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Beach renourishment planned for late 2007

By Rick Catlin
Islander Reporter

The good news for Anna Maria Island is that a beach renourishment project is planned to begin in late 2007, according to Manatee County Conservation Lands Management Director Charlie Hunsicker.

Unfortunately for those beach areas that should have been but weren't renourished during the disastrous 2005-06 project spearheaded by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the upcoming project will only include Coquina Beach and Cortez Beach, Hunsicker said. A full Island renourishment project isn't scheduled

to begin until 2009 or later.

And the Corps will also be involved in this project, Hunsicker noted, although it's "not the same division that renourished the beaches last time," he added quickly.

In other words, Manatee County will have more input in this effort than the bungled 2005-06 attempt that ended about one-half mile short of its objective in Bradenton Beach. That effort also failed to renourish the .6 mile stretch of Anna Maria beach that needed the sand.

"This is the navigable pass dredging department of the Corps and these people have a different approach,"

he observed. Good thing because the project is once again being funded by the Corps.

While the upcoming project is still in the planning and permitting stage, Hunsicker said the Corps will essentially utilize the sand it dredges from the Longboat Pass for renourishment, while it's up to the county to determine the quality and where it will go. That's a big difference from the previous project, when Corps engineers controlled virtually all aspects of the renourishment, while Hunsicker and other county renourishment experts were mere bystanders.

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No end in sight, in more ways than one

Cortez Bridge and the Anna Maria Island Bridge routinely have long lines of vehicles waiting in traffic and plenty of boaters at peak hours awaiting bridge openings. (Islander file photo)

Bridge opening change start time still not clear

By Rick Catlin
Islander Reporter

Exactly when the U.S. Coast Guard intends to change the drawbridge schedule at both the Cortez Bridge and the Anna Maria Island Bridge remains unclear.

But it will be soon, according to Michael Lieberum of the Seventh Coast Guard District in Miami.

The Coast Guard had hoped to implement the new times this month, in time for the busy winter tourist season. That effort, however, was apparently waylaid by an error in publication of the rules in the federal registry.

Lierberum said last week he has drafted the final rule for changing the regulations and it's been "routed for approval," but he did not have a specific date for implementation.

"The Coast Guard understands that this is an important issue and will ensure that city/county officials in the area are advised as the process continues," he said.

"Once this document is published in the Federal Register, I will be able to provide you with the exact details and effective date for these new regulations."

Lierberum said he did not know when the order would appear in the Federal Register, which is published daily by the federal government.

In any event, it appears the new times might not be implemented this winter season.

The impetus to change the bridge opening times for the winter season came several years ago from the Coalition of Barrier Island Elected Officials, primarily those members from Longboat Key.

The BIEO wrote several letters to the Coast Guard requesting the change and, after several public hearings on the issue, the Coast Guard approved the change.

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Insurance: Legislators want to slash rates, expand wind pool

By Molly McCartney
Islander Reporter

It looks like Tallahassee has gotten the message that something drastic needs to be done to deal with the state's insurance crisis.

That was the judgment of state Rep. Bill Galvano as a special session of the Florida Legislature opened Tuesday.

Galvano predicted that lawmakers will slash premiums as much as 25 to 35 percent and expand access to the state's wind pool.

"What we have to do in this special session is stop the bleeding, get stabilization in the market and then build from there," Galvano told *The Islander* newspaper.

Galvano, a Bradenton attorney, represents western Manatee County, including Anna Maria Island, and has been a leader in trying to find solutions to the insurance crisis.

The legislation proposed in the House of Repre-

sentatives calls for mandatory reductions of 25 percent in insurance premiums for Florida property owners, Galvano said. The Senate version would cut rates by as much as 35 percent, he said.

These rate reductions and other reforms would be based on expanding the state's involvement in the insurance market, including changes in the operation of Citizens Property Insurance Corp., the state's insurer of last resort, and providing cheaper re-insurance to insurers.

Legislators who rejected this approach to the insurance crisis a year ago now say they will support such ideas because the nature of the problem is now so much worse.

Rep. Ron Reagan, an insurance agent and a Republican who represents eastern Manatee, told *The Islander* that his philosophy has changed in recent months because private enterprise has failed to provide the insurance needed by homeowners and business.

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Mold forces AM city hall closure

The Anna Maria city staff and all office functions are expected to move to temporary quarters at the Island Baptist Church this week, according to Mayor Fran Barford, while mold problems are "mediated."

City meetings will be held temporarily at Holmes Beach City Hall.

The Manatee County Sheriff's Office substation also will relocate to the church.

Telephone numbers will remain the same, said city clerk Alice Baird. The offices will likely be located on the second floor of the church annex in the same location as they were two years ago when city hall had to utilize the church for its headquarters during remodeling. (See story, page 5.)

Beach renourishment this year?

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“But it’s just going to be for Coquina Beach and the Cortez Beach areas,” Hunsicker added. No renourishment is planned for the beach in Anna Maria.

At the same time as the dredging project is in the design phase, Hunsicker will be preparing a plan to repair the three erosion-control groins at Cortez Beach.

He’s been given the go-ahead by the Manatee County Commission to re-design the northernmost groin to be rebuilt as a recreational pier similar to the one at the Manatee Public Beach. The remaining two groins will be rebuilt, but without any top walkway. Those two structures will remain off-limits to the public.

While there are no cost estimates yet for either the renourishment effort or the groins, Hunsicker envisions the project could start in November 2007. Funding will come from federal and state sources, he indicated.

The Corps wants to begin dredging in March, but Hunsicker said that would put the project in conflict with turtle nesting season. In addition, he considers it highly unlikely that the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service would issue permits that would conflict with turtle nesting.

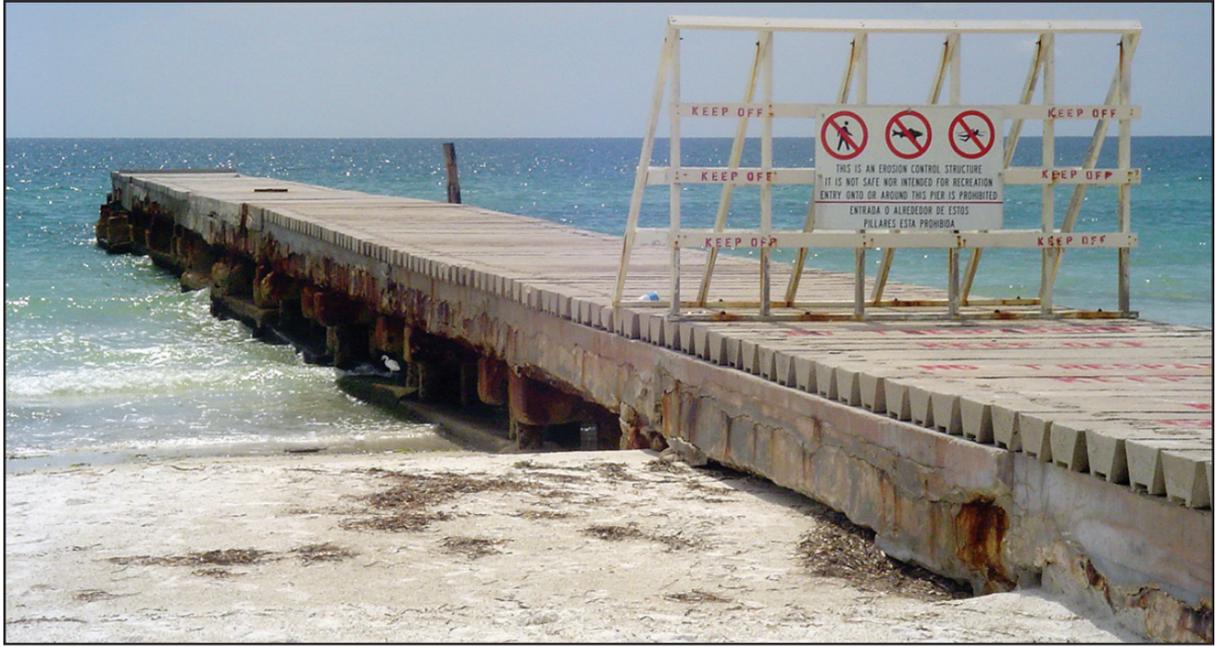
The all-Island renourishment project scheduled to begin in 2009 or later is financed by the county bed tax revenues, as well as some state and federal funds. The project would be managed almost entirely by Manatee County.

Bridge opening time change stalls

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The new times were to have been in place by December 2006, but a publication error apparently forced the Coast Guard to re-advertise the change and invite further public comment.

Presently, the two bridges open “on demand” from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the hour and at 20-minute intervals. The new plan would establish 30-minute openings “on demand” between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. At all other times, the bridge is raised for boaters on demand. In emergency conditions, the drawbridge is raised as needed to aid any boater in distress.



New fishing pier?

The northern-most erosion control groin at Cortez Beach would be repaired and converted into a recreational pier under a plan now being developed by Manatee County. Islander Photo: Rick Catlin

Manatee County offers neighborhood grants

The Manatee County commissioners have authorized a program making up to \$2,500 in grant money available to a neighborhood.

The Neighborhood Enhancement Grant Program will be explained at two meetings — one scheduled for 6 p.m. Jan. 29 at the South County Library, 6081 26th St. W., Bradenton, and one scheduled for 6 p.m. Jan. 30 at the Braden River Library, 4915 53rd Ave. E., Bradenton.

Holmes Beach Mayor Rich Bohnenberger

recently encouraged members of the city’s parks and beautification committee to consider whether the city, Holmes Beach neighborhoods or neighborhood-based groups might benefit from the program.

Under the program, the county will provide up to \$2,500 to match funds or “sweat equity” for neighborhood improvements, such as landscaping.

For more information about the county program, call 749-3070.

Water pollution topic of garden club speaker

Maureen Hirthler, environmentalist and gardener, will discuss how water is being polluted by fertilizers and pesticides when she addresses the Island Garden Club Thursday, Jan. 18.

The club will open its meeting with a potluck dinner at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 6608 Marina

Drive, Holmes Beach, at 6 p.m.

Hirthler maintains a native plant garden at her Island home and is active in environmental movements.

Additional information may be obtained by calling 778-1063.

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Challenge tops goal amid praise

By Jim Hanson
Islander Reporter

With gratitude from all sides and praise for donors, the Lester-Islander Challenge exceeded its goals and hopes with the Anna Maria Island Community Center \$115,845 richer.

Donors gave substantially more than the \$50,000 asked of them, and fulfilled Chuck and Joey Lester's hopes that they would have to shell out the whole matching pot of \$50,000. For a time it had seemed out of reach, and they even had to extend the dead-



Joey and Chuck Lester.

line beyond Dec. 31 when donors seemed to dawdle.

But the community came through, giving a total of \$65,845. That amount plus the Lesters' \$50,000 brought a Challenge record. The Lesters, as they have done since 1996, had issued the

Challenge through *The Islander* newspaper, pledging to match every dollar donated up to \$50,000.

Pierrette Kelly, executive director of the Center, said "Chuck and Joey Lester's philanthropic leadership is such a great blessing to our community, their spirit of giving is a challenge that calls each of us at some level of our being."

"The challenge supported by *The Islander* tells us that we have unmet needs right here in our community and if you will join with us we can make a positive difference in the quality of our lives as we involve, enhance, enrich and inspire the quality of life for more than 4,000 neighbors of all ages who will benefit annually by participating in Center programs."

In 2005 the total amount raised, including the Lesters' share, was \$80,662. The 2004 total was \$102,740 for the endowment fund.

Any additional contributions, which will be as appreciated as the earlier donations, may be mailed to AMICC, P.O. Box 253, Anna Maria FL 34216, or arranged by telephone at 778-7978 at the newspaper or 778-1908 at the Center.

Kaercher will tell Rotarians of county arts council

Robin Kaercher of the Arts Council of Manatee County will discuss the goals and programs of the organization at the weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Anna Maria Island Tuesday.

The meeting will be at noon at the BeachHouse Restaurant, 200 Gulf Drive N., Bradenton Beach. Details are available at 350-4326.

Notary service at Anna Maria City Hall

Notary services for the general public are now available at the Anna Maria City Hall at a cost of \$10 per document. Previously, the city had notarized documents such as wills, trusts and real estate transactions for the general public without charge.

Holmes Beach also charges the public to notarize non-municipal-related documents. Bradenton Beach does not charge city residents to notarize personal documents, but non-residents are required to pay for the service.

Meetings

Anna Maria City

Jan. 22, 7 p.m., planning and zoning board meeting.
Jan. 24, 7 p.m., city commission meeting.
Anna Maria City Hall, 10005 Gulf Drive, 708-6130 — www.cityofannamaria.com

Bradenton Beach

Jan. 17, 3 p.m., WAVES committee meeting.
Jan. 17, 5 p.m., town hall meeting on parking.
Jan. 18, 1 p.m., city commission meeting. Agenda: pier update, 2007 contributions, interlocal agreement with Manatee County for Coquina Beach, redfish tournament special event request, consent agenda and commission reports.
Jan. 19, 9 a.m., department head meeting.
Jan. 23, 1 p.m., scenic highway committee meeting.
Bradenton Beach City Hall, 107 Gulf Drive N., 778-1005 — www.cityofbradentonbeach.org

Holmes Beach

Jan. 18, 10 a.m., code enforcement board meeting.
Jan. 23, 7 p.m., city commission meeting.
Jan. 25, 9 a.m., board of adjustment meeting.
Jan. 26, 1:30 p.m., police retirement board meeting.
Holmes Beach City Hall, 5801 Marina Drive, 708-5800 — www.holmesbeachfl.org

Of Interest

Jan. 17, 7 p.m., Coalition of Barrier Island Elected Officials meeting, Holmes Beach City Hall.
Jan. 18, 6 p.m., West Manatee Fire & Rescue District Commission meeting, Fire Station No. 1, 6001 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach. Agenda: Impact fee legislation, fire boat trail and pump discussion, grant resolution, focus statement discussion and district pictures.



Police officer honored for heroism

Holmes Beach Mayor Rich Bohnenberger and Holmes Beach City Commissioner Sandy Haas-Martens honor Holmes Beach Police Officer Michael Leonard for bravery and heroism. After a high-speed pursuit on Christmas night, Leonard arrested a man later charged with robbing the CVS Pharmacy in Holmes Beach. Before presenting a plaque to Leonard at a city commission meeting Jan. 9, Bohnenberger said the city was "visited by a bad guy with a gun" on Dec. 25 and Leonard "got there just in time." Several law enforcement agencies were involved in the arrest, including Bradenton Beach Police Department and the Manatee County Sheriff's Office. The man Leonard arrested, John Francis Butler, 45, of Bradenton, faces multiple charges in connection with the CVS holdup. He was also charged in a Sarasota bank robbery. *Islander Photo: Lisa Neff*

Insurance comes to head

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"My belief before was that the state should not be in the insurance business," Reagan said. "But the reality is that the state is in the insurance business" and has a responsibility to provide insurance products that people need at an affordable price.

The legislative reform packages under consideration also would help owners of small businesses and commercial properties — including churches and office buildings — who have been unable to find affordable wind insurance, Galvano said in an interview with *The Islander*.

"The idea would be to allow Citizens to write wind coverage anywhere," without regard to the state-designated wind-pool boundaries, Galvano said.

This would be a major economic boost for many Anna Maria Island commercial property owners, especially those outside the wind pool and unable to qualify for Citizens wind policies.

Island residents and visitors would also benefit from a healthy business community — one that provides a unique flavor to Anna Maria's traditional culture.

These pro-consumer measures reflect a massive change in the state's political landscape in recent days and an aggressive move by Florida's new governor, Charlie Crist, to help consumers by reforming the state's insurance system.

"Gov. Crist is very clear about what he wants," Galvano said. "He said he won't sign anything that doesn't have a mandatory rollback in rates."

In addition to pressure from the governor, legislators are feeling the heat from their constituents, Galvano said. "There has been a groundswell of support from around the state for reform, including our area

here in Manatee and the barrier islands."

The result, he said, has "influenced lawmakers to look past the industry and look at the consumer."

Legislators also now recognize that the unavailability and unaffordability of property insurance, especially wind insurance, is threatening the state's economic engine.

"That is absolutely an issue," Galvano said. "This plays into our economy, from how we attract business, to affordable housing, to people being able to stay in their homes. This isn't lost on lawmakers and it is not lost on the governor."

Galvano said that legislators are "hearing from people who say enough is enough, that Florida is not the place for them to be, and this is scary. I don't want to see that. I know our district depends on our coastlines and on people coming here to make a new life, whether for a new career or for retirement, and if we start seeing an exodus, it has an impact."

That doesn't mean the insurance industry has given up on its multi-million dollar campaign for pro-industry legislation.

"There are a lot of industry voices up in Tallahassee and a lot of lobbyists there working on behalf of the industry," Galvano said.

Nevertheless, he feels confident that there will be significant legislation passed to help consumers.

"There certainly is the atmosphere for getting a lot done," he said.

"There will be a debate, as there always is, but there are a lot of eyes on this. It affects each and every one of our districts. It affects the state economy. And for the governor, this is his first big test. This is the one he has to knock out of the park, and," Galvano said, "he is certainly approaching it in the right way."



Galvano

\$4 million-plus in works in Bradenton Beach

By Paul Roat

2007 promises to be an historic year for Bradenton Beach.

More than \$4 million in capital improvement projects are slated to commence and be completed within the city in the next 12 months, a record unsurpassed since the first beach renourishment project in the city in 1992-93.

The work will stretch the length of the city.

Probably first to reach fruition will be the Coquina Beach Trail, a joint Manatee County-Bradenton Beach project that will add an 8-foot-wide pathway to the park from Fifth Street South to just west of the Longboat Pass Bridge.

That project was approved by Manatee County commissioners last week, and is scheduled to commence very soon with a completion date within 60 days. Cost is about \$250,000.

Probably the biggest and longest-awaited effort of the city is resurrection of the city pier restaurant. Bradenton Beach officials have secured a \$2.1 million line of credit to build a 92-seat restaurant, as well as dockmaster, tackle shop-informational kiosk buildings and rest rooms. Floating docks will also be constructed to the south of the pier, located east of Bridge Street in Anna Maria Sound.

Building official Ed Mc Adam has said that Southern Cross Construction of Sarasota proposes to have the restaurant area completed by July 1. The floating dock structure, paid for in large part by grants, will be completed by late June. Overall construction is due to be finished by early August.

Rotten Ralph's Restaurant will manage the pier

restaurant as a franchisee of the city, paying \$8,500 a month.

If the pier work is the biggest capital improvement project in the city, a sidewalk-streetscape effort scheduled to start in August will be the longest — a path off Gulf Drive along the east side of the road that will run from the northernmost border of the city to Cortez Road.

Through a Florida Department of Transportation grant, a 5-foot-wide sidewalk will link existing paths in a trail through the city, with low-level landscaping featured. All of the sidewalk will be handicap-friendly, according to DOT's Chris Piazza.

There will be a jog off Gulf Drive at 22nd Street to Avenue C to avoid the S-curve, Piazza said.

Total cost of the DOT-funded project is about \$700,000.

Another Gulf Drive pathway project will take place south of Cortez Road to Fifth Street South. Mitch McKnight, of the engineering firm of Wilson-Miller, said he hopes to go out to bid for a contractor any day, with an award expected by April and construction to start soon thereafter.

The project includes sidewalks on the east and west sides of Gulf Drive, landscaping and paved crosswalks at the sidestreet intersections.

Three trolley shelters will be constructed in the \$350,000 project, mimicking an Old Florida style with metal roofs and open sides, on the east and west sides of Gulf Drive at Second Street and at Fifth Street South. There will also be a crosswalk constructed at Gulf Drive at Fifth Street South to tie into the Coquina Beach Trail starting point.

Curbing will be added along both sides of the roadway as well, McKnight said.

Beachgoers will enjoy boardwalks and shower facilities at the beach-Gulf access points at both Bridge Street and Fourth Street South.

At the Cortez Road/Gulf Drive intersection, some significant improvements are planned, according to Susan Kenney with the engineering firm of PBS&J.

Resurfacing of the roadway from the Cortez Bridge west to and including Gulf Drive will commence shortly after April 30. Also included in the project is replacing the dangling traffic signals with a solid mast-arm arrangement, which has been mandated for all traffic signals in Florida due to storm/wind codes.

Based upon comments by Bradenton Beach Scenic Highway Committee members, Kenney said she would also look at reconfiguring the intersection's northbound eastern turn lane onto Cortez Road to encourage more traffic to flow onto that road rather than stack up on Gulf Drive. She also was going to install measures that would keep the intersection more clear of vehicular traffic when the bridge draw is open.

Cost of the project is about \$472,000, she said.

Minimal traffic impacts are expected for the intersection work, Kenney added.

Also within the capital projects in the city is the dredging of the two canals at Anna Maria Sound off 21st Street, at an estimated expense of \$88,000, and the ongoing Waterfronts Florida Program at \$50,000 for two years.

It promises to be a year of challenging projects for Bradenton Beach and its motorists.

Holmes Beach addresses sand pile concerns

By Lisa Neff
Islander Reporter

Holmes Beach city officials designed a plan to satisfy residents who want to see sand on Island beaches not piled high on a city lot.

"I believe we addressed their concerns," Mayor Rich Bohnenberger said, referring to the city's answers to complaints about the staging area north of city hall for the Key Royale Bridge and ongoing Holmes Beach dredging projects.

A complaint from 244 property owners at Westbay Point & Moorings and Shell Point condominiums arrived at Holmes Beach City Hall Jan. 4. The letter detailed concerns about the staging area.

The complaint stated that the property owners "vehemently protest the continued existence of the unsightly mess adjacent to the basketball court.

"As you know, the mess referred to is the assortment of sand piles, piles of lumber, various pieces of equipment, vehicles and other miscellaneous items normally associated with a construction site."

At the time the complaint was filed, city officials were already trying to address what residents considered a nuisance about a block north of city hall on what once was a parking lot near the recreation field. A fence had gone up in an effort to shield the staging site and the city public works department planned to plant "vegetation and shrubbery," according to Bohnenberger.

On Jan. 9, Bohnenberger, Holmes Beach City Com-



Privateers mullet smoke is Saturday morning

Just in time for "Super Bowl" mullet spread appetizers and fantastic eating, the Anna Maria Island Privateers will again have a mullet smoke in the Publix parking lot, 3900 E. Bay Drive, Holmes Beach, Saturday, Jan. 20, with the smoking starting in the wee hours and sales expected to start at 7 a.m. And like all mullet smokes, it is expected to be a sell-out, so line up early, said a spokesperson. Proceeds go to the Island civic organization's scholarship fund, as well as to its ongoing charitable assistance. For information, call Privateer Greg "Wig" Luzier, 752-5973. Islander Photo: Edna Tiemann

mission Chair Sandy Haas-Martens and public works superintendent Joe Duennes informed Westbay Point and Shell Point residents of additional efforts to diminish the nuisance.

Construction equipment and materials used in the reconstruction of the Key Royale Bridge will be removed by the summer, when the project is completed.

To alleviate residents' concerns about the dredging material, dredging work in the future will be conducted out-of-season, the mayor said.

Also, the city plans to build a barrier around the sand pile to contain any runoff and to lower the height

of the pile to below the height of the fence.

Regarding concerns from residents, many of them seasonal, and some city officials that the staging area impacts the basketball court, Bohnenberger said, "We'll get that fenced in and put a gate on the street side."

The Holmes Beach Parks and Beautification Committee briefly discussed the city's plans during meeting Jan. 10.

"The dredging equipment will be leaving in April and it will be coming back in April 2008," said committee chair Jim Dunne.

"When they return after this dredging season it will appear much better," Dunne continued.

Thanks...



to all who contributed to the Anna Maria Island Community Center for the Lester-Islander Challenge. Your generosity will go a long way toward creating an exciting new Center in the future.

Chuck and Joey Lester and The Islander

Anna Maria City Hall moving once again

By Rick Catlin
Islander Reporter

While most newly elected officials get a bit of a honeymoon before a crisis strikes, it would be hard to say that to Anna Maria Mayor Fran Barford. In fact, it looks like she doesn't get a honeymoon after her November election, just another crisis.

Barford told city commissioners at their Jan. 11 worksession that city hall has to move this week into temporary quarters at the Island Baptist Church because the mold problem caused by a leaky roof last summer is now a potentially serious health hazard. She plans on having the repairs begin this week.

"We need the staff to be out by Jan. 16," Barford told commissioners and asked for authorization to sign a lease with IBC.

City commission and board meetings will be held for the interim at Holmes Beach City Hall, 5801 Marina Drive.

The mayor apologized for bringing the issue to the commission on such short notice, but cited the health concerns involved.

"I really hate to come to you with this, but this is a health hazard and we consider the situation very serious and we have to move out as soon as possible," she said.

She anticipated the city would utilize space at IBC for about four to six weeks, but the commission voted to approve the \$300 per week rental for space at the church for an indefinite period.

Commissioners also approved up to \$5,000 to move the telephone and computer lines to the IBC.

Island Baptist Church was used as a temporary city hall two years ago when city hall was remodeled.

But the mayor wasn't done with the "moldy" issue.

She reluctantly had to inform the city commission that the Florida League of Cities has denied the city's insurance claim for repairs caused by mold after water poured in through a temporary roof covering last summer during a severe thunderstorm.

That occurred while Roof USA of Weeki Wachee

was installing a new roof on city hall. The company had placed a temporary shelter over the roof, but the covering collapsed during the storm, causing water damage to the interior of city hall and eventually creating the mold problem.

The contractor and its insurance carrier covered the actual damage caused by the water but not the mold, which environmental specialists have estimated will cost \$18,000 to remove.

City attorney Jim Dye, however, said he believes the city would have a good case to recover its costs, including moving expenses, if it sued the contractor.

Commissioners agreed to discuss that issue when the total cost to repair city hall is known.

Lot split ordinance

Commissioner Jo Ann Mattick placed herself squarely in opposition to a proposed ordinance that would require a formal plat process if two or more parcels were split, in addition to requiring a minimum amount of frontage on a public road.

Mattick said the city is adopting a "father knows best" role in the issue and the proposed ordinance would take away property rights and diminish some property values. She also had a host of questions related to the ordinance and what would happen if it passed.

Harry Lockwood of North Shore Drive spoke in opposition, noting that his 1.25 acres would be directly affected by the ordinance. He said he had no plans to sub-divide his property, but wanted to retain that right for any new owners in the event the property is sold.

Commissioners John Quam, Christine Tollette and Duke Miller favored the ordinance, while Commissioner Dale Woodland said he needed to see the information requested by Mattick before making a decision. He also wanted to know how many lots in the city would be affected by the ordinance.

Barford said she would assemble that information, but cautioned that with city hall moving to temporary

quarters, it might take longer than a few days for staff to complete the assignment.

Commissioners agreed to postpone further discussion until their Feb. 8 worksession. Barford said the material should be available by that date.

New FPL contract

Barford reported that there was little interest by Holmes Beach and Bradenton Beach in joining forces to negotiate a new contract with Florida Power & Light to provide electrical power to the city. The current agreement expires this year.

The commission agreed to have the mayor and Quam look at the proposed new contract and "determine any leverage" the city might have with the power company.

Anonymous complaints

Commissioner Woodland suggested the commission revisit its current policy to allow anonymous complaints about code violations, but commissioners were reluctant to make any changes.

Currently, anonymous complaints are allowed and the city's code enforcement officer is only "reactive" to complaints and does not seek out offenses.

Code enforcement officer Gerry Rathvon said that's been the city's policy in the five-and-a-half years she's been on the job and she would "not want to see that taken away" from the public.

She said she's seldom found any complaint without merit. She also noted that all cities allow anonymous complaints.

Woodland's suggestion that the mayor review all complaints to determine which ones could be anonymous and which would have to be signed was dismissed by the remaining commissioners as "placing way too much on the mayor," according to Miller.

After discussion, the commission agreed to retain the current policy on anonymous complaints and the city's "reactive" stance on code violations.

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Our Opinion

The fungus among us

There's a mold problem in Anna Maria.

During roofing repairs at city hall last year, a sudden thunderstorm overwhelmed the temporary roofing material put in place over the building. Rainwater drenched offices and equipment overnight, creating a soggy mess of things.

The office downpour was enough to cause a significant and lingering mold problem.

The growing mold issue reached a peak last week, when testing revealed the nasty stuff had saturated the air to such a degree that work in the building was deemed dangerous. City hall was evacuated while much, much more extensive action is awaited.

Wags could comment that government moves so slowly that mold grows in city hall, but we won't go there.

What is important to note, though, is that mold is a serious health threat, and that the problems in Anna Maria serve as a lesson we should all take to heart.

Be it flooding caused by a thunderstorm, a hurricane or even a leaky air conditioner, water damage is a real problem in our sub-tropical world. It takes more than a fan to dry it out, a mop or a towel to cure. Water damage effects can produce long-lasting health concerns.

The solution is usually extensive and expensive. Simply drying a soaked carpet doesn't work to stop the growth of mold and mildew — unfortunately, floor coverings have to be replaced.

Ditto for saturated drywall, molding, cabinets and some furniture. Health experts suggest that soaked homes get an extreme makeover to avoid future health problems.

Thankfully, the city of Anna Maria is facing its mold problem straight on and we hope for a speedy return to a new, fresh workplace.

'Monumental' thoughts

It's nice to see that there will be a monument for veterans on Anna Maria Island. Another one, that is.

Long in the talking stage, but short on any action, it appears that Manatee County commissioners will finally fund a flagpole and plaque commemorating the sacrifices made by the men and women in the military who served our country at Coquina Beach.

We wonder, though, if Leffis Key is the best location for the many elder men and women of military service to gather periodically to remember their service. A long trek through sand, shell or gravel to a flag pole appears to be yet another sacrifice asked of those who have already given so much to us, and one that could be avoided.

Wouldn't a similar effort at Manatee Public Beach, with its handicap parking spaces, easier access to the deck and ready-made seating, be better for everyone?

And what's wrong with the veterans monument adjacent to Holmes Beach City Hall at the Anna Maria Island Butterfly Park? There's an attractive marker, a large American flag, adequate paved parking, walkways and benches. There's even a water fountain.

What's really the point of a monument at Coquina Beach? If it's for Bradenton Beach to have its own, then city hall, the library or the pier look more attractive to our eyes.

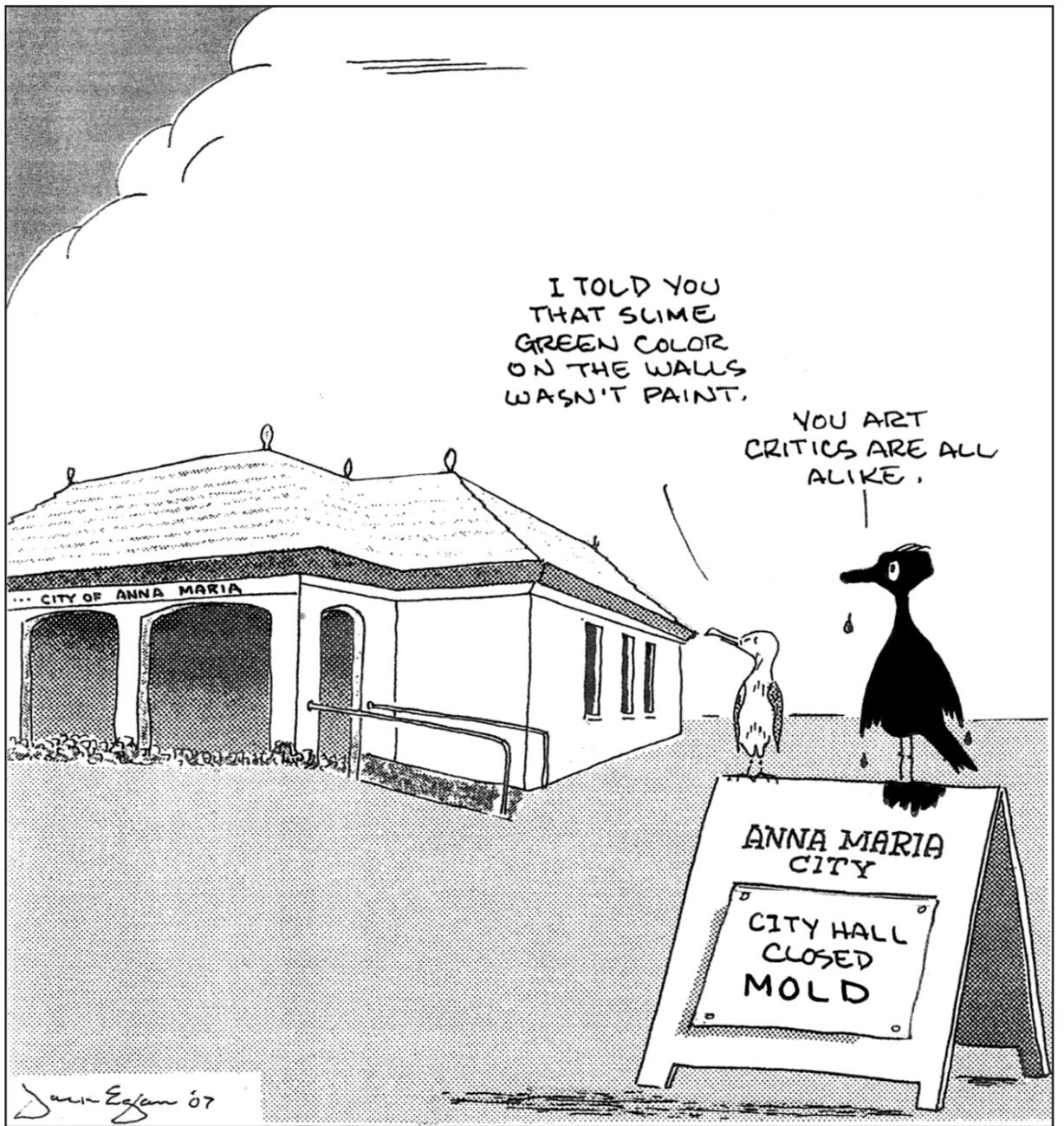
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By Egan

Your Opinion

'Inadequate' thanks

I am writing to thank you for the tremendous honor of being Person of the Year for your newspaper.

As you know, the past year has been a difficult one for my family and me. We have been consistently encouraged, however, by the generosity of this community.

We sincerely appreciate every ounce of compassion, from a simple phone call or card to the fabulous events that have been orchestrated. The kindness that has been bestowed upon us has been truly overwhelming.

To simply say thank you seems inadequate.

In 2007, I intend to be back at the Anna Maria Elementary School and the Holmes Beach Police Department as school resource officer and to return to being a giver instead of recipient of kindness in this fabulous community.

This unfortunate turn of events has taught me so very much and I truly do feel like George Bailey in "It's a Wonderful Life." My wife and family thank each and every one of you for your thoughts, prayers and all that you have done during this trying time.

May we all have a happy, safe and healthy 2007.
Officer Peter Lannon

Decision validated

Should there be need of proof that the decision to remove all of the alley growth in Anna Maria City was a good decision, I call attention to the fact that an FPL truck was able to replace an aging pole with a new one and accomplish all of the required wiring change-over using the bucket on the truck, behind a residence under construction in the middle of the 400 block of Spring Avenue.

Civic and corporate city responsibility obligate such requirements on all of us for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Anna Maria. Should the necessity of the pole change have been due to hurricane damage, and our alleys not being accessible, I venture that many poles could have gone down, and weeks without power would have been the net result.

Consider the detriment to normal living and the resultant hardship in there not being access to our lines after a storm emergency. There remain many trees blocking access to our city-owned alleyways, or easements. I call upon the city administration to finish the

obligatory removal of sheds, trees, fences and other barriers to access in our alleys. There really is a reason for having access to our easements.

Chuck White, Anna Maria

More crosswalks, please?

A recent trip to Anna Maria Island was a pleasure. Your white, sandy beaches, intriguing shops and wonderful restaurants are a joy. The trolley is a superb way to enjoy all of the Island's amenities without having to drive as well.

However, we as pedestrians had a real problem as we tried to interact and avoid motorists to cross your streets.

Pedestrian crosswalks were few and far between. I understand that crosswalks are very difficult to install on state roads, and expensive on any highway, but even those who are nimble have a problem dodging traffic, especially during your high season.

Couldn't some crosswalks be installed north of Manatee Avenue in Holmes Beach and Anna Maria, at least in high pedestrian-use areas? The skateboard park and "downtown" Anna Maria City come to mind as good locations for streetscape improvements to make it just a little easier to get across the road to see what's on the other side, without placing one's life at risk.

Jan Guffey, Sarasota

Bury the lines

I would like to make a suggestion to our Island officials and citizens: Let's work on getting funding together to get rid of our dangerous, impractical and unsightly overhead utility lines *before* another hurricane season is upon us. Let's bury the lines — like Longboat Key did many years ago!

Not only do the overhead lines look terrible, but when we have a large storm, whether tropical or not, some or all of us lose our power — and usually for several days. The overhead lines also pose a serious danger to all of us when they fall, as well as to the utility workers trying to restore our services.

My understanding is that Longboat Key managed to get most of the cost covered by grant(s). It seems a good first step would be for the cities to look into writing grant proposals.

Toni Lyon, Holmes Beach

Developers not yet 'out of time'

By Rick Catlin
Islander Reporter

Bankrupt GSR Development LLC is apparently out of time to file its disclosure statement and reorganization plan with the federal bankruptcy court in Tampa.

Then again, the company wants more time to keep from being out of time.

When GSR filed its bankruptcy papers on July 13, 2006, Judge K. Robert May gave the company until Nov. 13 to come up with a reorganization plan and file a full financial disclosure statement.

But the company failed to make that deadline, instead asking and receiving an extension until Jan. 9.

Even the extra two months appeared to be too much of a burden for the financially strapped company and its principals, Robert Byrne and Steve Noriega.

On Jan. 8, just one day before the deadline, attorney Richard Prosser, representing GSR, filed a "second extension" of the time period during which only GSR can file a disclosure statement and reorganization plan. GSR now asks for an extension of the "exclusivity period" to Feb. 28, nearly eight months after the original bankruptcy papers were filed.

If granted by May, it would allow GSR to retain the "exclusive" right to file a reorganization plan and disclosure statement, effectively preventing the company's numerous creditors from banding together to file their own reorganization plan.

Prosser claimed that GSR's chief restructuring manager, William Maloney, "requires additional time to finalize his marketing plan" to sell GSR's Anna Maria Island assets.

When the company filed for bankruptcy, it listed \$44 million in assets compared with just \$33 million in liabilities.

During the initial bankruptcy hearing, however, federal bankruptcy court trustee Theresa Boatner had questioned GSR on the whereabouts of approximately \$4 million that she could not account for, but Byrne and Noriega assured Boatner that the location of all funds and assets would be established in the financial disclosure statement, which at that time was due in November.

Prosser also said in his motion that GSR "prefers to circulate a draft of its disclosure statement and plan or reorganization" to the creditor's committee prior to filing the document with the court.

He also claimed the motion was "not submitted for purposes of delay and will not prejudice any party."

But the motion is likely to draw the ire of the creditor's committee, which has been lobbying for all GSR assets to be put up for auction to the highest bidder.

Prosser also asked the court to set Feb. 20 as the "bar date" for claims against GSR. If approved, no claims against GSR would be accepted after that day.

Judge May scheduled a hearing on both motions for 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, at the federal courthouse in Tampa at 801 N. Florida Ave.



In the Jan. 15, 1997, issue of *The Islander*, headlines announced:

- Holmes Beach Mayor Bob VanWagoner sent the Anna Maria Island Privateers a letter asking for removal of their boat float from a vacant lot at the corner of Clark Drive and Clark Lane. The mayor said the boat was stored illegally and violating a city code.

- The Florida Department of Transportation completed a walkover bridge adjacent to the humpback bridge on North Bay Boulevard in Anna Maria. The project took more than five years from design to completion, with the cost rising from an estimated \$50,000 to more than \$180,000. The DOT funded all but \$5,000 of the project.

- TBS Construction of Sarasota was approved by the Bradenton Beach City Commission to begin a \$126,000 repair project of the city pier. A state grant will fund \$100,000 of the repairs, while the city will contribute the remainder.

FPL trims up before hurricane season

Islanders will be seeing a number of tree trimming trucks and crews from Asplundh Inc. the next few weeks as Florida Power & Light is in the midst of trimming trees around its lines to ensure uninterrupted electrical service to the Island. FPL has contracted with Asplundh for the work.

"We prefer to call it 'line clearing,'" said FPL spokesperson Mel Klein.

"It's something we do on a regular basis in our system and we're trying to get it done on the Island before the next storm season."

Klein said the trimming of trees, including mangroves, is permitted under regulations established by the Florida Public Service Commission, and the company takes extra care when dealing with mangroves or any tree that affects a power line.

"We try to ensure we don't injure the tree and we try not to remove any trees unless absolutely necessary," he said. "We try to establish a balance between maintaining service to our customers and protecting the trees."

Klein said he would announce a completion date as soon as it's available.

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Jan. 7	68	86	0
Jan. 8	66	76	Trace
Jan. 9	56	71	0
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Jan. 12	64	77	0
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U.S.-Iraq War library lecture draws crowd

By Lisa Neff
Islander Reporter

James McCartney ran down the list of U.S. military conflicts he covered during his 35-year career as a Washington, D.C., correspondent.

The Dominican Republic, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Libya, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Lebanon, Grenada, Iran, Panama, Iraq, Somalia, Haiti, Serbia, Afghanistan.

The United States has been operating as an empire, McCartney told his audience of more than 80 people attending the Friends of the Island Library lecture Jan. 9.

"I think many Americans have a notion that this nation stands for peace in the world," said McCartney, of Holmes Beach.

"My experience as a reporter suggests to me that we are not quite the peace-loving nation that Americans like to think," he continued.

McCartney's lecture topic — "Iraq and Beyond: Can America Rule the World?" — was determined months ago, but it proved timely on Tuesday.

Media reports that day contained early accounts of U.S. forces staging airstrikes against suspected al Qaeda

fighters in Somalia and 1,000 U.S. and Iraqi forces battling insurgents in Baghdad. The newspapers McCartney once reported for contained reports that President George W. Bush would propose a "surge" of 20,000 troops in Iraq during a televised speech the next night.

McCartney said his topic would be timely for decades to come. "Nobody in this room is going to live long enough to see a time when there is not a substantial U.S. force in Iraq," he said, stirring some whispers from audience members.

McCartney, a teacher at the Longboat Key Education Center and a columnist with the Bradenton Herald, began his journalism career with the Chicago Daily News in 1952 and went on to Washington, D.C. As a reporter, he covered every president from John Kennedy to Bill Clinton.

McCartney, citing a 1980 State of the Union address, credited Jimmy Carter with establishing the U.S. policy prescribing military force if needed to protect oil interests in the Persian Gulf.

He said George H.W. Bush applied the policy in 1991 with the Gulf War. George W. Bush then applied it with the Iraq War in 2003.

"We must face the fact that we've made a terrible mistake in Iraq... I'm far from alone in believing that this was a terrible mistake," McCartney said, going on to cite conservative and liberal critics of the war.

"The truth is it is indeed another Vietnam and cannot be won," he said. "But there's a larger picture. The truth is we cannot run the world."

After his talk, McCartney took questions from an audience seeking his opinion on the nation's energy interests, potential presidential candidates and the media's coverage of the war.

Regarding the media, McCartney pointed out that representatives with the New York Times and the Washington Post, two of the nation's most prominent papers, both admitted failure in covering the buildup for war.

"The media did a lousy job in the buildup," he said.

Audience members at the morning lecture, and also an afternoon lecture, said they appreciated McCartney's opinions.

"I think these kind of events are important to have," said Melanie Barlow, of Holmes Beach. "We need to have discussion about these big issues, not just in Washington but in Anna Maria, too."

Sister tells audience of modern-day slave trade

By Lisa Neff
Islander Reporter

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That was the sensational but sober Saturday morning message Sister Patrice Colletti delivered to an audience at St. Bernard Catholic Church, 248 S. Harbor Drive, Holmes Beach.

Colletti, of Milwaukee, led a three-hour seminar on "Human Trafficking and Slavery." St. Bernard, as well as other area churches, the Venice diocese, Project Light Manatee and the Manatee County Sheriff's Office

Sister Patrice Colletti of Milwaukee. Islander Photo: Lisa Neff



helped sponsor the program.

"How big is trafficking? It is second only to drugs as an illegal industry in our world," Colletti said. "If this was a corporation it would be huge."

Colletti is a nun, a member of the Sisters of the Divine Savior, which in 2002 established an international mandate to address the issue of human trafficking. The U.S. province of the Sisters of the Divine Savior responded by establishing a national anti-trafficking

committee of sisters, brothers, priests and lay people.

Last year, the Salvatorians founded SAVE: Salvatorians Advocacy for Victims of Exploitation to coordinate efforts to address what Colletti characterized as a global epidemic.

One role of SAVE is to simply make people aware that human trafficking in the United States did not end with the Emancipation Proclamation.

An estimated 50,000 to 70,000 people are trafficked into the United States each year for domestic work, migrant farm labor, manufacturing and restaurant work or the sex trade, according to the U.S. State Department. About 18,000 to 20,000 people are trafficked into the United States by the use of deception — promises are of an education or better job but realities are modern-day slavery.

Around the world, an estimated 800,000 people are trafficked each year across international borders in a \$10-billion enterprise.

Colletti's program at St. Bernard involved an educational lecture about chattel slavery, bonded labor and

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Slavery exists today in U.S.

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forced marriage, as well as emotional discussion about human bondage and inspirational prayer about action.

"What we're going to do today is kind of take a journey ... in the area of human trafficking and slavery," Colletti said.

In 2001, the nun went to Rome for a six-week meeting of the Sisters of the Divine Savior. There the order decided to make fighting human trafficking and slavery a top priority.

At the time, Colletti questioned the importance of the issue in the United States. "I grew up believing that in the late 1800s, when we had the Emancipation Proclamation, we freed the slaves. I thought we didn't have slaves," she said. "I was very wrong. Not only is slavery alive and well in our world, it's alive and well in every part of the United States."

The estimated 50 seminar attendees included parishioners, doctors, social service professionals, teachers, students, law enforcement officials and other interested Island residents.

The audience sat in St. Bernard's activity hall, a large room lighted on Saturday with sunlight through an open door and stained-glass windows and a bulb in Colletti's projector.

The projector displayed on a screen images of men, women and children sold into slavery in the United States, some of them sold into slavery in Florida.

"The names are changed," Colletti said, "because even when a slave is freed in the United States there is often a risk. Often organized crime has been involved."

Colletti talked about "Maria," a woman taken from China to New York City, where she was sold for \$6,000 to a Florida manufacturer who forced her to make clothes for retail sale.

The sister spoke of another woman who came to the United States to earn money for her family in Mexico.

Without legal work papers, the woman went to work for a tomato grower in Florida who told her that if she tried to leave, law enforcement would be called out, that she would be raped and tortured and then sent home. She was also told that if she tried to escape, her



'Smell of the Kill' opens Thursday

Three "delicious, malicious" wives are promised for the Island Players stage in Anna Maria for "The Smell of the Kill," juxtaposed with their three necessarily bumbling husbands Thursday, Jan. 18, until Feb. 4. Curtain time will be 8 p.m. daily except Mondays when there are no performances, and Sundays when matinees are 2 p.m. On stage are, from left, Carolyn Zaput, Laurie Zimmerman and Diana Shoemaker. Off stage throughout the play are husbands Mark Woodland, Rick Kopp and Herb Stump. The play "contains language suited for mature audiences." Tickets at \$15 are available at the box office, 10009 Gulf Drive, Anna Maria, or by calling 778-5755.

family would be harmed.

"We know that some of those people are being held against their will to do the agricultural labor to put tomatoes in our supermarkets," Colletti said, referring to the laborers in citrus groves and produce fields in the state.

You, she told audience members, might drive by a woman working in a field and not know she's a slave. "She is invisible" Colletti said.

Two representatives of the sheriff's office attended the forum to emphasize the agency's partnership with the community in the war on human trafficking and answer questions.

"America is known as a land of the free and a home of the brave and so when we think of what the Constitution of what this great land stands for, it's hard to think people among us today are ... forced to work in the fields, in sweatshops, in the fingernail shops where you ladies might go get your nails done," said Major Connie

Shingledecker, a bureau chief with the sheriff's office.

Audience members said the seminar left them surprised and shocked.

"Until today, I thought this was something that couldn't happen close to home," said audience member Craig Whitten of Bradenton. "Now I know it could be happening in a mansion down the street or a bungalow on the Island."

Caroline Whitten said, "I knew about the obvious circumstances — the mail order brides, the children coerced into sex work, which is horrific. I didn't know that some of those people out in the fields don't chose to be there or that my car has parts made by slaves."

"It makes me sick, just makes me sick," said Islander Joe Pate. "Talk about a corruption of the American dream. Gives you a new perspective on 'made in America.'"

For more information about Colletti's group, Saviorian Advocacy for Victims of Exploitation, go to www.sdsisters.org/slavery.



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The 'Pay' day

Cheryl Jorgensen poses with her watercolor painting, titled "Water Lilies." The piece won the blue ribbon for "Best in Show" at the Anna Maria Island Art League's 13th annual James Pay Exhibit. The award earned Jorgensen a \$50 prize and many congratulations at a reception for the exhibit Jan. 12. League members were allowed to submit up to three pieces for the exhibit sponsored by David Zaccagnino of Morgan Stanley. The exhibit is named for a founder of the art league. Islander Photo: Lisa Neff

'Stars of Tomorrow' opera concert coming Sunday

The Bradenton Opera Guild has scheduled its 19th annual "Stars of Tomorrow" concert for the Sarasota Opera Association from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21.

It will be in the Robert Steward Auditorium of Bayshore High School, 5401 34th St. W., Bradenton. Featured will be participants in the apprentice artists program of the Sarasota Opera. Admission is \$12.50, and tickets may be arranged by calling 753-4587.

'Thoroughly Modern Millie' production in January

Manhattan in 1922 will come to Bradenton through Jan. 22 with the Manatee Players presenting the high-energy musical "Thoroughly Modern Millie" at the Riverfront Theatre, 102 Old Main St.

Tickets at \$23, \$11 for students, may be reserved by calling 748-5875 weekdays. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday.

Brittany Odell is cast as Millie. With her are Greg Wieggers, Andrea Petsinger, Seva Anthony, Justin Clement, Nancy Apatow, Frank LaPace, Tim Kalinowski, Mari Anne Stewart, Tahlia Byers, Kylie Fitch, Raven Jones, Corinne Woodland, Emily Ross, Libby Flemming, Grace Waugh, Brian Sullivan, Chris Ferro, Mike Foster, Ryland Jones, Richard Brandt and Eyan Hart.

Scott Keys is director and choreographer, with Rick Kerby choreographing tap numbers. Musical direction is by Todd Lindamood, costumes by Cassandra Mockosher, scenery by Marc LaLosh.

Additional details may be obtained by calling 748-0111.

Widowed Persons Support Group sets program

The Widowed Persons Support Group of the Anna Maria Island Community Center has announced its agenda through March, with meetings the second and fourth Monday of the month.

It is for any widowed person, meeting from 9 to 10 a.m. at the activity hall of St. Bernard Catholic Church, 248 S. Harbor Drive, Holmes Beach.

The schedule for the next several meetings:
Jan. 22, Phyllis Elfenbein, play director of the Anna Maria Island Players, discussing the group's programs and her experience in the theater.

Feb. 12, "coffee and conversation."

Feb. 26, Suki Janisch, who is with Southeastern Guide Dogs, telling of the role of a guide dog.

March 12, "coffee and conversation."
March 26, writers Susan K. Frost and Andy Little talk about writing and editing.

Additional information may be obtained at 778-1908.

Big band dance scheduled for community center

The 15th annual big band dance, featuring the Bob Zimmerman Orchestra, will be from 8 to 11 p.m. Feb. 8 at St. Bernard Catholic Church, 248 S. Harbor Drive, Holmes Beach.

The dance is a benefit for the Anna Maria Community Center.

A 50-50 raffle is on the program, said Sandy Haas-Martens, who is in charge of ticket sales. Event tickets are \$12 per person and may be obtained by calling her at 778-1383 or the Center at 778-1908.

A check will be presented by the sponsoring Kiwanis Club of Anna Maria Island during the dance, and the club's Stretch Fretwell said the amount raised usually is in the neighborhood of \$2,000 to \$3,000. This is in addition to the \$5,000 the club donated to the Center's just-ended Lester-Islander Challenge fund drive, he noted.

Bingo resumes Thursday at Annie Silver Center

Bingo play will resume at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, at the Annie Silver Community Center, Avenue C and 23rd Street, Bradenton Beach.

Play will continue at the same time every Thursday through March. It is open to the public and is smoke-free, said a spokesperson. Additional information may be obtained by calling 778-1915.

Chamber's first 2007 event is Tuesday dinner

The first major event of the year of the Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce will be its "dinner with wine" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23.

It will be at the Sun House Restaurant, 111 Gulf Drive, Bradenton Beach, with six courses and appropriately paired wines.

Chef Darrell Mizell will prepare the food, and a wine expert will present the wines. Cost is \$45. Complete information may be obtained by calling Mary Ann Brockman at the Chamber, and RSVPs may be noted at 782-1122.

Chamber's 'sunrise breakfast' charge increases to \$8

To keep dues down, breakfast will go up. That's the word from the Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce, which is boosting its breakfast price beginning in February.

The networking breakfasts until now have cost \$5, but like everything else breakfast costs more now. In the case of the regular "sunrise breakfast," that comes to \$8.

Said Mary Ann Brockman of the chamber, "We need to raise the user fee for this event to defray costs and to keep dues from being significantly higher."

Anna Maria Elementary Dolphin Dash Saturday

By Diana Bogan
Islander Reporter

It's not too late to register for the Anna Maria Elementary School Dolphin Dash, a 5K and 1-mile run through Holmes Beach Saturday, Jan. 20. The event is a fundraiser for the school's Parent-Teacher Organization.

Pre-registration forms are available from the school administrative office, 4700 Gulf Drive, or can be downloaded from the Bradenton Runner's Club Web site: bradentonrunnersclub.com.

Pre-registration costs \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under age 16. There will be a \$5 increase for participants registering on race day.

Registration the day of the race will begin at 7 a.m., with the start of the 5K race at 8 a.m. and the 1-mile

run start at 9 a.m. from AME.

T-shirts will be provided to the first 500 entrants. Ribbons will be awarded to all who complete the 1-mile run and awards will be presented to winners of the 5K race in the following categories: Overall male and female winners, as well as masters (40+), grand masters (50+) and first- through third-place finishers in separate age categories ranging from 9- to 80-years old. The awards ceremony will be held in front of the school.

Door prizes and refreshments will be available after the race. Parking for the event is at St. Bernards Catholic Church, 248 S Harbor Drive, Holmes Beach.

For more event information, call Becky Walter at 383-9675.

SAC to smooth transition, Levensgood 'excited'

By Diana Bogan
Islander Reporter

The Anna Maria Elementary School Advisory Committee greeted incoming Principal Tom Levensgood at its meeting Tuesday, Jan. 16. The meeting had been rescheduled from Jan. 8 in order for Levensgood to meet the team of parents, staff and community members that will serve as a transition team to ensure all goes smoothly for AME's new principal.

"We will be helping familiarize Levensgood with recognizing 'who's who' within the school community and helping him acclimate to how our new school has been operating," said SAC chair Michael Pierce. "Levensgood has been a part of our school system so long I think he will be a great asset to our school. As a SAC, we want to do whatever we can to help him understand the school's past and new projects. We're a unique school in a lot of ways."

"I'm excited," Levensgood said, but he was quick to add that leaving Bayshore Elementary was not an easy decision. "I've been there for 12 years and have a wonderful staff and students. But, I'm anxious to have a smaller school."

Levensgood said he is a family-oriented person and loves the idea of getting to know the students, parents and staff at AME.

"I welcome being a part of a small community," he said. "I believe it isn't just teachers students learn from, but also parents and community members. Everyone together teaches."

Levensgood grew up in a small Pennsylvania village where his dad attended a two-room schoolhouse and his mom was the postmaster. He told *The Islander* he remem-

bers what it's like to live in a small town and go to a small school and welcomes returning to familiar ground. Missing a small school setting, Levensgood considered applying for the principal's position when Tim Kolbe left.

"At that time I was in the middle of the design phase of Bayshore Elementary's rebuild and I wasn't willing to leave before the project was completed."

His wife, Becky, is AME's part-time reading coach, so Levensgood has had an opportunity to visit the Island school on occasion. He came out when staff was moving into AME's new building and for the dedication ceremony. He also attended the Parent-Teacher Organization's Spring Fling with his wife.

"At the Spring Fling, I met a lot of people, not knowing I'd need to remember who everyone is," he said. "I'm just looking forward to meeting everyone."

AME's outgoing Principal Kathy Hayes said the utilization of the SAC as a transition team for the new principal was recommended by Dr. Roger Dearing, district superintendent, who appointed Levensgood for the transfer from Bayshore Elementary School.

"The transition team is something that has never been done before," said Hayes, who is transferring to Gullet Elementary. "So there is no formal process for the team to follow."

"I think Tom will do a fine job at Anna Maria," said Hayes. "I'm thankful my successor is an experienced principal. Since AME does not have an assistant principal, I believe the school needs someone with previous experience handling all facets of the job. He'll do a good job."

Levensgood said he will be working with the SAC to plan a meet and greet opportunity for him to get to know the Island community.

AME PTO meeting Friday

The Anna Maria Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization has changed its meeting time to Friday mornings following the results of a membership survey conducted prior to the winter break.

PTO President Shannon Dell said although few PTO members responded to the survey, which had been sent home with students, a small majority indicated they were better able to attend a morning meeting as opposed to the Tuesday evening meetings traditionally held by the organization.

The first morning meeting will be held in the school cafeteria at 9 a.m. Friday, Jan. 19.

Deadline for class Jan. 17

The deadline for registration for the Anna Maria Island Community Center's class in making garden stepping stones with stained glass is 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17.

The classes will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday and 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22 and Jan. 24. Glen LeFevre will instruct in cutting and grinding the glass, grouting and polishing the finished product. Cost is \$55 for members, \$60 for nonmembers.

Interested artisans may sign up and receive further information by calling 778-1908.

Brass-rubbing to be discussed

Jim Davis will discuss his display of replica monuments and tomes, and his brass-rubbing art now featured at the Anna Maria Island Branch Library at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22.

Those attending the lecture may try their hand at creating brass rubbings of their own. The exhibit will be through January at the library, 5701 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach. Details are available at 778-6341.

Chamber card exchange to be Jan. 24

The Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a business card exchange from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, at the Anna Maria Island Historical Society museum, 402 Pine Ave., Anna Maria.

AME MENU

- Monday, Jan. 22
 - Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Yogurt, Cereal, Toast, Fruit
 - Lunch: Ravioli or Popcorn Chicken, Breadstick, Peas, Peaches
- Tuesday, Jan. 23
 - Breakfast: Egg and Cheese Biscuit, Cereal, Toast, Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich, Fruit
 - Lunch: Hamburger Gravy or Grilled Chicken Patty Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli with Cheese, Juice Bar
- Wednesday, Jan. 24
 - Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Super Donut, Toast, Cereal
 - Lunch: Corn Dog or Nachos, Steamed Carrots, Fruit, Applesauce
- Thursday, Jan. 25
 - Breakfast: Cheese Omelet with Toast, Oatmeal, Cereal, Fruit
 - Lunch: Rotini with Meat Sauce or Maxx Sticks with Dipping Sauce, Veggie Cup, Green Beans, Bananas and Strawberries, Birthday Cupcake
- Friday, Jan. 26
 - Breakfast: Muffin, Grits, Cereal, Toast, Fruit
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ISLANDER CALENDAR

Wednesday, Jan. 17

10 a.m. — The Anna Maria Island Historical Museum, 402 Pine Ave., opens with the smell of "Settler's Bread," available for \$4 a loaf. Information: 778-0492.

Noon to 4 p.m. — Stretch Fretwell of AARP conducts a two-afternoon driving course for seniors, Island Branch Library, 5701 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach. Information: 779-2639. Fee applies.

Noon — The Anna Maria Garden Club will learn about "Decorating Clay Pots" from Jean Taylor at Roser Memorial Community Church, 512 Pine Ave. Information: 778-2607.

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. — Instructor Barbara Hines invites Islanders to "Sit 'n' Knit" in an Anna Maria Island Community Center class at St. Bernard Catholic Church, 248 S. Harbor Drive, Holmes Beach. Information: 778-1908. Fee applies.

2 p.m. — Bonner Joy, publisher of *The Islander*, discusses the newspaper's 15th anniversary in the local business series at the Island Branch Library, 5701 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach. Information: 778-6341.

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. — The "Parenting with Love and Logic" group sponsored by the Anna Maria Island Community Center meets at the School for Constructive Play, 305 Pine Ave., Anna Maria. Information: 778-1908.

Thursday, Jan. 18

7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. — The Longboat-Lido-St. Armands Keys Chamber of Commerce holds its annual meeting and awards breakfast, Lido Beach Resort, 700 Ben Franklin Drive. Information: 383-2466. Fee applies.

9:30 a.m. to noon — Artist Susie Cotton teaches the Anna Maria Island Community Center intermediate watercolor class at St. Bernard Catholic Church, 248 S. Harbor Drive, Holmes Beach. Information: 778-1908. Fee applies.

2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. — Sherry Fideler begins a six-week session in beginning tai chi for arthritis for the Anna Maria Island Community Center at St. Bernard Catholic Church, 248 S. Harbor Drive, Holmes Beach. Information: 778-1908. Fee applies.

5 p.m. — The gates to the Manatee County Fair open. The fair continues at various hours through Jan. 28 at the fairgrounds, 1402 14th Ave., Palmetto. Information: 722-1639. Fee applies.

6 p.m. — The Island Garden Club holds a potluck dinner and a discussion with speaker Maureen Hirthler on pesticides and fertilizer at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 6608 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach. Information: 778-3580.

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. — Solutions To Avoid Red Tide holds Oceanfest, a dinner, program and benefit at Mote Marine Laboratory on City Island, 1600 Ken Thompson Pkwy. Information: 941-747-5656.

7 p.m. — Bingo gets called at the Annie Silver Community Center, corner of 23rd Street and Avenue C, Bradenton Beach. Information: 778-1915.

7:30 p.m. — Manatee Audubon holds a monthly meeting at the First Presbyterian Church, 1402 Manatee Ave. W., Bradenton. Information: 758-2929.

8 p.m. — The Island Players deliver an opening night performance of "Smell of the Kill" at the group's playhouse, 10009 Gulf Drive, Anna Maria. Information: 778-5755. Fee applies.

Friday, Jan. 19

9:30 a.m. — Friends of the Island Library board meeting, Island Branch Library, 5701 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach. Information: 778-6341.

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. — Larry Auerbach offers instruction in bridge play through the Anna Maria Island Community Center at the Volunteer Fire Hall, 201 Second St. W., Bradenton Beach. Information: 778-1908. Fee applies.

10:30 a.m. to noon — Line dancing sponsored by the Anna Maria Community Center takes place at St. Bernard Catholic Church, 248 S. Harbor Drive. Information: 778-1908. Fee applies.

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Anna Maria Island Community Center hosts Food for Life cooking session, "Planning Healthy Meals," at St. Bernard Catholic Church, 248 S. Harbor Drive, Holmes Beach. Information: 778-1908.

1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. — Paula Schoenwether demonstrates Photoshop techniques, Anna Maria Artists Guild gallery, 5413 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach.

7 p.m. — "Vinology: The Art and Science of Wine" takes place at South Florida Museum, 201 10th St. W., Bradenton. Information: 746-4131, ext. 14. Fee applies.

7:30 p.m. — Scott Blum performs oldies in a concert in G.T. Bray Park Amphitheatre, 51st Street West, Bradenton. Information: 742-5923.

Saturday, Jan. 20

8:30 a.m. — The Anna Maria Island Kiwanis Club holds a breakfast meeting at Cafe on the Beach, Manatee Public Beach. Information: www.annamariakiwanis.org.

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. — The Pilates class sponsored by the Anna Maria Island Community Center takes place at the BeachHouse Restaurant, 200 Gulf Drive N., Bradenton Beach. Information: 778-1908. Fee applies.

1:30 p.m. — Anna Maria Island Community Chorus & Orchestra holds a young artists competition, Roser Memorial Community Church, 512 Pine Ave., Anna Maria. Information: 727-9886.

2 p.m. — Manatee Players host trumpeter Leon Merian, Riverfront Theatre, 102 Old Main St., Bradenton. Information: 748-5875. Fee applies.

8 a.m. — Anna Maria Elementary School and the Bradenton Runner's Club host the first Dolphin Dash, a 5K fitness run and a 1-mile fun run. The 5K starts at 8 a.m. and the 1-mile starts at 9 a.m., AME, 4700 Gulf Drive, Holmes Beach. Information: 708-5525.

Monday, Jan. 22

9 a.m. to 10 a.m. — The Anna Maria Island Widowed Persons Support Group hears from Phyllis Eifenbein, a director at Island Players, at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, 248 S. Harbor Drive, Holmes Beach. Information: 778-1908.

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. — Local artist Glen LeFevre teaches a garden

stepping-stone class for the Anna Maria Island Community Center at St. Bernard Catholic Church, 248 S. Harbor Drive, Holmes Beach. Information: 778-1908. Fee applies.

6 p.m. — Jim Davis discusses his replica brass monuments and tombs at the Island Branch Library, 5701 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach. Information: 778-6341.

4 p.m. — Mote Marine Laboratory hosts a Monday@Mote program featuring Dr. Kumar Mahadevan and Dr. David Niebuhr, 1600 Ken Thompson Pkwy., Sarasota. Information: 941-388-4441, ext. 691.

Tuesday, Jan. 23

8:30 a.m. — The Longboat Key-Lido Key-St. Armands Key Chamber of Commerce holds "How to Prevent Identity Theft and Fraud," chamber office, 6960 Gulf of Mexico Drive, Longboat Key. Information: 383-2466.

10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Artist Susie Cotton teaches the Anna Maria Island Community Center intermediate watercolor class at St. Bernard Catholic Church, 248 S. Harbor Drive, Holmes Beach. Information: 778-1908. Fee applies.

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Home schooling field trip and festival hosted by Mote Marine Laboratory and Aquarium, 1600 Ken Thompson Pkwy., Sarasota. Information: 388-4441. Fee applies.

Noon — Rotary Club of Anna Maria Island meets — with guest speaker Robin Kaercher of Arts Council of Manatee County — at the BeachHouse Restaurant, 200 Gulf Drive N., Bradenton Beach. Information: 350-4326.

7 p.m. — Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce holds a wine dinner, the Sun House Restaurant, 111 Gulf Drive, Bradenton Beach. Information: 778-1541. Call for reservations.

Wednesday, Jan. 24

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. — Local artist Glen LeFevre teaches a garden stepping-stone class for the Anna Maria Island Community Center at St. Bernard Catholic Church, 248 S. Harbor Drive, Holmes Beach. Information: 778-1908. Fee applies.

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. — The Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce hosts a business car exchange at the Anna Maria Island Historical Society Museum, 402 Pine Ave., Anna Maria. Information: 778-1541.

6 p.m. — "It's Not Your Grandma's Bingo" fundraiser with wine and dinner, Longboat Key Center for the Arts, 6860 Longboat Drive S., Longboat Key. Information: 383-2345. Fee applies.

Ongoing:

• The Island Players present "Smell of the Kill" Jan. 18 to Feb. 4 at 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, 10009 Gulf Drive. Information: 778-5755.

• "Thoroughly Modern Millie" at the Manatee Players Riverfront Theatre, 102 Old Main St., Bradenton, through Jan. 28. Information: 748-5875.

• Art by Peggy Potter at the Artists Guild Gallery, 5413 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach, through Jan. 31.

• James Pay Exhibit at the Anna Maria Island Art League, 5312 Holmes Blvd., Holmes Beach, through Feb. 2. Information: 778-2099.

• Dr. Kenneth Alonso discusses Christian mystics in "The Way of the Heart," 7 p.m. Mondays through March 26 at St. Bernard Catholic Church, Holmes Beach.

• A variety of classes — from basic drawing to stained glass to oil painting — are under way at the Anna Maria Island Art League, 5312 Holmes Beach Blvd., Holmes Beach. Information: 778-2099.

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Obituaries

Jean R. Kerpen

Jean R. Kerpen, 89, of Bradenton, died Jan. 7.

Born in Lebanon, Ky., Mrs. Kerpen came to Manatee County in 1968 from Little Rock, Ark. She worked for the A.C. Nielsen Rating Co. and taught school in Palmetto. She was active in the Island Players. She was a member of the Galley Maids at the Bradenton Yacht Club. She was an avid bridge player and golfer. She was Presbyterian.

Memorial services were Jan. 10. Memorial contributions may be made to Southeastern Guide Dogs, 4210 77th St. E., Palmetto FL 34221-9270. Shannon Funeral Home, Westview Chapel, was in charge of arrangements.

She is survived by husband Frank and several nieces and nephews.

Dorothy 'Dottie' Ann Schultz-Holz

Dorothy "Dottie" Ann Schultz-Holz, 68, of Bradenton, died Jan. 8.

Mrs. Schultz-Holz moved to the Anna Maria Island-Bradenton area from Bronx, N.Y., in 1967. She enjoyed bingo and writing poems.

Visitation was Jan. 12 and a Mass of the Resurrection was Jan. 13 at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Bradenton. Mansion Memorial Funeral Home, Ellenton, was in charge of arrangements.

She is survived by husband William F. "Bill" Holz; sons Buddy Besemer and his wife Helen of Fort White, Neal "Skip" Schultz and his wife Joyce of Bradenton, and James Holz and his wife Meredith of Palmetto; daughters Tina Baker and her husband Ken of Tallahassee, and Patti Searles of Long Island, N.Y.; brother Billy Honohan and his wife Alice of Oakboro, N.C.; sisters Helen McHugh and her husband James of Holiday, and Margaret Donohue of Palmetto; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Norman R. Veenstra

Norman R. Veenstra, 94, of Holmes Beach, died Jan. 3.

Mr. Veenstra was born in Chicago, Ill. He was retired as vice president of New York Terminal Warehousing and owner of Veenstra Real Estate in Action in Massachusetts. He was a graduate of Roseland Christian School and Calvin College. He was a combat veteran of World War II, serving in England as a tail gunner on a B-24 in the 237th AAF Base Unit. He was a volunteer for the Muscular Dystrophy Association of New England. He was a justice of the peace in Florida and New England. He enjoyed golf and tennis.

There were no services. Covell Cremation and Funeral Home, Bradenton, was in charge of arrangements.

He is survived by wife Albertine; sons Norman of Washington, D.C., and Lester and his wife Margaret of Harrogate, England; daughters Marion McEttrick and her husband Joseph of Milton, Mass., and Pamela Hyde and her husband Dwight of Antrim, N.H.; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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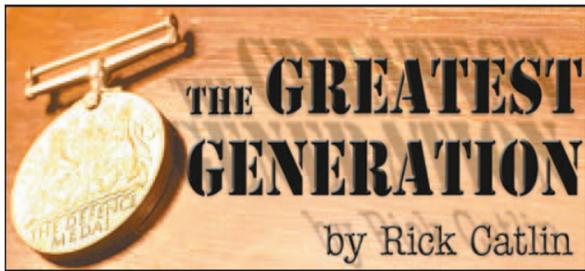
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German-born, Forster became U.S. citizen to fight during WWII

Palma Sola resident Peter Forster had already graduated from high school and was working as an apprentice machine operator in Cleveland when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor and America entered World War II.

His company managed to get him a deferment from the draft, partly because his work was considered important to the war effort and partly because Peter wasn't a U.S. citizen.

Born in Rostock, Germany, his parents had immigrated to the United States when he was just 2 years old. His father had fought for the German Army during World War I and Peter grew up speaking fluent German.

But he was raised as an American and was bound and determined to fight for his new country.

"I grew up in America and America was my country. I considered myself an American. I told my boss not to ask for any more deferments, that I thought I might do more for the war effort by getting into combat. I didn't want to sit home and do nothing while everyone else was in the service."

Indeed, Peter's parents were totally opposed to the Nazi regime in Germany and Peter already had one brother in the U.S. Navy.

He was inducted into the U.S. Army in November 1943 and trained for the armored (tank) branch of the service.

Just after basic training, however, his commanding officer called him in and said that because he was still a German citizen, if he were captured by the Nazis, he would likely be executed as a traitor to the fatherland. He was sent before a federal judge and was granted his U.S. citizenship that day.

On June 3, 1944, Peter boarded the U.S.S. New Amsterdam along with 10,000 other troops and headed for Europe. It was the first time the New Amsterdam had made the Atlantic crossing on its own and the third day out, Peter was awakened at 4 a.m. to the sound of depth charges, guns firing and a call to man the lifeboats.

"It was a mad rush to get up on deck. We all figured



Palma Sola resident Peter Forster as a combat soldier during World War II.

we had been torpedoed, but as soon as we got to our stations, the captain said it was only a drill and told us that the invasion of Europe had begun." It was June 6, 1944.

Peter didn't have an assigned unit and was considered a replacement for one of the armored units already fighting in France. He spent two months in England at a replacement depot waiting for assignment, then landed at Omaha Beach on Aug. 14.

Assigned as an ammunition handler with the 10th Armored Division, part of Gen. George S. Patton's rapidly advancing 3rd Army, Peter got a quick welcome to the war as his unit drove across the Mossel River.

"The convoy got stalled, then the Germans opened up with mortar shells. One landed in the truck in front of me and killed everyone. I jumped out and learned how to dig a foxhole in five seconds."

Peter's unit delivered ammunition to the tanks at the front during the usual nighttime lull, but the tank

commanders didn't want an ammunition truck anywhere near them. "If the Germans shelled the tank and hit us, everything would have exploded and the tankers didn't want any part of that," he said.

Eventually, Peter became the assistant driver of a gasoline truck — an equally dangerous job — and took over when the driver was wounded by a mortar.

"Once again, I was just lucky. If the mortar hits the gas tank, we're blown into a million pieces," said Peter.

The 3rd Army under Patton was advancing rapidly across France and, in late November, Peter's company crossed the border into Germany, becoming the first American outfit to reach enemy soil.

"Patton showed up that day to have his picture taken just so he could tell everybody he had set foot in Germany. He was quite a showman."

Because of his fluent German, Peter was often assigned to interrogate prisoners and to guide tanks. He got his own jeep and was given the task of guiding tanks and supply trucks to the front lines.

"Unfortunately, there was no job classification for my duties, so I had to remain a PFC. Other guys were getting promoted, but not me," he laughed.

On Dec. 17, 1944, Peter's unit was scheduled to be sent to the rear as a reserve outfit, and Peter and his pals looked forward to some real beds and showers.

Alas, it was not to be.

The Germans launched their offensive in the Ardennes that became known as the Battle of the Bulge and Patton ordered his army to advance north to stem the German advance.

Peter's outfit was ordered to the town of Bastogne to find gasoline for Patton's advancing tanks.

"It was scary. We were headed north and all the other guys were running south, away from the battle. We reached a town called Noville, where we got some gas. I was then ordered to Bastogne to get more gas. When we got to Bastogne, we went to VIII Corps headquarters, but there was nobody there. In fact, the town was deserted. They had all left in one hell of a hurry. We knew the situation was grim, but it was night, so we decided to sleep on the floor."

The next day, Peter and his buddies felt a little better when units of the 101st Airborne Division arrived to take up defensive positions.

"Later that day, we learned that we were surrounded." And there wasn't any gas because the fleeing soldiers had blown up all the fuel depots to keep them from falling into German hands.

"So, I became a rifleman and took up a post on the perimeter. We were all under the command of Gen.

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McAuliffe of the 101st. The Germans asked him to surrender and he said ‘nuts.’ I don’t think they understood what he meant.”

What Peter did understand was that the weather was lousy and no air support or supplies were forthcoming. The town was surrounded, there was no gas, no ammunition and little food. “That’s when we became the Battling Bastards of Bastogne,” he remembered.

The Germans attacked relentlessly, but the Americans held the line. On Dec. 23, the weather cleared and supplies and ammunition were dropped into the town. After an attack on Christmas Day by the Germans failed, the Americans began their own offensive and broke through the German encirclement.

Peter’s unit was eventually withdrawn and sent back to resume its duties with the 3rd Army crossing into Germany.

By February 1945, the German resistance had begun to crumble. Peter’s duties continued as an interpreter, but now he was often called upon to translate civilian disputes with the military.

One day, Peter won a drawing to get a three-day pass in Paris. Once in the city of lights, Peter ran into an old Cleveland buddy now in the Air Force and stationed in Paris. His buddy told him of a new directive that anyone with engineering experience could be transferred to an ordinance outfit immediately.

Back with the 10th Armored, Peter immediately put in for a transfer, although his commanding officer was extremely reluctant to lose a good driver and an excellent translator.

Peter, however, still had his driving duties.

One day while taking two officers and another man up to a combat team on the front lines, they passed through a village they thought had been cleared of German soldiers.

“We immediately came under heavy fire. I wheeled the jeep into an alley, jumped out and ran into a nearby house,” he remembered.

There, he found a German boy and got him to take a note back to the tank at the edge of town asking for



Today, Peter and Lee Forster enjoy their Palma Sola canal-front home and their 60 years of marriage. *Islander* Photo: Rick Catlin

help. When the tank arrived, the German soldiers apparently thought they were being attacked in force.

“They waved a white sheet and asked to surrender. I told them to throw down their weapons and we would take them to the rear.”

Peter was a bit surprised to count 67 German soldiers who had surrendered. “It was just me, another guy and two officers against them. Most of them were just young kids, boys. I got a nice Walther pistol as a souvenir. I ended up leaving the prisoners with a unit of the Free French that was behind us. I quickly forgot about the incident, but I later learned that the two officers put themselves in for an award for the surrender and each got a Silver Star. And they never even mentioned me.”

On another occasion, Peter was driving a lieutenant known for his risk-taking to a company on the front lines when the Germans mortared the jeep.

“I immediately jumped out and shouted for him to get moving, but he just stayed in his seat.”

A few seconds later, a mortar round exploded by the jeep and splattered the officer with shrapnel.

“He was wounded pretty bad, but I got him to a field hospital. He was so grateful he gave me his .45 automatic pistol to keep. That night, the guys celebrated because we figured the next guy wouldn’t take as many chances, not with the war winding down.”

Near Stuttgart, Peter got his taste of one of Hitler’s wonder weapons.

“We were bombed and strafed by a plane that made a strange sound and didn’t have any propellers. It was a German jet. The next day, we captured the airfield it had flown from and got to look at a jet up close. We were fortunate the Germans didn’t have more of those planes.”

As the 10th Armored advanced across southern Ger- PLEASE SEE GREATEST, NEXT PAGE

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many, it liberated a camp called Dachau near Munich. It was one of the first concentration camps built by the Nazis.

The sight of men nothing more than skin and bones and the stench of dead bodies horrified Peter and his unit.

"It was a shock to see these people. We hadn't heard about the camps. When we asked the locals, they all replied that they knew nothing about Dachau. Of course, that was a lie."

A few days before the Germans surrendered, Peter got his transfer to the ordinance department, where he was promptly promoted to sergeant.

"That was the good part of the transfer," he said with a laugh. "The bad part was that they put me to work fixing tanks to be shipped to Germany, while my buddies in the 10th Armored sat around with nothing to do but eat and drink."

Luck, however, was once again with Peter. An amateur photographer, he started his own photo lab. When his commanding officer learned of his hobby, he had Peter develop some pictures. When he saw how good they came out, he pulled Peter out of the tank repair duty and made him the company photographer.

He also got some much-needed rest and relaxation on the French Riviera at Monte Carlo. While there enjoying the sea and sun, Peter learned that the atomic bomb had been dropped on Japan. Then, on Aug. 15, the Japanese surrendered and the war was over.

"Now, everyone is adding up their points to get sent home, and my total was just a bit short. If I had gotten that Silver Star like those two officers, I would have gone home."

Instead, Peter was assigned for occupation duty with the 71st Infantry Division. His battalion had one 30-day leave back in the states available, and Peter got the award because of his combat experience.

Even though he was told he would have to return to Europe, Peter didn't mind. "Thirty days back home sounded pretty good."

Once he landed in Boston, however, Peter's luck again held. An officer interviewed him and said that because he had so many points, there was no reason for him to be sent back to Europe. Instead, Peter was given his honorable discharge and left the service on Dec. 9, 1945.

He returned to his old job with the Bardons and Oliver machine company, where he met a pretty young

AID to celebrate 25 years in special service

All Island Denominations, the organization of most of Anna Maria Island's churches, will note 25 years of service to the Island Jan. 28, with AID scholarship beneficiaries invited to participate.

The special anniversary service will be at 7 p.m. at Roser Memorial Community Church, 512 Pine Ave., Anna Maria. It is open to everyone in the community, said AID's president, Dr. Frank McGrath.

Making note of the occasion will be new/old officers of AID elected at a meeting last week. McGrath, a retired minister and educator, was re-elected president; the Rev. John C. Bonser, vice president; Janet Robinson of the Episcopal Church of the Annunciation, secretary; and Rein Mueller, of Gloria Dei, re-elected treasurer.

AID was founded in 1982 by the Rev. Myron Brunnell, pastor of Harvey Memorial Community Church, and two laymen, the late Brendan Green of St. Bernard Catholic Church and Joe Kane of Harvey.

The organization committed itself to helping people in need on the Island and/or members of an Island church. It was formed as and remains a referral organization, McGrath said, with needy individu-

als or families referred by their pastors. AID's best known program is scholarships, which it provides graduating high school seniors who are going on with their educations, or students who are enrolled in college, and some others. In 1995 it started its Frank W. Hutchinson scholarship, named for a 14-year Roser pastor. This year it is seeking those who have received scholarships to invite them to the special service Jan. 28.

AID also is moving into more ecumenical activities, such as churchwomen's activities and the Inquiring Minds series in which it is interested.

This year the organization has Super Bowl Sunday on its program — putting collection bowls at the front of churches for special attention by generous donors on the day of the Super Bowl.

The Rev. Gary Batey, pastor of Roser, is coordinating the anniversary celebration. Member churches are Annunciation, Gloria Dei, Harvey, Roser and St. Bernard.

All Island Denominations



secretary in the personnel department. They were married in 1946 and are still together. They have two children and two grandchildren.

Peter took engineering classes at night at Cleveland State and eventually became a professional engineer. He became director of engineering for the Motch Machine Co. in 1950 and stayed there 33 years before retiring in 1983.

He and Lee moved to Palma Sola that year and purchased their home in San Remo Shores. They are still there today.

"I have no regrets about my service," said Peter. "I wasn't going to sit home and take a deferment while others were in the fight. I was very fortunate and very lucky. It was a job that had to be done. I certainly wasn't a hero. The heroes are still over there. I was just lucky to make it through and come back in one piece."

Just another member of the Greatest Generation.

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Dinner costs \$7 for adults and \$5 for children if pre-purchased, and \$1 more if purchased at the door. Meals-to-go will also be available.

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Basketball season under way, games at KMS

By Kevin Cassidy
Islander Reporter

The Anna Maria Island Community Center's basketball season is off and running — all the way to King Middle School in Bradenton. There are games being played in King's new gym Monday through Friday, so get out and catch the kids in action.

**Premier Division:
IRE 49, WCAC 40**

Al Barrett scored 18 points and handed out six assists to lead Island Real Estate past West Coast Air Conditioning on Jan. 11. Jordan Graeff added 12 points, while Zach Schield chipped in with 11 points and three blocked shots.

Chad Reed and David Tyson each scored 15 points to lead WCAC's offense. Reed also grabbed 10 rebounds for West Coast, which also received five points from Celia Ware in the loss.

Ralph's 37, IRE 31

Garrett Secor scored 17 points and snared 12 rebounds to lead Rotten Ralph's past Island Real Estate on Jan. 8. Jacob Stebbins added 12 points and 10 rebounds for Ralph's, which also received four points and four rebounds from Brandon Gangler in the victory.

Al Barrett paced IRE in scoring with nine points, while Zach Schield added eight points and 17 rebounds. Jordan Graeff and Kyle Aritt rounded out the scoring for IRE with four points apiece in the loss.

**Division I:
Oyster Bar 35, Danziger 32**

Anna Maria Oyster Bar received four points from Ryan Schroeder and two points from Emma Barlow as the team outscored the Destroyers 6-3 in overtime to secure the Jan. 10 victory. Schroeder finished with a team-high 17 points, while Brett Rocklein added 12 points, five assists and five rebounds. Barlow finished with four points and grabbed eight rebounds.

Matt Bauer led all scorers with 20 points and 24



The University of Florida Gator football fanatics celebrate the team's Jan. 7 BCS championship victory 41-14 over Ohio State in Gainesville with Islander photographer Jack Elka and son Stephen Yenko (inset) among the crowd. Yenko, 22, grew up on Anna Maria Island and is finishing up at Sante Fe Community College in Gainesville, and will go on to UF this spring. Islander Photos: Jack Elka

rebounds, while Danziger Destroyer teammate Kelly Guerin added five points in the loss.

A Paradise 37, Cycles 23

Daniel Janisch scored 13 points and grabbed 12 rebounds and Blake Wilson added 10 points, seven steals and four rebounds to lead A Paradise Realty past Connect Cycles on Jan. 9. Katie Hunt and Sarah Howard rounded out the scoring with six points apiece in the victory.

Tommy Price had 11 points, six steals and five rebounds to lead Connect Cycles, which also received six points from Chris Callahan in the loss.

Division II:

ReMax 26, Duncan 11

ReMax Gulfstream Realty foreclosed on Duncan Real Estate on Jan. 10 behind 10 points apiece from Travis Belsito and Jacob Baird. Giorgio Gomez, Max Miller and Patrick Sheedy rounded out the scoring with two points apiece.

Kalif Mora scored 10 points to lead Duncan, which also received three points from Josh Schmidt and two points from Luke Shakelford in the loss.

Dips 21, ReMax 15

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Realty on Jan. 9 behind 10 points and six rebounds from Justin Gargett and six points from Zach Guerin.

Travis Belsito led ReMax with six points, while Patrick Sheedy added four points in the loss.

A&E 38, Duncan 16

Becca Butler exploded for 17 points and 12 rebounds as Air & Energy cooled off Duncan Real Estate on Jan. 9. Stephanie Purnell added eight points and Taylor Wilson chipped in with seven points to round out the A&E scoring.

Duncan Real Estate was led by Josh Schmidt and Kalif Mora, who each scored eight points in the loss.

Division III:

Kumon 18, Publix 16

Neil Carper scored two of his game high 10 points in overtime as Kumon overcame a determined Publix team on Jan. 11. Carper also added eight steals and four

rebounds for Kumon, which also received four points apiece from Chris Burdick and Logan Reiber.

Publix was led by Burke McCampbell-Hill's eight points, while Cameron Brauner and Joey Salinas each finished with four points in the loss.

Kumon 25, Ross 4

Kumon stifled Greg Ross Development 25-4 on Jan. 10 behind 16 points, four steals and three rebounds from Neil Carper. Logan Reiber added five points for Kumon in the victory.

Lexi Moore and Bruce Oliver scored two points apiece for Greg Ross Development in the loss.

Key Royale golf news

The Key Royale Club's men played a nine-hole, two-best-balls-of-foursome game on Jan. 8. Gordon McKinna, Fred Meyer, Al Kaiser and Mike Selby combined to fire a nine-under-par 55 to secure clubhouse bragging rights for the day. There was a two-way tie for second place with twin 57s. The teams of Bob Sayles, Bob Lamp, Tom Lewis and Chuck Boes and Russ Olson, Merritt Fineout, Charlie Knopp and Matt Behan both finished two shots back.

The ladies of Key Royale Club teed it up on Jan. 9 for a nine-hole, individual-low-net game. Sue Hookem fired a one-over-par 33 to capture flight AA over second-place finishers Penny Williams and Marilyn Thorton, who tied for second with 35s.

Linda Kelly's even-par 32 was one shot better than second-place finisher Nancy King, while Kathy Geeraerts and Joyce Brown both shot 36 to finish in a tie for third.

Terry Westby shot a one-over-par 33 to finish one shot ahead of Markie Ksiazek and Mary Miller in Flight B-C. Mary Ann Kaemerlen and Sally Keyes each shot 36 to tie for fourth place.

Flight D was won by Joanne Brougner with an even-par 32, two shots ahead of second-place finisher Erma McMullen, and Theresa Schutt and Roxanne Koche finished in a tie for third with a pair of 36s.

The team putt competition was won by Cindy Miller, Cindi Mansour, Mary Selby and Penny Williams with an average of 15.5 putts over nine holes. Sara Falk, (No.

5), Nancy King, (6) and Erma McMullen, (9) each had chipins to add a little excitement to their round of golf.

The week that was in golf culminated with the Key Royale men playing an 18-hole, two-best-balls-of-four-some game on Jan. 10.

The team of Gordon McKinna, John Purcell, Fred Meyer and Mike Selby fired an even-par 120 to finish two shots ahead of the team of Vince Fanton, Bob Landgren, Ernie Hauser and John Sager and the team of Jim Mixon, Gino DiClemente, Dale Hudson and Neil Hammer.

Third place went to the team of Jim Thorton, Hal Seres, Bill Melvin and Earl Ritchie with a score of 123, while two teams finished in a tie for fourth with scores of 126.

More golf news

Attention senior golfers: The Men's Senior Golf Association of Manatee County has openings for golfers over age 55 to play in a twice-weekly league. The association plays at the Manatee County Golf Course and River Run. There are prizes and a hole-in-one contest.

PLEASE SEE SPORTS, NEXT PAGE

Center basketball league standings as of Jan. 11		
Team	Wins	Losses
Premier Division		
Ralph's	2	0
IRE	1	1
WCAC	0	2
Division I		
Paradise	1	0
Oyster Bar	1	0
Danziger	1	1
Cycle	0	2
Division II		
A&E	1	0
Dips	1	0
ReMax	1	1
Duncan	0	2
Division III		
Ooh La La!	2	0
Kumon	2	0
Jessie's	0	1
Ross Dev.	0	1
Publix	0	2

Center basketball schedule		
Premier (ages 14-17)		
Jan. 18	8 p.m.	WCAC vs. Ralph's
Jan. 22	8 p.m.	IRE vs. Ralph's
Division I (ages 12-13)		
Jan. 17	8 p.m.	Cycles vs. Oyster Bar
Jan. 22	7 p.m.	Cycles vs. Danziger
Jan. 23	8 p.m.	Oyster Bar vs. Paradise
Division II (ages 10-11)		
Jan. 17	7 p.m.	A&E vs. Dips
Jan. 23	6 p.m.	ReMax vs. Dips
Jan. 23	7 p.m.	Duncan vs. A&E
Division III (ages 8-9)		
Jan. 17	6 p.m.	Ross vs. Jessie's
Jan. 18	7 p.m.	Kumon vs. Ooh La La!
Jan. 22	6 p.m.	Ross vs. Ooh La La!
Instructional League (ages 5-7)		
Jan. 18	6 p.m.	Orthopedics vs. BeachHouse
Jan. 18	6 p.m.	Observer vs. LPAC

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Streetlife

Island police reports

Anna Maria City

Jan. 11, 102 Mangrove Ave., theft. The complainant said someone had taken blueprints and permits from a construction site.

Jan. 11, 812 N. Shore Drive, theft. The same complainant as the previous report said someone had taken more blueprints and permits from this construction site.

Sports

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For more information, contact Hugh Benedict at 761-0702 or Karl Sturtz at 778-2920. You can also get information by e-mailing hube860@aol.com.

Horseshoe news

The Jan. 6 horseshoe games at the Anna Maria City Hall pits saw 24 players whittled down to two teams after pool play action. Sam Samuels and Al Norman teamed up to defeat John Crawford and Bob Lee by a 23-9 score to earn bragging rights for the day.

Three teams advanced from pool play on Jan. 10 with perfect 3-0 records. Al Norman and Bob Hains defeated Artie Kingstad and Tom Rhodes in the first playoff match, but then fell to the waiting team of Herb Puryear and Bob Mason by a 23-11 score.

Play gets under way at 9 a.m. every Wednesday and Saturday at the Anna Maria City Hall pits. Warmups begin at 8:45 a.m. followed by random team selection. There is no charge to play and everyone is welcome.

Bradenton Beach

Jan. 1, 500 block Bay Drive South, theft. The complainant said someone had taken a windsurfer from his house. A neighbor said he had seen someone take the board and load it into a pickup truck, and noted the tag number. Further investigation was ongoing.

Jan. 9, Coquina Beach, sexual battery. Bradenton Police contacted Bradenton Beach police officers after a woman was admitted to Blake Medical Center after a sexual battery incident on the beach. The woman said she had met a man at the beach after conversing with him and agreeing to meet on the Internet. At the meeting, he pulled off her pants and attempted to rape her. She broke away and went to the hospital. The investigation is continuing.

Holmes Beach

Jan. 6, 5600 block Carissa, Marchman Act. Officers observed an apparently intoxicated woman who could not give an address of where she was living. She was taken to jail.

Jan. 7, 5501 Marina Drive, Catcher's Marina, theft. The dockmaster said someone took a fuel tank from his boat. The tank and fuel was valued at \$360.

Jan. 7, 400 Manatee Avenue, affray and resisting arrest without violence. Officers observed a man and woman engaged in a physical altercation. Both combatants were handcuffed, the man resisted, and both were charged. The incident apparently involved ownership of a hat, and both appeared to have been drinking heavily.

Jan. 7, 3007 Gulf Drive, Anchor Inn, music. Officers responded to a complaint of loud music, and the

owner was cited.

Jan. 8, 3700 block East Bay Drive, burglary. The complainant said various items had been strewn throughout the parking lot, apparently from a robbery of an unlocked vehicle. Wireless headphones valued at \$160 were missing.

Jan. 8, 3700 block East Bay Drive, burglary. Another unlocked vehicle was robbed and a bike bag, valued at \$40, was missing.

Jan. 8, 3700 block East Bay Drive, burglary. Yet another unlocked vehicle was robbed and a garbage disposal and tarps taken.

Jan. 8, 700 block Manatee Avenue, burglary. The complainant came to the police department to explain that someone had rummaged through his unlocked vehicle overnight. Nothing was missing except old receipts, he said.

Jan. 8, 3700 block Sixth Avenue, burglary. The complainant said that someone had taken his change tray and a cellular phone from his car overnight.

Jan. 10, 5600 block Gulf Drive, criminal mischief. Someone damaged a wall at the condominium.

Jan. 10, 699 Manatee Ave., Bank of America, fraud. The complainant said she transferred \$62,373 to her account to close on her new residence, and when she received her statement from the bank discovered that \$10,000 had been transferred from her account. She said the bank was investigating the incident, but she wanted documentation of a police report.

Jan. 11, 100 block 52nd Street, Baker Act. A man was placed in custody under the Baker Act after admitting to being depressed.



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Sad record last year for our manatee friends

History was made last year for manatees — grim history.

A total of 416 manatees died last year in Florida waters, one more than the previous record of 415 set in 1996. Of the 2006 figure, 86 were attributed to fatal manatee-boat “interactions,” the second-highest rate since recordkeeping began more than 30 years ago, according to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

As with all things scientific, FWC waffled in its announcement, stating that “scientists are unsure as to whether the increase [in deaths] reflects manatee population growth, increased mortality or better detection of carcasses.”

Significant numbers within the breakdown on manatee deaths had 131 listed as “undetermined,” 86 from watercraft accidents, 74 from natural causes, 71 from perinatal issues and 21 from cold stress.

Actual population of the gentle marine mammal in Florida’s nearshore waters is always controversial. FWC officials have said that the first census of manatees in 1991 placed their numbers at 1,268. The counts have mostly risen during the last few years to a high of 3,300 in 2001. Experts estimate there are actually about 3,100 manatees off our coasts or in Florida’s rivers and streams.

But the counts are mostly conducted through aerial surveying on one day of the year. A few years ago, only 1,200 or so were counted on what turned out to be a cloudy day with relatively poor water clarity.

Factor in the skill level of those doing the counting, and you’ve got not much more than a snapshot of how many sea cows are out there, rather than a real census.

But the death toll is real, and the watercraft count is a hard fact.

And all the data are coming out just as the FWC commissioners are considering changing the status of manatees from “endangered” to the lesser-protected category of “threatened.”

Consider the comment of Helen Spivey, co-chair of the Save the Manatee organization in Florida.

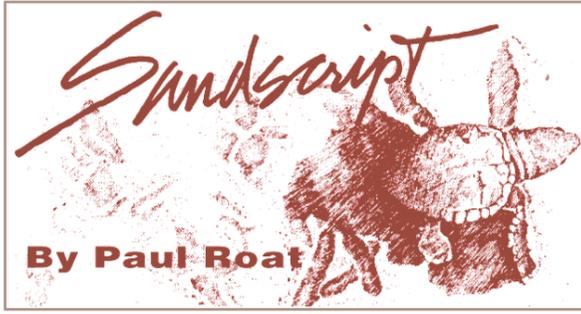
As reported in the St. Petersburg Times, she said of the FWC comments on the death count, “I think it’s a professional spin as good as the Democrats and Republicans put out. I think it’s just spin, and I really hate to see a state agency spin something that means so much to an imperiled species.”

Boating love is all in the family

My old buddy Capt. Jonnie Walker likes to advise us all to “take a kid fishing, and one day he’ll take you.” It seems that adage holds true for boating among women, girls, and probably everyone else.

According to a survey conducted by BoatU.S., “parents play an important role in teaching their daughters recreational boating skills. But when girls grow up, many women believe there aren’t enough boating educational opportunities, especially those that are tailored for women.”

The “Boating Learning and Education Survey for Women” by the national boating organization “showed that nearly half of all women respondents, 47 percent,



said it was a parent who they first remember teaching them boating skills, and 47 percent also said they had first gone boating before age 10.”

As BoatU.S. put it, “What the survey essentially tells us is that families play an important part in introducing boating to young girls, but as adults they want to learn more in relaxed settings, perhaps away from a well-meaning spouse.”

More than two-thirds of women surveyed said they had taken some type of formal classroom boating training, 73 percent had some hands-on instruction, and 59 percent agreed there was clear support for more all-women courses. A whopping 80 percent of the 400 women surveyed said more hands-on events for women are needed.

Boating courses requested by the survey respondents went far beyond the usual line handling and which-side-of-a-marker-do-I-pass category, too. Women want some serious motor-head skills offered. Instruction in boat systems such as engines or electrical systems was requested by 71 percent; navigation, 62 percent; and upgrading boat-handling skills, 52 percent.

“The respondents to the survey were not just first mates,” according to the survey. “More than three-quarters currently own either a powerboat or sailboat.”

Years ago I realized that communication is the most important aspect of any boating maneuver. Explain what you plan to do well before you do it, especially during a docking exercise. On a little boat, sometimes it’s easier to politely ask someone to just get out of the way. On larger vessels, explain what’s coming up, who should take which line and affix it to which cleat or piling, and what precautions should be taken during the operation.

It’s all pretty simple. Don’t yell at your female friends while boating — or anyone else, for that matter — and let anyone take the helm as much as they desire. Explain what’s going on and why it’s happening, and listen to any suggestions.

It makes for a much more pleasant day on the water.

More boating thoughts

Winter is traditionally the nadir of boating season in Florida. Face it: It’s a lot more pleasant to go out on the water when that water is 85 degrees and the sun is warm, than it is to face those cold northers with what feels like freezing spray coming over the bow.

But this winter is shaping up to be anything but normal, with 85-degree afternoons and water temperatures that hit 72 last week.

If you’re going out on the water, take a few minutes to check out all your gear.

Mooring lines chaffed? Replace them. Ditto for your anchor line, and when you do replace it, add another 100 feet or so. That extra length could spell the difference between safety and disaster if something bad happens when you’re trying to hunker down in a safe harbor during a blow.

It may sound silly, but also be sure that your anchor line is affixed to something on the boat before you drop the hook. There are far too many stories floating around of someone inadvertently tossing out an anchor in water deeper than expected and watching the whole apparatus sink to the bottom because — oops! — who forgot to tie it off?

And don’t toss the anchor. It needs to be lowered gently over the side so the Danforth flukes on the anchors common in our part of the world can catch on the bottom. I went for a long, long swim once to retrieve a runaway boat where someone tossed the anchor and I didn’t double-check to see if it was set before we all went ashore.

There are few things worse to hear than the comment, “Hey, isn’t that our boat floating away?”

And don’t forget to wear some kind of polarized sunglasses. Not only do they keep your eyes from frying in the sun, they also help you see through the glare on the water, allow you to judge bottom depths better and let you see any critters in the water, like manatees.

Check flares, compressed air horns and life jackets now, too. Replace what is outdated, and add to what you’ve got stocked up as needed. Get some fresh sunscreen, too.

And be careful out there!

Sandscript factoid

We’ve had history past with manatee mortality. Now we’ve got “history” 250 million years in the future on a global scale.

In something called geopredictions, scientists are looking at land-mass shift in the future, based on what’s happened in the past.

The background on all this is based on what a lot of geologists figure was once a huge mob of all the continents that has been dubbed Gondwana. As time passed, the continents drifted apart, and we saw Africa, Europe, Russia, North and South America, Antarctica and Australia form.

Fast-forward a bit — well, if 250 million years from now is a bit — and everything smashes into each other again. The Mediterranean Sea is gone, merged with Europe and Africa. Atlantic Ocean? Schmooshed against Africa. Australia and Antarctica are one big island.

The new global continent is called Pangea Ultima.

It would appear that Florida would be located somewhere close to what is today’s South Africa based on the computer models.

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	Jan 17	—	5:16 -0.9	9:45 2.3	—
	Jan 18	—	5:56 -1.0	10:35 2.4	—
	Jan 19	1:59p 1.1	6:33 -0.9	11:25 2.4	4:43 0.9
	Jan 20	2:09p 1.1	7:09 -0.9	—	5:45 0.8
	Jan 21	12:16 2.3	7:43 -0.7	2:23 1.2	6:49 0.6
	Jan 22	1:11 2.1	8:15 -0.4	2:42 1.3	7:57 0.4
	Jan 23	2:11 1.7	8:45 -0.1	3:06 1.5	9:11 0.2
	Jan 24	3:22 1.4	9:11 0.3	3:34 1.7	10:33 0.0

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Good fishing descends on local waters

By Capt. Mike Heistand

That wacky "winter" weather of late seems to be turning on the fish as well as fishers. Air temperatures have topped 80 degrees by day of late, water temps are hovering around 70, and the fishing is about as hot as it can get.

Backwater action is great for sheepshead, trout, redfish and bluefish. Pass fishing is good for pompano and whiting, which are also near the beaches.

Offshore fishing is great for amberjack, gag and red grouper, snapper and triggerfish.

At **Corky's Live Bait, Tackle & Snack Shop** on Cortez Road, most fishermen have reported good fishing this week, especially in the waters by Longboat Pass Bridge and Bradenton Beach. Catches include whiting, lots of redfish, although only a few of keeper size, some trout, bluefish and ladyfish, all caught using live shrimp. Sheepshead and pompano are reacting well with Mr. Sheepshead cooked sand fleas, with the best action coming from near pilings or docks. Some fishers were using live pinfish and Atlantic menhaden to catch sharks to 7 feet in length. The Manatee River is producing lots of redfish, but only a few of legal length to keep, as well as some trout of legal size, small flounder, ladyfish, bluefish, a few snook and a pompano. Fishing around some of the docks have produced quite a few sheepshead of 19 inches, fishermen report.

Capt. Tom Chaya on the **Dolphin Dreams** in Holmes Beach out of **Catchers Marina** said he's seeing good action on all the winter species, including lots of silver trout and bluefish working the reefs. There has also been a good showing of big speckled trout in the bays, and more and more sheepshead are continuing to show around structures. He's also been catching some



Pretty fish
Kristan Vinyard, 15, from Prairie Grove, Ark., caught this hog snapper while fishing with Capt. Larry McGuire. It was her first saltwater fishing excursion.

decent-sized reds around the docks in New Pass

Capt. Larry McGuire of **Show Me The Fish Charters** said reports that "fishing was fantastic this week before the wind came up. Grouper were hot, with gags to 20 pounds, reds to 18 pounds, lots of snapper, triggerfish, kingfish, amberjack and little tunas. We were fishing out to 35 miles using live baits and Spanish sardines."

Good luck and good fishing.

Capt. Mike Heistand is a 20-year-plus fishing guide. Call him at 723-1107 to provide a fishing report. Prints and digital images of your catch are also welcome and may be dropped off at The Islander, 5404 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach, or e-mailed to news@islander.org. Please include identification for persons in the picture along with information on the catch and a name and phone number for more information. Snapshots may be retrieved once they appear in the paper.



Three-handed fish

Nathan Vinyard, 6, visiting from Prairie Grove, Ark., caught this big barracuda while fishing with Capt. Larry McGuire on Show Me The Fish Charters.



Here's looking at you

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Guardian ad Litem classes beginning

By Jim Hanson
Islander Reporter

The Guardian ad Litem program, described by participants as “the most challenging and gratifying of all in Manatee County,” is opening new classes and has places for “desperately needed” volunteers.

The new classes start Jan. 22, a 30-hour training course for new child advocate volunteers who will “speak on behalf of individual children who have been abused, neglected and/or abandoned.”

The program serves the 12th Judicial District, which provides the training and assignments.

“Guardian ad Litem volunteers are certified to represent in court the best interest of children,” said the program’s spokesperson, Josie Lund. “Manatee County has a desperate need for volunteers to represent almost 700 children in Dependency Court.”

A volunteer with substantial experience in the program is the Island’s Ines Norman, who finds the experience most rewarding.

She currently represents seven children in the court system, one of them “too young to know what’s going on,” and others from toddlers to age 7. Norman will gather information about them, visit each child and the people involved, and make a recommendation to the court as to what seems best for the child.

“It’s all about a child as the ward of the state,” she said. “You can’t have an agenda yourself, you work within the parameters of the court and try to help the child within the system.” She just gathers information, and any therapy or other treatment is left to professionals.

She has found judges to be sympathetic, she noted, “most of them outstanding, a real ray of light for the children.”



Radio days

Members of the Asolo Repertory Theatre Guild Play Readers — Jim Stewart, Dianne Brin, Richard Schubel and Paul Stoddard — perform for the Friends of the Island Library crowd on Dec. 12 at the Island Branch, 5701 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach. The Play Readers, as part of the Friends’ lecture series, performed Stoddard’s “Radio Memories,” recreating dramatic, comedic and adventuresome moments from the golden days of radio. *Islander Photo: Lisa Neff*

The time she spends on a child “depends on how hard the case is and how much you think you can help the child.” Count on at least two hours per month per child, more on court days.

“If you work, you can still do it,” she said. “It’s well worth it, some kids have horrible situations and really have to have help.

“It is very interesting, very rewarding. I’m always going to do this.”

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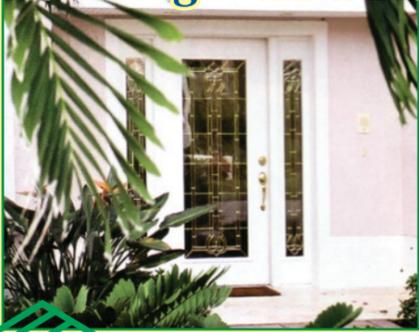
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FOR SALE BY owner: Deep-water canal ranch, \$550,000. Nicely remodeled with granite countertops, tile flooring, and more. Call Scott Wheeler at 614-207-7878, or e-mail scott@scottincolumbus.com.

BRADENTON BEACH BY owner: 2BR/2BA end unit with full Gulf views. Kitchen has stainless-steel appliances, granite counters, nice turnkey furnished. Two large balconies. Amenities include boat docks, tennis court, pool with spa. \$629,000. 941-388-5238.

BY OWNER: 2BR/1.5BA condo. Bath and kitchen need update. \$399,999. 863-412-2612. www.cfl-realestateonline.com/condo. 5400 Gulf Drive, Holmes Beach.

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WONDERFUL BRADENTON BEACH home: 6BR/4BA, 1.5 blocks from beach. Over 4,000 sf, garage, carport, patio with option to duplex. Live-in or rent. \$720,000. 941-545-5381.

CANAL HOME: PRIME location, listed thousands under appraised value, 3BR/3BA, dock, boatlift, new seawall, large lot. \$830,000. Weichert Realtors, Richard Taylor, broker, 941-756-6300.

LARGE, DIRECT BAYFRONT LOT on Anna Maria Island, unobstructed waterfront, \$1,150,000. Michael Saunders & Company, 941-918-0010. For direct information, 1-800-539-1486, ext. 2093.

HOLMES BEACH CUTE Gulf cottage on 50x100-foot lot two blocks from beach. For sale by owner at lot value. \$429,000. 949-813-4900.

RUNAWAY BAY #222: 1BR/1BA heated pool, tennis courts, shuffleboard, fitness room, laundry facilities, Gulf access, turnkey furnished. \$329,900. 941-778-9378.

WATERFRONT HOME IN Holmes Beach. 3BR/2BA, one-car garage, classic Island-style single-story with lots of Florida pine, vaulted ceilings and built-ins. Spectacular view of Anna Maria Sound and Intra-coastal Waterway from lanai. On end of canal with two docks and no bridges to Gulf. Sailor's dream. \$799,000. 941-726-9104.

REAL ESTATE Continued

HISTORIC LONGBEACH VILLAGE Executive-style beach cottage on the beautiful north end of Longboat Key. This 3BR/3BA, two-stall garage, open floor plan, large caged pool is situated on three lots at 7060 Poinsettia Ave. and is offered at \$695,000. Call or come by. 941-780-7060 and 941-926-8338. Brokers protected.

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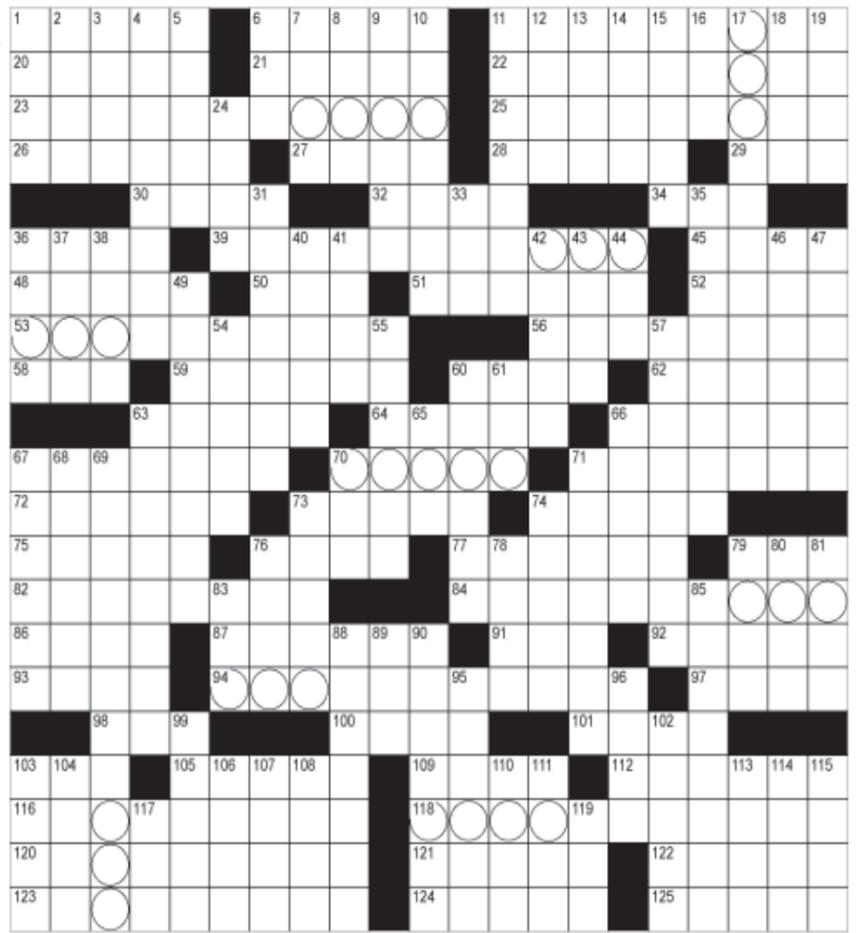
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| 1 Cross, maybe | 58 Buzzer | 109 Some Wall St. deals | 17 Streaming content |
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| 20 Nitrogen compound | 62 Academy head | 118 Weighty issue? | 24 Campus 100 miles NW of L.A. |
| 21 TV exec Arledge | 63 Follower of mars | 120 Scoots over | 31 Hip |
| 22 Last czarina of Russia | 64 Modern greeting | 121 Prudential competitor | 33 Oysters ___ season |
| 23 "Absolutely, ambassador" | 66 Narrow the gap with | 122 Female demon | 35 Molotov cocktail component |
| 25 Colonies, e.g. | 67 Marine mammal | 123 Nickname for Tasmania | 36 Onion, for one |
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| 27 Southern group address | 71 Fair fare | 125 City on the Rhone | 38 Treasure-trove |
| 28 Alliance dissolved in 1977 | 72 Friends | | 40 Not built up |
| 29 "Wonderful!" | 73 Went downhill | DOWN | 41 Tiny time unit: Abbr. |
| 30 Pulitzer Prize subj. | 74 "___ ramparts!" | 1 "Apocalypto" subject | 42 Capacitance measure |
| 32 Continental capital | 75 St.-Tropez's Place des ___ | 2 Like some profs. | 43 Richard of old westerns and action films |
| 34 Starter: Abbr. | 76 Bingo call | 3 Wink in tiddlywinks, e.g. | 44 Pentagon fig. |
| 36 Island with a Hindu majority | 77 Cuneiform discovery site | 4 "Take your pick" | 46 Playground retort |
| 39 Like some unpopular leaders | 79 Cartesian conclusion | 5 Sainted pope of 682 | 47 It's a wrap |
| 45 Computer pioneer Lovelace and others | 82 "It's dark in here!" | 6 Airport sign abbr. | 49 Most gutsy |
| 48 The Huskies of the N.C.A.A. | 84 x | 7 Classic theater name | 54 ___ Circus (where St. Peter was crucified) |
| 50 Fraternity letters | 86 Ad time | 8 Seat of Allen County, Kan. | 55 Enter |
| 51 Captivate | 87 Main international airport of Japan | 9 Shaker leader | 57 Fictional knight named for a bird of prey |
| 52 Antivenins, e.g. | 91 Width measure | 10 Shut off | 60 Carriage |
| 53 Award-winning TV host | 92 Holy text | 11 Dirge | 61 Fabulous monster |
| | 93 Raison d' ___ | 12 Natural balm | 63 Property recipients |
| | 94 1 + 1 = 2, e.g. | 13 Relief provider, for short | 65 Do, re, mi |
| | 97 Great American Ball Park team | 14 Out | 66 "I've ___ Strings" (Pinocchio song) |
| | 98 Death on the Nile cause, perhaps | 15 Capital once known as Thang Long ("Ascending Dragon") | |
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| 67 Like tears | 78 Memory: Prefix | 90 Two bags of groceries, say | 107 Paraguay and others |
| 68 Bring out | 79 About | 95 Talk on and on, Down Under | 108 Cleaver or lever |
| 69 Rare ex-prisoner | 80 Just barely | 96 Get wind of | 110 Numerical prefix |
| 70 Classic Jaguar | 81 Much of Colo. | 99 Intrinsically | 111 RR stops |
| 71 Some horns | 83 "Mad TV" rival, for short | 102 Ringlike formation | 113 Sailor's saint |
| 73 Brooking no dissent | 85 Marin and Sonoma's region | 103 Priest of the East | 114 Ruhr refusal |
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