



# IWA PIPELINE



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## IWA aids pooped pedalers

In the near future thirsty cyclists on Sanibel bike paths may be able to quench their thirst at pathside water fountains, partly through the courtesy of IWA.

At the City's request, IWA will donate hook-ups for up to eight water fountains around the island and also provide the water free of charge.

The fountains themselves are expected to be donated by island service clubs and installed by the City.

Soon you may be able to sample Sanibel's finest without leaving your bike and . . . this one's on us.



## Dry at last!

The rainy season has finally wrung itself out and it's time again to think about conserving water, so here are two tips.

Number one is tricky but amazingly effective. If you have a single lever tap in your shower or sink, don't turn it on in the middle (warm) setting. Why? Because it wastes water and energy. If you want hot water turn the dial to "HOT" before turning on the water. That will get the hot water to the tap quickly, then you can set the dial to warm. Result: less unused water down the drain. If you want cold water, turn the dial to cold, then turn on the water. Otherwise you'll draw cold water into the tank which you'll have to pay to heat. (If you're cooling your home you will even have to pay for air conditioning to cool the pipes needlessly warmed.)

The second tip is a lot easier to understand. The biggest water thief in your home is a leaking toilet. Check your toilets now for leaks into the tank or the

bowl or pay the consequences in \$\$\$.

One last thing. Remember to turn off your water when leaving your home even for a short time. A busted washing machine or dishwasher hose can fill your house with water in a few hours while costing you up to \$3 an hour (that's about \$800 per week).

## IWA offers to take over wastewater management/sewage treatment

The Board of Directors has informed the City of Sanibel that IWA is willing to participate in the planning and operation of a unified water management system for Sanibel and Captiva which would include wastewater management.

Under the proposal IWA would ultimately take on responsibility for wastewater collection, wastewater treatment, disposal and/or re-use as well as potable water treatment and distribution.

According to engineers who have studied the islands' wastewater needs, IWA is the most likely candidate to plan and operate wastewater management. All agree that water treatment and distribution and wastewater management should be involved in a single comprehensive plan. IWA, as an experienced non profit utility with a state charter for both water supply and wastewater operations, may be in the best position to perform this service.

There are dozens of wastewater treatment plants on Sanibel and Captiva. All are privately operated in connection with profit-making operations.

The owner of the largest sewage collection and treatment system has recently agreed to start negotiations, either to sell to the City of Sanibel within a year or to apply for a city franchise. This may be a first step toward public operation of island sanitation services.

If IWA were to take over a unified water management system, the first step would be a comprehensive plan that would encompass potable water, wastewater, rainfall runoff and water re-use for both Sanibel and Captiva. Initial financing for planning only might come from a one-year tax under a so-called "municipal service benefit unit" formed by Lee County with the approval of the City of Sanibel. Subsequent funding sources would be determined in the plan.

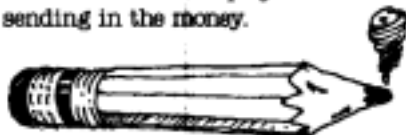
## **"IWAPOH" will be no more**

Lots of people who pay their bills by mail have told us how much they appreciate our mailing address. They say it's so short and easy to remember it's almost a pleasure to pay their bills.

Originally the box number was supposed to be "H<sub>2</sub>O" — a clever idea that didn't quite fit into the rules of the U.S.P.S. And so it was "H" and almost everybody seemed to like it. The exceptions were those members who like to test the mettle of the post office with "H<sub>2</sub>O, Sanibel" and even "Ozzie's House, Sanibel". The post office passed the test and we have the envelopes to prove it.

Now, the games are over. When IWA gets its new mail box at the main office its address will change to the unmemorable "3425 Sanibel-Captiva Road", (Or San-Cap Road for those in a hurry).

We know it's not going to be nearly as much fun but we hope you'll still keep sending in the money.



## **We're still serving T's**

We still have some IWA T-shirts featuring Ozzie in glowing color. If you haven't got yours stop by the office. They cost only \$4.00.

By the way, most of the sizes left are small so hurry and get yours before you grow out of it.

## **Hager joins IWA**

Dion Hager has recently joined the IWA staff as a mechanic. He already has most of the machinery running smoother than anybody remembers. We're glad to have him on board.

## **Very interesting!**

IWA continues to attract visitors interested in seeing how we make saltwater into "the champagne of Southwest Florida".

Included in this month's list were Sarasota County officials who need to decide what kind of water treatment plant to buy: R.O. or E.D. or ion exchange. Because IWA has the first two almost side by side ours was a good system to inspect.

Financial: These figures represent the unaudited accounts as of September 30, 1986

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>NINE MONTHS OF</u>	
	<u>1986 Budget</u>	<u>Actual Receipts</u>
Water Sales	\$2,208,750	\$2,250,702
Interest	58,500	29,737
Other Receipts	27,000	27,032
Connection Fees	300,000	379,220
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>\$2,594,250</u>	<u>\$2,686,691</u>
Carryover		837,517
<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>		<u>\$3,524,208</u>
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>NINE MONTHS OF</u>	
	<u>1986 Budget</u>	<u>Actual Disbursements</u>
Wages and Benefits	\$ 767,768	\$ 671,312
Professional Fees	52,950	44,425
Electricity	472,500	407,754
Telephones	11,775	10,436
O & M Service & Supply	341,325	328,575
Motor Fuels	11,250	6,298
Water Purchases	-7,500	0
Insurance	62,925	63,830
Postal Charges	9,375	11,850
Travel, Training, Conferences	18,825	12,046
Debt Repayments (Farmers Home Admin.)	225,351	225,351
Capital Expenditures	997,917	991,970
<u>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>\$2,979,461</u>	<u>\$2,773,847</u>
<u>EXCESS OF FUNDS OVER DISBURSEMENTS</u>		<u>\$ 750,361</u>
<u>LESS RESERVE REQUIREMENTS &amp; CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS</u>		<u>\$ 875,669</u>
<u>NET AVAILABLE FUNDS</u>		<u>\$ 174,692</u>

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