Clarence's wife, Ruth, in about 1910.

One of the oldest living Islanders, Clarence Rutland came to Sanibel as a boy in 1896 with his parents, Othman and Irene Rutland, according to Mrs. Dormer's history of Sanibel and Captiva, "The Sea Shell Islands." Othman Rutland died the following year, and in 1900, Irene Rutland married Henry Shanahan, keeper of the Sanibel Lighthouse from 1892 until his death in 1913, whose first wife passed away shortly before the turn of the century, Mrs. Dormer writes.

The combined family, eventually numbering 13 children, lived in the keeper's quarters at the Lighthouse for over 14 years, and Clarence Rutland

eventually served with his brothers as assistant keeper from 1918 through 1926. It was in that year that Clarence and Ruth Rutland moved into the house

on Periwinkle Way, which they bought with money they had borrowed from Frank Bailey, a founder of the Sanibel Packing Company, forerunner of Bailey's General Store.

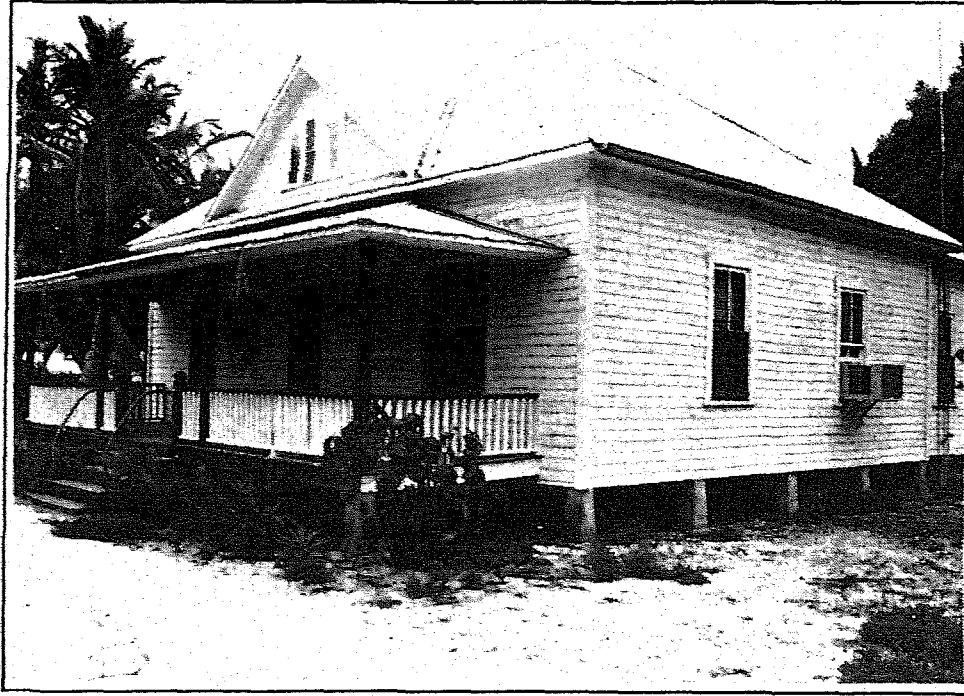
The land on which Uncle Clarence's house stands was part of one of the original homesteads on Sanibel, Mrs. Dormer said. Her research revealed that the property was homesteaded in 1889 by Andrew Wiren, a Swedish Lutheran minister to who came to Sanibel in that year from New Sweden, Maine.

Wiren passed away a few years later and was buried on the property, Mrs. Dormer said, and Othman and Irene Rutland lived in his house for a time up until Othman Rutland's death. Mrs. Dormer believes that he, too, is buried on the property near the gravesite of Andrew Wiren. Today, Wiren's original house still stands, serving as Uncle Clarence's garage.

Recently, the Historic Preservation Committee has proposed to designate the Rutland house and property an official historical site of the City of Sanibel, and an amendment is currently being prepared to add Uncle Clarence's home to the list of historic sites contained in the city's comprehensive land use plan.

The committee is also preparing a map of Sanibel's historic sites to be included in the land use plan, as well as considering the possibility of erecting plaques to commemorate historic spots on the Island.

The City planning commission has already endorsed the proposed historic designation for the Rutland home on Periwinkle Way, and the city council is slated to consider the proposal in the near future.



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Library

by George Tenney

"Not only are Sanibel's library patrons increasing in number, but the books and services available to them are also expanding," Harriet Howe, co-librarian with Jean Denyes, told the membership at the Sanibel Public Library's annual meeting last week.

Library card holders now number 1,830 - up substantially from last year and the number of books available to them increased by 1,539 bringing the total number of volumes now on the shelves to 10,562.

Readers are using the library more - 84,260 books circulated in 1977 - an increase of more than 5,000 over the previous year, and in January of this year 1,386 books were circulated, the largest single months' circulation in the history of the library.

Large type books are increasingly popular and this category is to be substantially expanded. Also the

librarians are working on a program for the visually handicapped that would include books recorded on records and tapes.

Arthur Clark, chairman of the library's building and grounds committee, told the membership that the new addition would be completed in 30 days, after innumerable delays due to shortages of both materials and workmen. The wing will almost double the

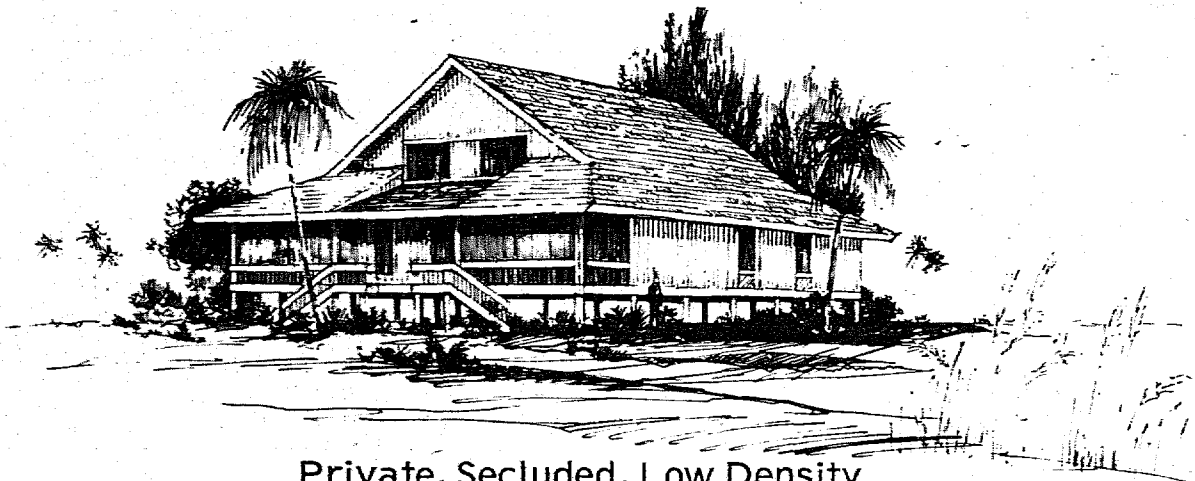
amount of shelf space and will also provide more storage and a greatly enlarged conference room.

The 1978 Arts and Crafts Fair was the largest and best patronized of any of the annual extravaganzas, according to Patsy and Ingalls Simmons, co-chairmen. The Fair added \$4,909 to the library's Building Funds. It was announced that Ruth and Joe Searing would head the 1979 Fair. Five

directors were elected for a 3-year term, including incumbent members Jean Denyes, Robert Haynie, and George Tenney, as well as Patsy Simmons and Ted Seely who are new.

Eloise Evans was appointed membership chairman to succeed the late Marie Craig who was tragically killed earlier this month in an automobile-truck accident. Mary Ronk was named chairman of the publicity committee.

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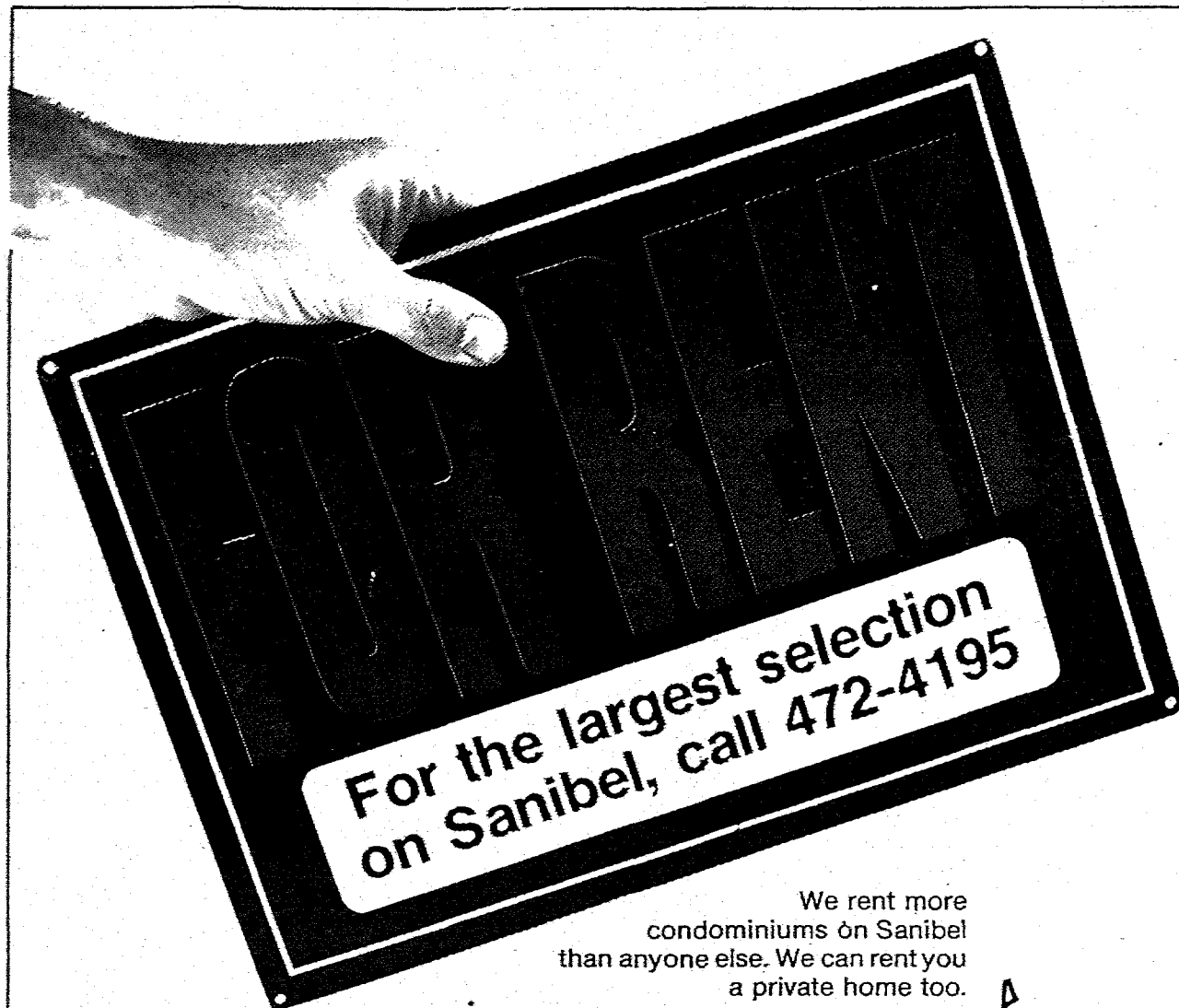
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COTI to pursue growth controls for Sanibel

In a meeting held last Tuesday, February 14, members of the Committee of the Islands (COTI) voted unanimously to direct their new legal representative, Fort Myers attorney James Humphrey, to prepare an ordinance geared to regulating the rate of growth on Sanibel Island.

Alarmed by statistics indicating that Sanibel building officials issued permits for the construction of 343 new dwelling units on the Island in 1977, COTI leaders have met a number of times in recent months to consider methods by which the city could curb the growth rate on Sanibel.

Most recently, they have secured the services of attorney James Humphrey, and a small group of COTI members met with Humphrey last week to formulate a plan to petition city officials for tighter growth controls on the Island.

After reviewing all prominent court decisions affecting growth control

legislation, Humphrey recommended last week that COTI should pursue some form of "time-control zoning" for Sanibel.

Humphrey reported that both state and federal courts have upheld this method of phasing development over a period of years, which "enables municipalities to channel and control growth until necessary public services can be provided," he said.

Most notably, Humphrey cited court decisions upholding local ordinances adopted by the cities of Petaluma, California, and Denver, Colorado, which are aimed at maintaining the "quality of life" in those communities. Petaluma officials have adopted a 6 percent annual growth rate, while Denver has limited its growth to 2 percent each year, he said.

Citing parallels between Florida law and the laws of both California and Colorado, Humphrey said, "I believe that Sanibel can adopt phased growth

or timed-zoning controls. First of all, zoning is a legislative function, and the Florida constitution gives municipalities in the state home rule powers for all areas except those expressly prohibited or reserved for state legislators."

He was careful to point out, however, that any growth control legislation proposed for Sanibel would have to be based on a demonstrable need to upgrade public services and be keyed to an approved plan for the improvement of necessary public services within a prescribed space of time.

COTI members in attendance at the meeting pointed to the Islands' uncertain water situation and overburdened road network as the basis for growth control legislation.

"This is a relatively new field in land use law, but I believe that you could compose an ordinance based on those considerations alone that would be constitutional," Humphrey said.

"Without a doubt, I think that you could legally have very tight growth controls for Sanibel," he added.

"But can we, the people of Sanibel, afford to pay for it," asked COTI Chairman Milena Eskew, pointing out that the city of Boca Raton, Florida, has run up almost \$700,000 in legal costs defending that community's growth control legislation.

"If you don't, you are relying upon the Island Water Association and other public bodies to determine your rate of growth," Humphrey replied. "I think it might be more costly in the long run to decide the issue in that way."

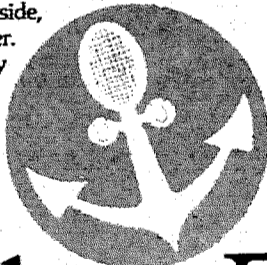
The legality of the Boca Raton growth control ordinance is still a matter in litigation pending a Supreme Court ruling on the case, Humphrey reported, suggesting that COTI might

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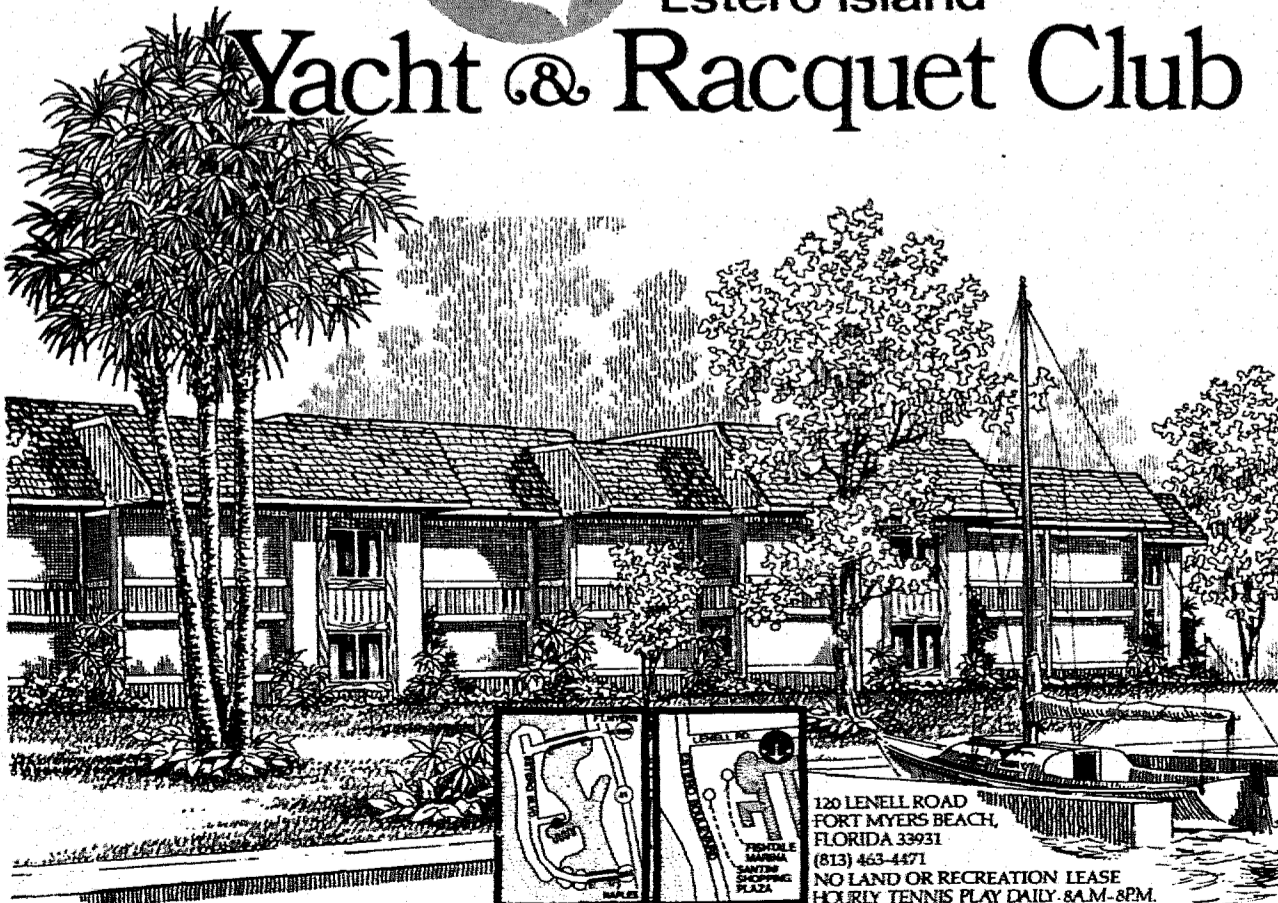
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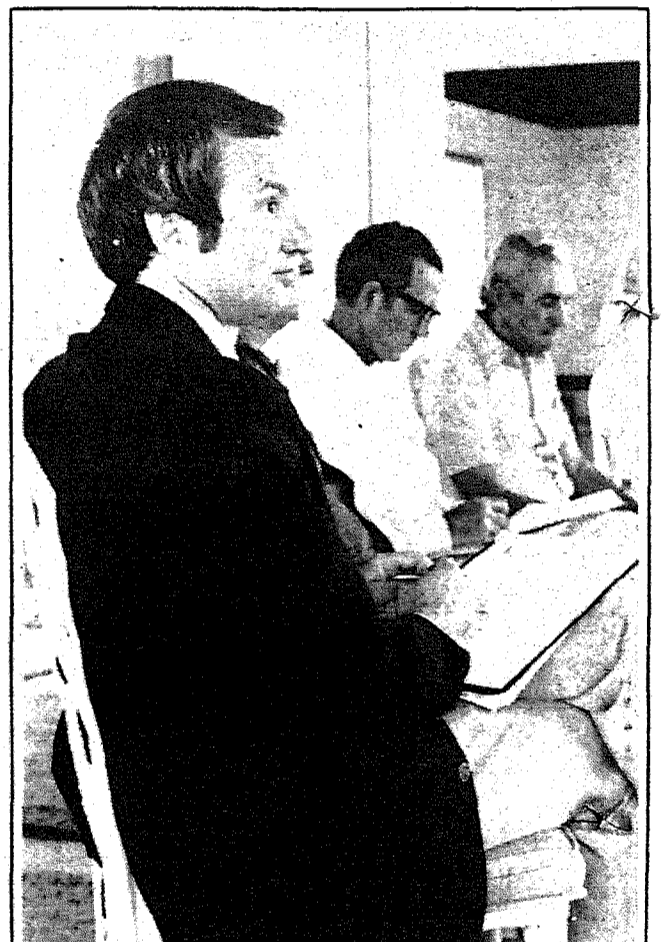
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COTI leaders hope ultimately to petition the Sanibel City Council to adopt the proposed growth control legislation for the Island.

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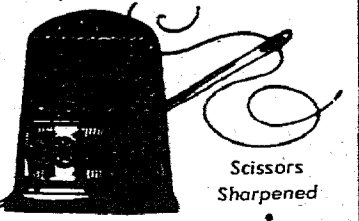
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want to await the outcome of that litigation before proceeding to petition for a referendum on proposed growth controls for Sanibel.

Under Sanibel's city charter, COTI can request that the city council consider a growth control ordinance for Sanibel by submitting a petition to that effect signed by five registered voters of the Island city.

Such a petition would have to be accompanied by a proposed ordinance for councilmen to consider, Humphrey said, adding that he could assist COTI officials in the preparation of such an ordinance at a cost of \$1,000 or less.

If the council declines to adopt the proposed ordinance, then COTI could petition city fathers for a referendum on the proposed legislation, Humphrey said. He indicated that such a petition would require the signatures of 25 percent of the Island's registered voters before city fathers would be obligated to hold a referendum on the issue.

He added, however, that growth control legislation adopted by referendum has not yet been upheld by the judiciary, suggested that COTI should await the outcome of the Boca Raton case before petitioning for a referendum.

Humphrey recommended that COTI proceed with drafting an ordinance for city councilmen to consider in the meantime, adding that he felt sure councilmen would endorse such a proposal and that a referendum would not be necessary.

COTI members present for the meeting voted unanimously to

authorize Humphrey and Chairman Eskew to proceed with drafting a growth control ordinance for presentation to the city council after the proposal has been approved by the COTI membership.

Humphrey said that the actual growth rate to be proposed in the ordinance will be based upon the capital improvement plans of both the city and the Island Water Association for upgrading the Island's water supply and road network, while suggesting that a growth rate of about 250 dwelling units per year might be appropriate.

"I think that a lot of areas of the country are watching Sanibel very closely," commented Chairman Eskew, "and if we could win this struggle I think that a lot of communities would follow our lead."

In other action last Tuesday, Chairman Eskew decided to appoint Islander Roderick Jones to serve out the unexpired term of COTI director Harrison Wilson Smith, a well-known Captivan who passed away late last month.

COTI members also heard a report by Islander William Kimball, chairman of nominating committee responsible for recommending Islanders to serve on the COTI board of directors beginning in April.

Among those COTI directors whose terms in office will expire next month are Dave Davenport, Milena Eskew, Clark Newcombe, Arthur Orloff, Patsy Simmons and Ted Sucher.

COTI members are slated to hold an election of officers at their regular meeting in April.

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We are talking about small community editors in this story, featuring weekly newspaper publications. The New York Times, for instance, is obviously quite a different kettle of fish. The only thing small newspapers have in common with the really big boys is that they have more typos than we do. Another Believe It Or Not, but a true one.

The main basic, commonly shared "thing" among ALL editors is their speedy little pencils, blue or red or black. With these they slash away at copy - working within their own guidelines of budget controls, available space, and personal preferences. Dame Rumor hath it that sometimes they absentmindedly eat those little pencils. It's a good thing that they are cheaper by the dozen. (pencils, not editors).

A fledgling newspaper reporter once

made this observation about editors. He said he could forgive them for being blinded to new ideas and possessing the business graces of a wounded water buffalo in an elevator filled with big game hunters, but what the young reporter couldn't forgive was that speedy pencil which edited, shaped, and finally made that mess of journalism 301 scribbles into something readable.

Newspaper editors have to play the field physically. "Come quickly, there's something going on... get your photographer or bring your own camera... get to that meeting, we want YOU to cover it (there are two other meetings going on at the same time)... are there any openings on your staff... why do I find it so hard to get hold of you on the phone, don't you receive my messages..." etc. etc. etc.

They work nights. They work weekends. They squeeze in what time they can find for socializing and attending to personal affairs. They become ill, sometimes make mistakes - just like the rest of us.

Gwen Stevenson, editor of the ISLANDER once read the

following ad in a weekly published in Anaheim, California, (home of Disneyland). The ad required: "someone who could write, shoot, develop, print, set type, layout and paste-up and edit." Salary offered at that time: about \$8,500 per annum.

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Book editors, on the other hand, are more apt to be found in their offices. They, too, are constantly harassed by authors and would-be authors who are extraordinarily sensitive souls. "Why must I rewrite so many chapters... why DON'T you think it should be considered by your publisher, look at all the trash he DOES find acceptable..." So many anguished letters and phone calls: "where's my manuscript, didn't you get it... why don't I hear from you, it's been a long time..." Constant, everyday occurrences. Three-four martini lunches can be very pacifying and too often a vital necessity, in their field.

People on the Islands who don't know Gwendolyn J. Stevenson are talking about her. "Where did she come from... what's her background... how come the ISLANDER has changed so much since the old days... is this new editor responsible for its growth." And so forth. Last year's short an-

nouncement is a long time ago in anybody's media.

She was born in London, Ontario, is now perennially single, and has many degrees in various Universities in Canada and the States in a number of different major subjects, including a Master's in English Literature and post-graduate work in Mass Communications and Journalism.

There are few cities in both countries where Gwen has not held senior positions in Promotion and Public Relations, television and National Film Board management. A Montrealer by heritage she speaks fluent French.

(mon dieu, chere mademoiselle, que c'est formidable!)

In any event, here we are. Gwen left the north and the high pressure responsibilities connected with her various positions, decided to live on Sanibel, and became Virginia Brown's assistant-editor with the oldest newspaper on the Islands, which was founded in 1961.

And so it goes with the life of editor. Mike Fuery, one of our favorite columnists has this description: "Their staffs want to hang them and their public wants to burn them in effigy, from time to time. That's why most editors will bolt towards the nearest opening if you make a loud noise behind them while they're working. But somehow, a newspaper comes off the press, to the sheer amazement of those who struggled with it..."

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Other ladies who will participate in the Service are: Virginia Shannon, Sanibel Community Church; Judy Workman, St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church; Betty Muench, St. Isabel's Catholic Church; and a representative lady from the Shepherd of the Islands Lutheran Church.

The organist will be Jane McCreary, First Baptist Church, and the music director is Jeannie Holloway of the First Baptist Church.

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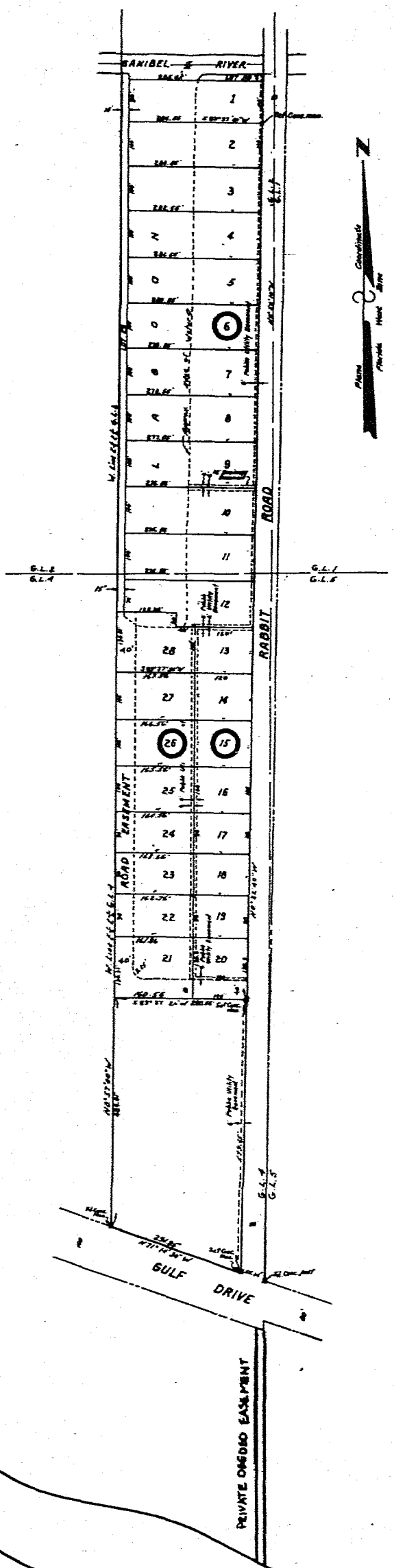
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police report

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patrolmen have been given a departmental directive to pay close attention to trucks ignoring the new truck route off Donax hereafter.

Pursuant to the above directive, Island patrolmen issued seven traffic citations to truckers ignoring the signs later last week.

SPD was called upon to assist an Island motel manager with evicting a couple of guests from the motel late one night last week.

The guests were

motel.

Over and above the individual reports outlined herein, Island police responded to four traffic accidents last week, four reports of insecure premises on the Island, investigated one

noise-related complaint, three reports of lost or annoying canines, and one matter listed as confidential in the report, while issuing four traffic citations, escorting three large trucks across the Islands, and rendering

miscellaneous assistance on thirty occasions.

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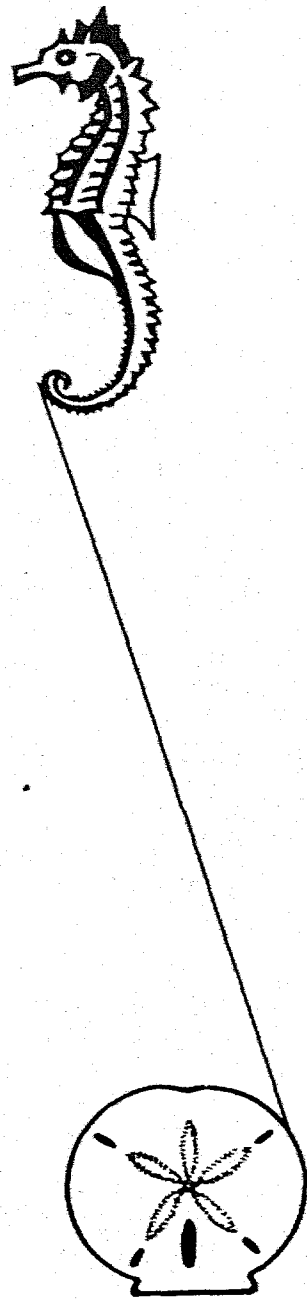
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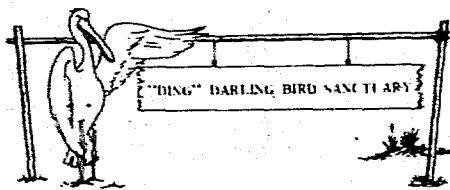
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9:00 A.M.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance (Butler).
2. Approval of minutes of meetings held January 26th, 30th, 31st, and February 7th, 1978.
3. Planning Commission Report.
4. City Attorney's Report.
5. City Manager's Report.
6. Mayor and Councilmen's Report.

10:00 A.M.

7. Public Hearing and second reading of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 75-25, Sections 4 (h), 9 (a) (b) and (c), 11; Transferring Certain Functions To The Building Official From The Code Compliance Committee; Clarifying The Functions of The Code Compliance Committee As, And Renaming The Code Compliance Committee To, The Board of Adjustment and Appeals.

8. Public Hearing and first reading of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 75-25, Section 1, Adopting The 1976 Edition OF The Standard Building Code With 1977 Revisions.

9. Consider Resolution recommending that The Florida Legislature Adopt a General Law Permitting Local Government To Prohibit Commercial Fishing In Man-Made Canals By Local Option.

10. Consider an Emergency Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 75-32; Imposing a Vehicular Weight Restriction Upon The Streets and Roads of Sanibel; Altering the Speed Limits Along Periwinkle Way, Palm Ridge Road and Sanibel-Captiva Road.

11. Public Hearing and first reading of a Permanent Ordinance Amending Ordinance 75-32; Imposing A Vehicular Weight Restriction Upon the Streets and Roads of Sanibel; Providing for Repeal of Prior Emergency Ordinances Relating Hereto.

12. Public Hearing and first reading of an Ordinance Relating to Drainage; Providing Authority To The City of Sanibel To Direct Owners Of Land To Correct Their Drainage; Providing Authority To Cause Said Work To Be Done And Providing That A

Lien Be Placed Upon Said Property For The Value of Said Work Should the Owner Fail to Comply.

12:30 P.M.

Recess for Lunch.

1:45 P.M.

13. Public Hearing and second reading of an Ordinance Specifically Amending Ordinance No. 76-21, The Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Part 3.4: Permitted Uses, Section 3.4.5: Interior Wetland-Uplands 2(Commercial C; And Part 3.6: Mobile Homes and Recreation Vehicles, to Permit The Use of An Antique Replica Circus Wagon Owned by George Ackerman, As a Retail Establishment To Be Located At The B-Hive, 2407 Periwinkle Way (Parcel in Section 26, Township 46 South, Range 22 East, Sanibel, Lee County, Florida), As Submitted By George W. Kohlbrenner, Owner, B-Hive Property.

2:00 P.M.

Continuation of Public Hearing and second reading of an Ordinance Specifically Amending Ordinance No. 76-21, The Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Sections 3.3.1: Residential Densities And 3.2.2: Development Intensity Map, To Permit Construction of a Single Family Dwelling on Lots 10 and 11, Block 8, Sanibel Highlands Subdivision (Brookhaven Road), As Submitted By Anne Frances Coles.

2:15 P.M.

15. Public Hearing and first reading of an Ordinance Specifically Amending Ordinance No. 76-21, The Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Section 3.3.2: Residential Yard Requirements to Allow a Two Foot 6 Inch Encroachment of the Setback From An Open Body of Water on Lot 7, Block B, Unit I, Sanibel Isles Subdivision, Sanibel, Lee County, Florida, (1508 Angel Drive), As Submitted B M. William Frey For C. Kenneth and Barbara E. Meeker.

2:30 P.M.

16. Public Hearing and first reading of an Ordinance Specifically Amending Ordinance No. 76-21, The Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Sections 3.2. 3: Permitted Uses Map, 3.4.5: Interior Wetland - Uplands, and 3.4.6: Interior Wetland - Lowlands, to

Allow The First Baptist Church of Sanibel to Buy and Use The 1.28 plus Acre Parcel For A Parking Lot, As Submitted By Hugh H. and Gertrude I. Swanson, Owners of the Parcel, Located in Government Lot 6, Section 20, Township 46 South, Range 22 East, Sanibel, Lee County, Florida (Sanibel-Captiva Road).

2:45 P.M.

17. Public Hearing and first reading of an Ordinance Specifically Amending Ordinance No. 76-21, The Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Sections 3.4.5: Interior Wetland - Uplands 3) Commercial RC, to Allow The Enlargement of a Grocer-Convenience Store to 2400 Square Feet, In The Restricted Commercial Development on The Northwestern Side of Rabbit Road (Section 28, Township 46 South, Range 22 East, Sanibel, Lee County, Florida), As Submitted By James O. Evans.

3:00 P.M.

18. Public Hearing and first reading of an Ordinance Specifically Amending Ordinance No. The Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Part Referencing Florida Statutes Section 163.3184 on Procedure and Deleting Reference to Florida Statutes Section 163.3181 (3) and Deleting Reference to a Proposed Ordinance and Substituting Therefore The Word "Proposal".

3:15 P.M.

19. Consider Request by Dr. and Mrs. Walter Robert Schmidt for Council approval to fill swimming pool after april 1, 1978, at 4733 Rue Belle Mer, Chateau Sur Mer Subdivision, as required by Ordinance No. 77-47 and in accordance with Resolution No. 77-26.

3:30 P.M.

20. Consideration of request for residential rate change by Sanibel Disposal.

3:45 P.M.

21. Consideration of reimbursement of expenses as authorized by Resolution 77-04.

4:00 P.M.

22. Public Inquiries and Comments. Adjournment.

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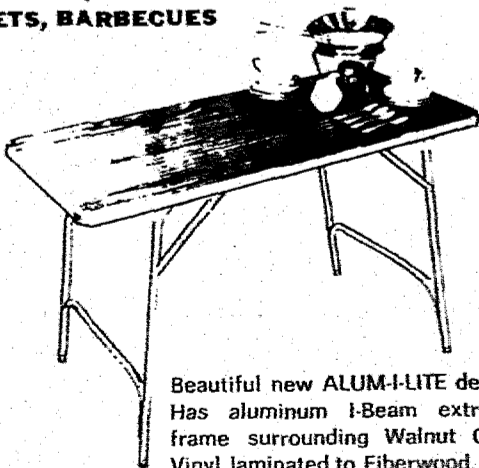
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