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## Special events ordinance adopted

Only six people attended the council session to discuss the revised ordinance last week. A previous meeting drew 30 people to City Hall in protest of the measure that requires permits for certain events held on private land on Sanibel.

By Barbara Brundage

A controversial ordinance designed to control and legalize certain "special events" on Sanibel finally became law last Wednesday — 10 months after the idea was conceived.

The City Council unanimously approved the third draft of the ordinance that will require city permits for some temporary events that take place on non-public land.

A previous version of the ordinance brought cries of protest from the public, with 30 residents speaking out against the measure at a council hearing early last month.

In response the council sent the ordinance back to the drawing board and instructed City Attorney David La Croix to try "a whole new approach."

Last Wednesday only six residents attended a special council session to discuss the new version of the ordinance. At the outset of the discussion Mayor Fred Valtin said, "There's no way this ordinance interferes with private functions."

Under standards set in the ordinance most special events will not require permits, La Croix added.

The main intent of the law is to control harmful effects of large gatherings that spill over onto public rights-of-way, have a negative impact on traffic and create overwhelming demands on city services.

Members of the public who spoke Wednesday included Al Rosen, manager of The Dunes Country Club, where "special events" have raised \$100,000 for worthy causes in the past four years. Rosen said the Dunes Home Owners Association favored the proposed ordinance.

Only Urban Palmer, representing the Sanibel Community Association, had any real objection. His

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## Plans okayed for removal of Brazilian peppers from city-owned Causeway site

By Barbara Brundage

The City Council has given the green light to Noxious Plant Control Officer Bill Patric to begin wholesale removal of Brazilian peppers from three acres of the city-owned Causeway property early next spring.

One of the reasons for the city's purchase of a nine-acre tract bounded by Causeway and Bailey roads and the bay and Periwinkle Way was to keep the entrance to the Island natural looking.

But, Patric pointed out, there is nothing natural about land covered with a dense stand of vegetation that is

95 percent Brazilian peppers.

Patric proposed and the council agreed to use heavy machinery to knock over the peppers and uproot the stumps. The cheapest way to remove the debris is to bury it on the site, Patric said.

The land will then be grubbed and graded. The open field with a few pines remaining will not be a pretty sight, Patric admitted. He suggested that a thin huffer of peppers could be left to screen the area from Causeway Road.

Councilman Leslie Johnson favored planting a buffer of native vegetation to hurry along the desired natural

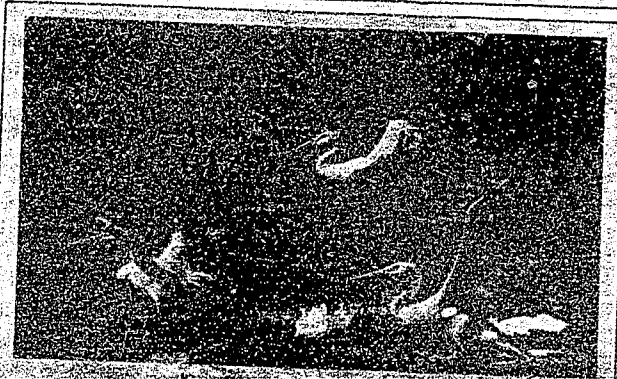
look.

Another section of the tract south to Periwinkle Way is primarily composed of Australian pines that Patric proposes to thin out selectively. The relatively limited stands of pepper on that tract can be brush cut and the stumps poisoned.

The remainder of the city's Causeway property has more diverse vegetation and will be treated more traditionally.

Mixed in the Brazilian pepper, which will be cut and poisoned, are

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Winters here. Frigatebird south. See Plantation to Causeway. Frigatebird rolled the feathers of these rare white pelicans that were marked on a sandbar just off Cayo Costa. In-Plan Island Sound on Sunday. Photographer Mark Johnson was covering the long distance wintering race when his camera caught the flock of pelicans. For coverage of the wintering race see page 12B.



## ISLAND SHORTS

Community news and announcements about your friends and neighbors



### Christmas comes early for Sanibel youngster

Last week didn't begin well for Rachael Quasnie, 4½. She had to stay home sick from the Children's Center. But Friday the week took a turn for the better -- a phone call from Bailey's notified her she had won a rare Cabbage Patch doll.

Ironically enough, Rachael and her mother, Margie, had raced into town last weekend when they learned a Fort Myers store had received some of the rare dolls. But by the time they got to town the store was packed with people and the dolls were gone.

But when Rachael and her grandmother, Berna Wolbach, were shopping in Bailey's last week they came across a Coke and Coleco Toys sponsored "Share the Love" sweepstakes to benefit the March of Dimes. The prize turned out to be one of the rare dolls.

Grandmother



Rachael Quasnie and her grandmother Berna Wolbach with her Cabbage Patch doll. Photo by Scott Martell

Wolbach filled out an entry form for her granddaughter. And to her delight, on Friday the family received the good news. Rachael hugged the doll like she was never going to let it go.

"It's just a very pleasant thing to have happen," said Wolbach. Bailey's will have another drawing for a second Cabbage Patch doll Nov. 30.

### Safe Boating Class begins next week

The 1985 Safe Boating Class sponsored by the Sanibel-Captiva Power Squadron will begin at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26, at the Sanibel Community Association hall on Felixville Way.

The course will run for 12 weeks with a two-week break for the holidays. The classes will last from 7 to 9:30 p.m. each Monday. The only charges are for course materials that the squadron will sell at cost.

This year's course will cover weather, engine troubleshooting, inland and river

boating, coastal boating, trailering, basic navigation, charts and navigational aids, seamanship, sailing fundamentals and knot tying.

It is not necessary to own a boat to take this course. Only an interest in safe boating and the desire to add to your boating knowledge is required. Anyone 15 years of age or older is eligible. Family groups are welcome.

Recent accidents and fatalities in our own waters could have been avoided with just a minimum knowledge of

safe boating procedures. No advance registration is required, but a phone call to either Bob Vardall, 472-1011 or 472-1267, or to Bob Kesler, 472-1774, would be appreciated. Call either of these men for more information or just show up at 7 p.m. next Monday, Nov. 26.



### Island restaurants noted in Fodor's Florida

The Bubble Room restaurant on Captiva and the Tistie Lodge on Sanibel both are highlighted in the 1985 Fodor's Florida.

The guide notes that the Bubble Room has "outrageous decor by owners Katie and Jamie Farquharson that is matched only by outstanding food. The collection of old toys, stuffed animals, electric trains, Santas and elves, stuffed water buffalo, and bubbling antique Christmas lights is matched by sticky buns and the

African Queen entree that includes deviled crab, fish, and scallops wonderfully well."

"Tistie Lodge, says the guide, is a "resident restaurant for the interval-ownership resort. Fine food nonetheless. Try the brat-on-the-grupper, flash-fried in a 500 degree skillet for a few seconds after dipping the filets in a mixture of 23 spices and sugar, a chef Peter Harman specialty."

### Sunrise sheller finds junonia



After more than 20 years of shelling on Sanibel, Harry Taif of Chicago found his first junonia last Tuesday morning.

Shelling along the high tide mark between Terpon Bay Road and Pointe Santo condominiums, Taif spotted the three-inch-long specimen just as the sun started to rise. "I couldn't believe it," said Taif.

It was the second junonia found in the Taif family. Taif's wife found one about eight years ago.

Harry Taif and his junonia. Photo by Mark Johnson.



## DO YOU REMEMBER?

20 Years Ago This Week  
Nov. 19, 1964

Jazz tenor sax artist Flip Phillips opens tonight at the Golden Sands on Sanibel.

Each week the population of Captiva is growing as familiar faces return to their winter homes. Last week's arrivals included Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gallaher, Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Gillett, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lillie.

15 Years Ago This Week  
Nov. 20, 1969

"Newcomers' Corner" this week welcomes Dr.

Ingalls Simmons and Patsy Simmons to their new home in Chateau Sur Mer. The Simmons moved here from Massachusetts, although during Dr. Simmons' career in the military service the couple lived in every state in the union except Alaska.

The Sanibel Causeway tolls generated \$648,057 last year, an increase of nearly 30 percent over the previous year's revenue.

Noah's Ark thrift shop at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church opens for the season Nov. 26.

10 Years Ago This Week  
Nov. 21, 1974

Plans have been announced for a 95-space trailer park on 22.8 acres along Dunlop Road stretching to the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Co-owners are Velna Ridge and Gordon Tracey.

FOR SALE: Two lots on private road on Sanibel, 700 feet from the gulf with access to beach via permanent easement, \$18,000 each.

The Sanibel Community Association will sponsor a political rally Nov. 26 to give Sanibel voters the opportunity to meet all of the candidates for the first Sanibel City Council.

5 Years Ago This Week  
Nov. 20, 1979

Sanibel Planning Commissioner Betty Robinson addressed the local League of Women Voters this

week. Robinson outlined various aspects of the city's Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

More than 400 people turned out for a concert by the Edison Community College jazz ensemble under the stars at the Sanibel Community Association last weekend. The concert was sponsored by BIG Arts.

The city of Sanibel has received a Pedestrian Safety Award from the American Automobile Association.

1 Year Ago This Week  
Nov. 22, 1983

The Sanibel United Way campaign has reached 50 percent of its \$25,000 goal for 1983. Co-chairmen of the fund raising drive this year are Pat Slater and Doris Frey.

A proud crowd of nearly 200 residents and special guests attended the dedication ceremony at Sanibel's new City Hall over the weekend.

The City Council last week denied a promoter's plan to stage Thanksgiving dinner on a Mayflower moving van set up on the Causeway. The councilmen agreed they found the idea "tacky."

The City Council last week withstood strong pressure from melaleuca lovers who want to keep their trees and reaffirmed its policy to rid the island of the "noxious" plants by 1988.

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## Weather watch

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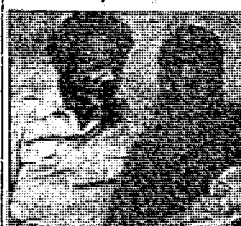
This week for Sanibel and Captiva the weatherman predicts highs in the low 80s, lows in the mid to upper 60s under partly cloudy skies.

Last week's weather according to records kept by the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce was as follows:

	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Monday, Nov. 12	76	53	0
Tuesday, Nov. 13	66	47	0
Wednesday, Nov. 14	73	53	0
Thursday, Nov. 15	75	57	0
Friday, Nov. 16	78	61	0
Saturday, Nov. 17	79	64	0
Sunday, Nov. 18	78	66	0

## Birth

Timothy Eric Goodman



Jill and Arnold Goodman of Sanibel announce the arrival of their son, Timothy Eric, Friday, Nov. 9, 1984. Timothy Eric weighed 6 pounds, 3½ ounces and was 19½ inches long when he was born. Kivianian will be enrolled in the pediatric unit.

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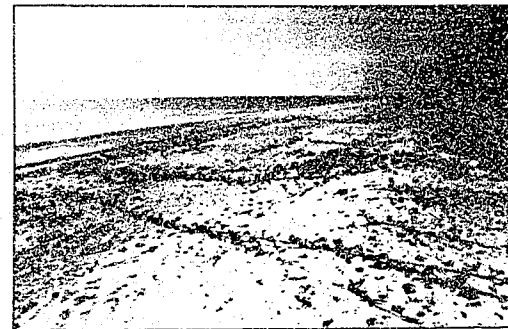
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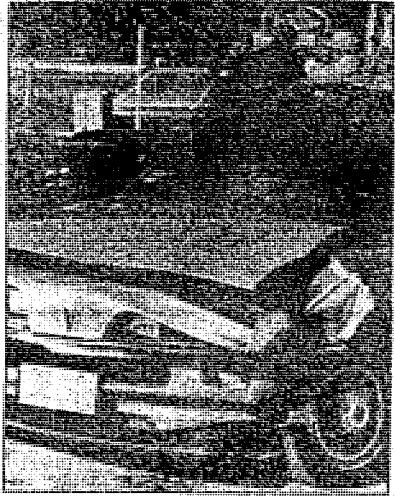


\$395,000

### Drivers charged with violation of right-of-way in two separate accidents

By Mark Johnson  
Two accidents on Sanibel last Wednesday left all four cars involved heavily damaged. No one was injured in either accident, however.  
Police were called to a two-car accident at the corner of Babot Road and Sanibel-Captiva Road around 6:15 a.m. Wednesday. According to the police report Robert Maurer of Tahiti Drive was eastbound on San-Cap when John Francis Hotchkiss of West Gulf Drive, who was traveling westbound on San-Cap, tried to make a left hand turn onto Babot Road. Hotchkiss turned into the path of Maurer, who struck the front end of Hotchkiss' car.  
Police estimated there was \$3,000 damage

to Maurer's 1984 Pontiac and another \$3,000 damage to Hotchkiss' 1978 Lincoln. Hotchkiss was charged with violation of the right-of-way.  
In another accident Wednesday Judith Douglas Weinzeitle of Gulf Pines Drive was charged with violation of the right-of-way after she hit a car driven by Gayla Head of Putnam, Ill.  
According to the police report Weinzeitle was exiting a driveway and attempting to turn eastbound on Periwinkle Way when she struck the right front end of Head's car, which was westbound on Periwinkle.  
Police estimated there was \$3,000 damage to Head's 1979 Ford and \$1,000 damage to Weinzeitle's 1982 Chevrolet.



Right: Robert Maurer's 1984 Pontiac sustained approximately \$3,000 damage when it was struck by a car driven by John Hotchkiss at the intersection of Rabbit Head and Sanibel-Captiva Road last Wednesday. Hotchkiss was charged with violation of the right-of-way after the accident. Photo by Mark Johnson.

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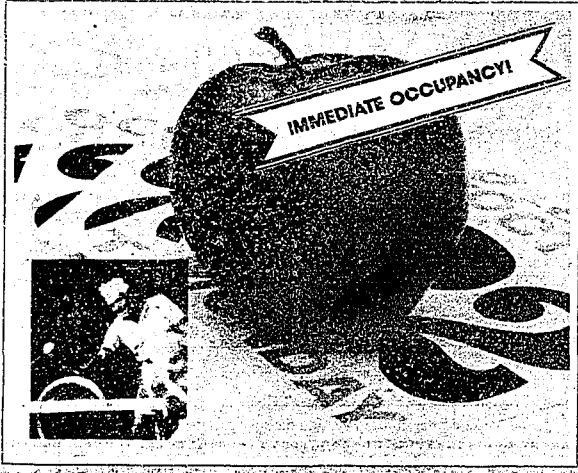


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### OBITUARIES

#### Robert Bergelin

Captive Island resident Robert Bergelin of Big Woods, Mich., died Thursday, Nov. 25, 1984, at Doherty Memorial Medical Center in East Grand Rapids, Mich. He was 74.  
Bergelin is survived by his wife, Barbara; two sons, Christopher of Morganton, N.C., and John of Fairbanks, Alaska; two grandchildren; two brothers, Olaf and John Bergelin, both of Florida; and several nieces and nephews.  
Family service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions can be made to the Robert Bergelin Scholarship Fund, Kinnaird School of Design.  
Arrangements were by Metcalf and Jenkoff Funeral Home in Grand Rapids.

#### Jean Corace

Jean Corace of 530 North Yachtsman Drive, Sanibel, died Saturday, Nov. 10, 1984. She is survived by her husband James Corace Sr., five sons, Jim, Dick, Paul, Bill and Don Corace; nine grandchildren, Lindsay, Anne, Jennifer, Brenda, Courtney, Kelly, Matthew, Marissa and Natalie Corace; and loving nephew, Art.  
Memorial contributions can be made to CURE Childhood Cancer Association, 315 Marion St., Rochester, N.Y. 14610.

#### Breckinridge Tremaine

Longtime Sanibel resident Breckinridge Tremaine died Sunday, Nov. 6, 1984. He was 70 years old.  
Tremaine and his wife, Hannah, became permanent residents on the island in 1968 after having visited here since 1963. They moved here from Wilmington, Del.  
Tremaine was active in many island organizations. He was on the Island Water Association board of directors and on the board of the Sanibel-Captive Conservation Foundation. He also served in the vestry and as an usher at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church.  
Before moving to Sanibel Tremaine was a chemist with DuPont. He was a member of the American Chemical Society and a fellow of the American Institute of Chemists.  
In addition to his wife Tremaine is survived by a brother, Richard Tremaine of El Paso, Texas.  
Memorial services were held Nov. 8, 1984, at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the St. Michael's Rectory Fund, P.O. Box 6, Sanibel 33951.

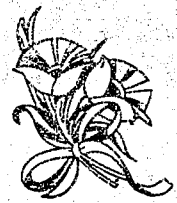
#### J. Norman Miller

Memorial services for J. Norman Miller of Sanibel will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20, 1984, at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church on Sanibel.

### WEDDING

#### Mielke-Herndon

Sanibel residents Frank Herndon and Ruby Mielke of Lake Placid, Fla., were married Monday, Nov. 19, 1984, at Sanibel Community Church. The Rev. Dean Dennis officiated.  
Herndon has lived on Sanibel for 13 years. The couple will reside on Sanibel and in Lake Placid.



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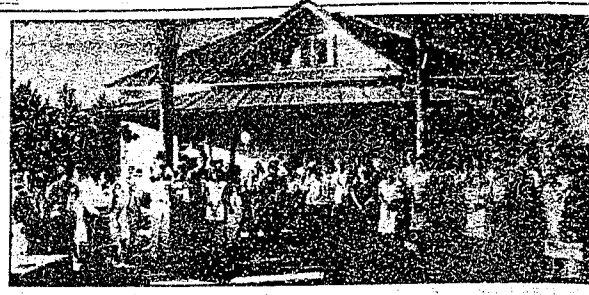
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**BUSINESS NEWS**

**ECC offers one-day session on how to start a business**

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Many of the islands' oldest families gathered for the dedication of the Island Historical Museum during the city's 10th birthday festivities Nov. 10. Among those honored for their island roots were (top in any order): Francis and June Bailey; Anne Bailey; John and Sarah Bailey (Wedekind); Leneth and Barbara Bryant Jr., and children Kenneth III and Karen; Anne Bryant; Birgit Dickey; Dorothy Dickey; Roderick and Milena Eskew; Helen Seyter Hudson; Bob and Milmore Mayer Danner; Belton and Miriam Johnson; Laura

Poloka; Mozella Jordan; Ethel Padgett Longmire; Marjorie Longmire Germalte; James Germalte; Stevwin and Dolores Mayer; Roxane Mitchell Stokes and daughter Julie; Betty Sears; Barbara Sears Bilheimer; Wilbrey Jenkins; Merrill Rushworth; John and Carol Rushworth; Jennifer Rushworth; Sally Cist Toughill; Jean Cist Choate; Pearl Walker West; Duane and Charlotte Kinzie White; Curry and Betty Wiles; Eula Rhodes; and Mr. and Mrs. James Williams. Photo by Mark Johnson.

**CLUB NEWS**

**Lions auxiliary changes meeting date for December**

The Sanibel-Captiva Lions Ladies Auxiliary will not meet on the regular meeting night next month. Instead the group will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, in the Captiva Room at Sandial resort. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

New members and guests are cordially invited. Please bring a wrapped Christmas gift with a value of \$5 for the Christmas auction. For reservations call Evi Batts, 482-5433.

**Kiwanis present \$100 to Teen Club of the Islands**

The Sanibel-Captiva Kiwanis Club presented a check for \$100 to the Teen Club of the Islands at last Wednesday's regular meeting. Receiving the check on behalf of the teen club were club Kirsten La Croix and Kilt Toomey, president and vice president of the club.

The speaker at this Wednesday's meeting will be Vincent Higgins of E.F. Hutton and Co., whose topic will be estate planning.

**ABWA will take contributions for lung association**

Members of the Sanibel-Captiva chapter of the American Business Women's Association will take contributions for the American Lung Association at a booth in the Edison Mall next Tuesday, Nov. 27. A snowflake will be placed on the Giving Tree in the mall in honor of everyone who contributes to the cause. The tree is sponsored by WINK-TV and will

be in place in the mall from Thanksgiving through Christmas. Various service organizations from the area are responsible for maintaining the collection booth each day. Any ABWA member who would like to volunteer to spend time at the booth next Tuesday, Nov. 27, should call Betty Thompson, 472-1506.



Bob Horock of Sanibel takes aim during annual Sanibel-Captiva Lions Club turkey held at Bailey's last weekend. Proceeds from the turkey shoot and a sale went toward helping the visually impaired. Photo by Mark Johnson.

*Thank You*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who voted for me and supported me in my campaign for re-election.

My special thanks go to my hard working campaign committee, those who so kindly hosted coffees in their homes and all those who assisted in the telephone solicitation.

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