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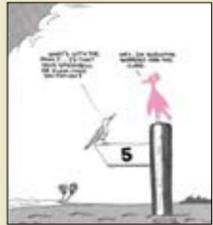
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## Gulf Drive Cafe site work begins

By Lisa Neff  
Islander Reporter

“Those can’t be telephone poles,” Rich Holcomb asserted, watching a construction crew plant a pole in the ground south of the Gulf Drive Cafe.

Nearby, a half dozen other cypress wood poles were piled on the ground.

No, not telephone poles, but signs of construction for the restaurant, 900 Gulf Drive N., which has embarked on a major expansion project.

The cafe, owned by George and Wendy Kokolis, plans a \$500,000 expansion that includes a new parking lot, chickee hut, tiki bar and gift shop.

An artist’s rendering of the improvements show the existing restaurant at the north end of the site, then, moving south, a

gift shop, Bamboo Jack’s Tiki Bar and Grill, and on the south end of the property, a chickee hut.

On its Web site, the restaurant already is christened Gulf Drive Cafe and Tiki and is promoting its amenities for large gatherings, such as wedding receptions.

The city commission, with a number of stipulations, approved a preliminary design for the restaurant last summer.

That vote followed a recommendation from the city’s planning and zoning board, which, when reviewing a preliminary design, focused on the chickee hut.

“Chickee” or “chiki” is the Seminole word for house and the structures are considered by many Florida engineers to be among the simplest but most durable in hurricane-force winds.

A part of Native American tradition and culture, chickee huts built by members of the Seminole or Miccosukee tribes of Florida are exempt from the permitting process, though rules such as setbacks do apply. State and federal policies define a chickee hut as an open-sided wooden hut with a thatched roof of palm or palmetto or other traditional materials, devoid of electric, plumbing or other non-wood features and constructed by the Miccosukee or Seminole tribe.

The restaurant’s chickee hut will be used for special events, such as wedding receptions or group lunches.

The commission, in its preliminary approval, stipulated that the chickee hut would not be supplied with electricity or water and that no food or drink service would take place

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### Reeling good time

Dave Russell, owner of Rotten Ralph’s on the Pier, and his son, Tyler, at left, and Rutger Langley, 9, of Longboat Key, far left, wait for a nibble during the Kids’ Free Fishing Tournament Oct. 3 on the Historic Bridge Street Pier in Bradenton Beach. Bradenton Beach merchants, community groups and the city joined to sponsor a contest to encourage children to fish. Organizers included Rotten Ralph’s at the Pier, the Historic Bridge Street Merchants Association, the Fish Hole and the Bradenton Beach ScenicWAVES committee. All kids caught a prize in the contest. Islander Photos: Lisa Neff

## Bridge comment deadline nears

By Rick Catlin  
Islander Reporter

Although any plans by the Florida Department of Transportation to begin construction of a replacement for the Anna Maria Island Bridge are years away — at least 10 years for the next budget cycle — the U.S. Coast Guard is inviting public comment on the DOT’s proposal.

Comments are due to the Coast Guard Seventh District office in Miami by Oct. 9, a Coast Guard public notice stated.

The Coast Guard wants comments on the DOT’s environmental assessment of a replacement bridge, along with its recommended alternative of a high-level fixed-span bridge to replace the existing structure.

The Coast Guard said it has “made a tentative determination that the proposed action will not have a significant impact for the purposes of the National Environmental Policy Act.”

While review is continuing, the Coast Guard asked mariners and other interested

parties to “express their views, in writing, on the proposed bridge project, including its possible impact on minority and/or low income population.”

Randall Overton of the Coast Guard Seventh District office in Miami said the request for comments is a routine requirement for the Coast Guard’s review.

If the DOT submits plans for a replacement bridge, public hearings will be held and more public comment will be solicited, he said.

The Coast Guard has jurisdiction over a replacement bridge as the waters under the bridge are part of the Intra-coastal Waterway system.

At present, the DOT has no allocation for a replacement bridge in its five-year plan that extends through 2014.

Comments for the record may be mailed to: Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District, 909 Southeast First Ave., Room 432, Miami FL 33131.

Comments may also be e-mailed to randall.d.overton@uscg.mil.

## Crabbers rescued in Gulf

A crabber from Holmes Beach and his mate were headed out in the nearshore Gulf of Mexico waters the morning of Oct. 7 to place traps in advance of the stone crab season opening Oct. 15 when their boat sank.

Capt. Mike Greig said he and Adam Ellis were carrying a full load of traps aboard his 24-foot Carolina Skiff and the waters were a “little rough” when his pump quit working.

“We started taking on water and the boat sank within 10-15 seconds,” he said. “It rolled over and we were under water.”

Greig credited the quick action of Trek Hackney, a fellow crabber who “came right to my aid.”

The U.S. Coast Guard out of Cortez responded within about 15-20 minutes, as did the Coquina Beach lifeguards and the Longboat Key police patrol boat, although “we were never in danger,” he said.

He said John Banyas of Taylor Boatworks brought out a large boat within a half hour, righted Greig’s boat and towed it to Cannons Marina.

# In the bag: Volunteers clean up coast

By Lisa Neff  
Islander Reporter

Dozens of volunteers arrived to Anna Maria Island's beaches by car, bus, bicycle and foot to make a clean sweep of local shorelines Oct. 3.

The volunteers, some of them Island residents, some of them members of community groups and many of them students, collected litter in the annual Coastal Cleanup.

"It's about community service," said Kevin Friedman, a volunteer with the Anna Maria Island Privateers, which cleaned up along Marina and Gulf drives in Holmes Beach.

"We found mostly wrappers," said Friedman's

daughter, Alannah, 9. "I think it's rude that people trash this wonderful world. I think it's wrong."

The local event, organized by Keep Manatee Beautiful, is part of a much larger anti-litter effort, the International Coastal Cleanup, which involves Keep America Beautiful and the Ocean Conservancy.

The campaign annually unites about 390,000 volunteers in more than 100 countries to collect about 7 million pounds of trash.

Last year, volunteers in 42 states collected the most trash, followed by volunteers in the Philippines.

More than 32,000 volunteers in Florida collected more than 400,000 pounds of litter from the state's shores last year, including 1,195 volunteers that worked in Manatee County to pick up 22,304 pounds of litter and debris.

Statistics for the 2009 cleanup will be available later this week.

KMB reported that volunteers turned out to Anna Maria City Hall, the Kingfish Boat Ramp, Coquina Beach, Cortez Beach, Leffis Key, the Palma Sola Causeway and the Florida Maritime Museum in Cortez to register for cleanup assignments.

Some workers, KMB volunteers who regularly collect litter through Adopt-A-Shore and Adopt-A-Highway programs, such as members of the Privateers, got started at sun-up.

Others began at about 9 a.m. and collected until their bags were full and the area cleared of trash.

What did volunteers find?

They found some heavy debris, but mostly cigarette butts, plastic bags, straws, food containers, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, ropes and fishing line.

Students with Johnson Middle School science club, which cleaned up at Coquina Beach, found a lot of cigarette butts, especially near the concession stand and parking lot.

"Every time you see litter you should pick it up," said 11-year-old student Scott Boisvert.

Students with the State College of Florida Earth Club cleaned up Leffis Key and Coquina Bayside and found discarded plastic grocery bags to fill their litter bags.

Volunteers from the Bradenton Health and Racquet Club found an abundance of wrappers on the beach in Anna Maria near Pine Avenue, but also a \$1 coin, proving that volunteerism pays.

## Cafe expansion work starts

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in the hut, with exceptions for private or permitted events.

In the year since the commission approval, the owners have sought a series of permits at the state and local level for the project, and a few hurdles remain.

Jeff Higgins, who will co-manage the tiki bar with Michael National, said current working taking place is under a demolition permit to remove the concrete slab where Trader Jack's restaurant once stood.

"We got that, and then we got going," said Higgins, who hopes the bar can be opened by February.

At the site last week, passersby watched construction workers with Seminole Tiki Huts work on the expansion project and shared an excitement for the coming amenities.

"I think this might be the next new big thing on the Island," said Bradenton resident Joe Craemer. "What a fantastic idea. And what a great place to kick-back after work."

"Or all day Sunday, for that matter," said wife Tammy Craemer.



## Merry cleaner-uppers

Kevin Friedman and his daughter, Alannah, 9, lead a parade of Anna Maria Island Privateers in a cleanup along Marina Drive in Holmes Beach. On Oct. 3, the local anti-litter group, Keep Manatee Beautiful, organized the Coastal Cleanup in Manatee County. For more on the cleanup, see page 2. *Islander Photo: Lisa Neff*

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# Mrs. Ambrose goes to Washington

By Lisa Neff  
Islander Reporter

Nancy Ambrose went to Washington.

And though she does not hold elected office, she represented a constituency — cancer survivors, cancer patients, caregivers and relatives of those of who have lost loved ones to disease.

Ambrose joined a delegation of citizen lobbyists for the American Cancer Society's leadership summit and lobby day on Capitol Hill.

"Our message was non-partisan," said the Holmes Beach resident on a recent weekday morning at Cafe on the Beach. The message was a demand for affordable, accessible health care and insurance.

"We pulled a lot of heartstrings.... Cancer patients can't wait," said Ambrose, who knows firsthand what it feels like to worry about adequate care and adequate coverage.

Her COBRA — a temporary continuation of health care insurance — expires this fall but, due to pre-existing conditions, insurance companies repeatedly have denied Ambrose coverage.

Ambrose, like constituents she represented in Washington, D.C., is a cancer survivor, having been diagnosed with breast cancer and skin cancers.

Back in 1999, Ambrose was dealing with another medical issue that she gave top priority. Not a priority for her was her annual mammogram.

"I opted not to go," Ambrose said.

She thinks that mammogram might have found something.

During preparations for exploratory surgery for another concern, a nurse told Ambrose, "There is something there.... You need an ultrasound."

Based on the result of the ultrasound, Ambrose was told, "You need a biopsy."

And based on the results of the biopsy, Ambrose was told, "You have cancer."

"When you hear those three words, your life really changes," she said last week. "I didn't think, 'Why me?' But your life changes."

Ambrose was diagnosed with two forms of breast cancer days before Christmas 1999. A doctor, she said, "told me I didn't have any options."

However, she recalled that holiday as a happy one.

She had been committed to helping a woman in need with paying for rent, utilities, groceries and Christmas presents.

"It was one of my best Christmases ever," Ambrose remembered.

After the holidays, came the breast cancer treatment and a five-year recovery battle, which involved Ambrose in research programs at the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute in Tampa.

"I really didn't like the 'don't have any options' thing," Ambrose said. "So I went to Moffitt. They were terrific."

Treatment involved daily drives to Moffitt, about 60 miles from the Island.

"My car got to know the way," she said.

Ambrose was ailing. Friends remember. But Ambrose looked back and said, "I did very well with treatment. I count myself very, very lucky."

"I actually feel like I graduated," said Ambrose, who considers herself a nine-year — almost 10-year — survivor. She now goes to Moffitt once a year for an examination — from daily to annually.

Ambrose, a part-time representative for *The Islander*, is perhaps Anna Maria Island's most prominent spokesperson for cancer survivors and patients. She's well known for her active role in rallying walkers and sponsors raising big dollars for the annual ACS Island Relay for Life in May.

Ambrose also is a private confidant and advisor to many who are battling cancer and surviving after cancer, as well as to relatives of the fighters.

"I want to talk about it and I think, hopefully, I am making a difference," she said.

The morning of and the day before her *Islander* interview, Ambrose was calling on business owners to place ads in *The Islander's* Pink Pages to promote National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



Holmes Beach resident and cancer survivor Nancy Ambrose. She recently went to Washington, D.C., to lobby Congress for health-care reform. *Islander* Photo: Lisa Neff

Just while talking about the Pink Pages, she encouraged two women to get mammograms. Talk is not cheap, but priceless for Ambrose.

"Early detection makes all the difference," Ambrose said. "And if we can save just one life with awareness. Well, then, wow."

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, observed each October, is important for multiple reasons, according to Ambrose. The month helps organizations raise money for research into cures and causes of breast cancer and money for support programs and treatments.

But the month also has intangible benefits.

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, said Ambrose, leads to awareness that may encourage women to get mammograms and conduct self-exams and may inform men that they too can develop breast cancer.

The month also brings about camaraderie and a celebration of life.

"It causes us to pause," Ambrose said, "and celebrate those who are alive and remember those who have died."



Holmes Beach resident and cancer survivor Nancy Ambrose with cancer survivor and network newsman Bob Schieffer in Washington, D.C. *Islander* Photo: Courtesy Nancy Ambrose

## An activist's journal

Holmes Beach resident Nancy Ambrose traveled to Washington, D.C., in September for the American Cancer Society's leadership summit and lobby day.

The timing was crucial, as U.S. lawmakers continued to debate health-care reform.

Here are some of Ambrose's notes from the trip:

It was incredible to be on the cusp of a piece of history with 560 people — survivors, caregivers and those who care about cancer and who are committed

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## Meetings

### Anna Maria City

- Oct. 7, 6:30 p.m., EEEEC meeting.
- Oct. 8, 7 p.m., city commission meeting.
- Oct. 13, 5:30 p.m., forum on federal stimulus projects.
- Oct. 20, 6:30 p.m., planning and zoning board meeting.
- Oct. 22, 7 p.m., city commission meeting.
- Oct. 26, 5 p.m., code enforcement organizational meeting.

Anna Maria City Hall, 10005 Gulf Drive, 941-708-6130, [www.cityofannamaria.com](http://www.cityofannamaria.com).

### Bradenton Beach

- Oct. 14, 1 p.m., city commission meeting.
- Oct. 15, 1 p.m., city commission meeting.
- Oct. 20, 1 p.m., city commission meeting.
- Oct. 22, 5 p.m., planning and zoning board meeting.

Bradenton Beach City Hall, 107 Gulf Drive N., 941-778-1005, [www.cityofbradentonbeach.org](http://www.cityofbradentonbeach.org).

### Holmes Beach

- Oct. 7, 5 p.m., parks and beautification meeting.
- Oct. 13, 7 p.m., city commission meeting.
- Oct. 15, 10 a.m., code enforcement meeting.
- Oct. 22, 9 a.m., board of adjustment meeting.
- Oct. 23, 1:30 p.m., police retirement board meeting.
- Oct. 27, 7 p.m., city commission meeting.

Holmes Beach City Hall, 5801 Marina Drive, 941-708-5800, [www.holmesbeachfl.org](http://www.holmesbeachfl.org).

### West Manatee Fire Rescue District

- Oct. 15, 6 p.m., district commission meeting. WMFR Station No. 1, 6001 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach, 941-741-3900.

### Of Interest

- Oct. 12, Columbus Day.
- Oct. 19, 2:30 p.m., Island Transportation Planning Organization meeting, Holmes Beach City Hall.
- Oct. 19, 5:30 p.m., *The Islander* Popcorn and Politics event, 5404 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach.
- Oct. 21, 1 p.m., Barrier Island Elected Officials meeting, Holmes Beach City Hall.
- Nov. 3, municipal elections in Anna Maria, Bradenton Beach, Holmes Beach.

Send notices to Lisa Neff at [lisaneff@islander.org](mailto:lisaneff@islander.org).

# ISLANDERS IN THE PINK FOR BREAST CANCER

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 Happy birthday, Annie Close. We celebrate your life! Here's to many more birthdays. Nancy.

 St. Bernard Catholic Church, Holmes Beach celebrates cancer survivors and prays for continued recovery. 941-778-4769.

 Remember to do self-exams monthly, get your clinical breast exams and mammograms! Early detection saves lives!

 Island Riders: Your good time motorcycle company supports yearly breast cancer screening. 941-778-7700.

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 Holmes Beach Barber Shop: Don, Larry Patsy. 5320 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach. 941-778-3249.

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 Silvia's Flower Corner: 9801 Gulf Drive, Anna Maria. www.annamariaflorist.com. 941-720-0424.

 Future pink ribbon pages: Oct. 14, 21 and 28. Have your personal message of celebration or remembrance here. Proceeds benefit the ACS Island Relay for Life. Call The Islander, 941-778-7978.

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 Have fun and save a life! Through the month of October, 10 percent of our "pink" scooter rental will be donated to the Relay for Life. Island Scooter Store. 941-778-2255.

 Minnie's Beach Cafe serving breakfast and lunch. "Let's find a cure." Wear pink on Friday for a free beverage. 5360 Gulf Drive, Holmes Beach. 941-778-4140.

 West Coast Air Conditioning. Let's work together for cure! 5347 Gulf Drive, Holmes Beach. 941-778-9622.

 Sand Dollar Home Accents: Join us for the Hunt for Pink October, Oct. 5-23. www.myyellowshovel.com.

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 Let everyone know your business cares about the cause. Place your message in future pink ribbon pages, Oct. 14, 21 and 28. Call The Islander, 941-778-7978. Proceeds benefit the ACS Island Relay for Life.

 Back Alley, wild treasures for funky souls supports the fight against breast cancer. 941-778-1800.

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 The Sailor's Knot, organic clothing company. 110 Bridge St., Bradenton Beach. 941-782-1125.

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*The Islander* is fundraising and promoting breast cancer awareness by publishing special pink pages of advertising. Short acknowledgements, up to 15 words with a pink "awareness" ribbon, costs \$15. Display advertisers also are welcome to acknowledge awareness, encourage survivors of cancer and memorialize loved ones lost. Ten percent of all ad sales will go to Nancy Ambrose's American Cancer Society Relay for Life team.



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## Journal of Ambrose's trip

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to make a difference — who are as compassionate about the fight against cancer and getting our voices heard as I am.

We were there to be the voices of all people touched by cancer when the health care debate was entering a new and critical phase.

I am optimistic that our presence and voices made a difference.... There was so much passion, so many emotional stories and so much hope. There were laughs, tears, cheers, learning, sharing and much caring. We were ordinary people trying to achieve extraordinary results in our fight against cancer.

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Each year, 565,000 people in the United States die from cancer, accounting for one of every four deaths in this country. Cancer has become one of the most preventable and increasingly curable life-threatening diseases, but only if we take the steps necessary to prevent it outright, detect it early and provide access to care.

The nation's health care system has a direct bearing on our ability to fight cancer. So the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network believes that greater access to care, achieved through comprehensive health care reform legislation, must be a top priority this fall.

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Coaches vs. Cancer was held with speeches from five compassionate national college basketball coaches: Oliver Purnell of Clemson, Mike Brey of Notre Dame, Tubby Smith of Minnesota and John Thompson III of Georgetown. Brey said we have to press full court to beat this dreaded disease. Smith reminded the crowd that we must look at this issue through the "cancer lens."

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Cancer survivor Bob Schieffer of "Face the Nation" and "CBS News" was a dynamic keynote speaker and inspired us to tackle our visits on the hill. Josh Sundquist, cancer survivor and paralympic

# Mainsail eyes new design for former Tidemark

By Rick Catlin  
Islander Reporter

Mainsail Development plans to scrap the 50-unit design for lodging units at the former Tidemark Resort in Holmes Beach and come up with a new plan that calls for a 40-unit facility.

Marketing director Joe Brown of Mainsail said he was meeting with three architectural firms this week, and Mainsail will soon select a new architect to design something "really exciting" for the property.

"We are not going to take the plan from Tidemark and use that" at newly named Mainsail Lodge and Marina, Brown said.

Mainsail purchased the Tidemark property, including the Tidemark Beach Resort on 66th Street in Holmes Beach in July. The 12-unit beach resort is now marketed as Mainsail Beach Inn.

Brown said Mainsail plans to have a full-color brochure for the Mainsail Lodge and Marina, including the new design, ready by Jan. 1 for prospective buyers. Brown declined to comment on pricing.

"We've had a lot of people call and say they are interested in Mainsail Lodge. They say 'anything you do there, let me know about it,'" Brown said.

Mainsail continues to sell the units at its Beach Inn.

"We've sold five of the 12 units and have about

50 to 60 people interested in the remaining units," he said. "Europeans are very bullish on Mainsail Beach Inn."

Brown said Mainsail's goal is to sell out the beach resort units, but to maintain managing rentals at the property.

At the Mainsail Lodge and Marina, Brown said the plan also is to sell units and continue to manage the property as rental accommodations. The marina portion will be owned by Mainsail LLC.

Holmes Beach building official Joe Duennes said he would have to inspect any plans submitted by Mainsail for a lodge before he could comment on whether or not the company would have to submit and obtain approvals for a new site plan.

Efforts to construct a hotel/condominium/marina at the Mainsail Lodge and Marina property have been ongoing since August 2001.

At that time, then-developer Nick Easterling obtained permission from the Holmes Beach City Commission to construct a 50-unit property including a lodge, townhouses and accompanying marina.

In 2004, Easterling went into bankruptcy and was forced to sell the project. Reliance Tidemark LLC bought in and was unable to complete the original plan, but did construct the beach resort.

ski racer also gave a motivational address. Both men made us want to make the most of our visit to the Hill and of our lives.

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It really hit home how blessed I was when I called a friend who was having a biopsy while I was away.

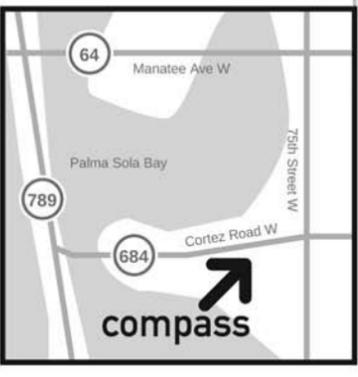
It made my day when she told me it was benign. She lost her husband to cancer and is a multiple cancer survivor herself. When she thanked me for going to Washington, D.C., and being her voice, it hit me just how important the trip was for her and for all cancer survivors, patients and their families.

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# Our Opinion

## Game on, online

Life is happening online. Yes, even on Anna Maria Island, there's more happening online than maybe you suspect.

It used to be the palm tree telegraph that kept us in touch from end-to-end on AMI, although it was mostly taken up by rumor mongers.

The *Islander* Web site has grown to serve more than 5,000 visitors (not hits, but visitors, mind you) a day.

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It's just a click away at [www.islander.org](http://www.islander.org) if you'd like to sample it.

You'll see the link at the top of our online page, and when you click on e-edition, the current edition of the newspaper displays from front page to back, page by page, just as if you were holding it in your hands.

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We hope you'll agree the time has come after eight years of free online news that to enact a fee for the convenience of the new page-flipping views is not unreasonable.

For now it's free, but we'll soon be charging for the e-edition *Islander* — and announcing incentives to make it all worthwhile.

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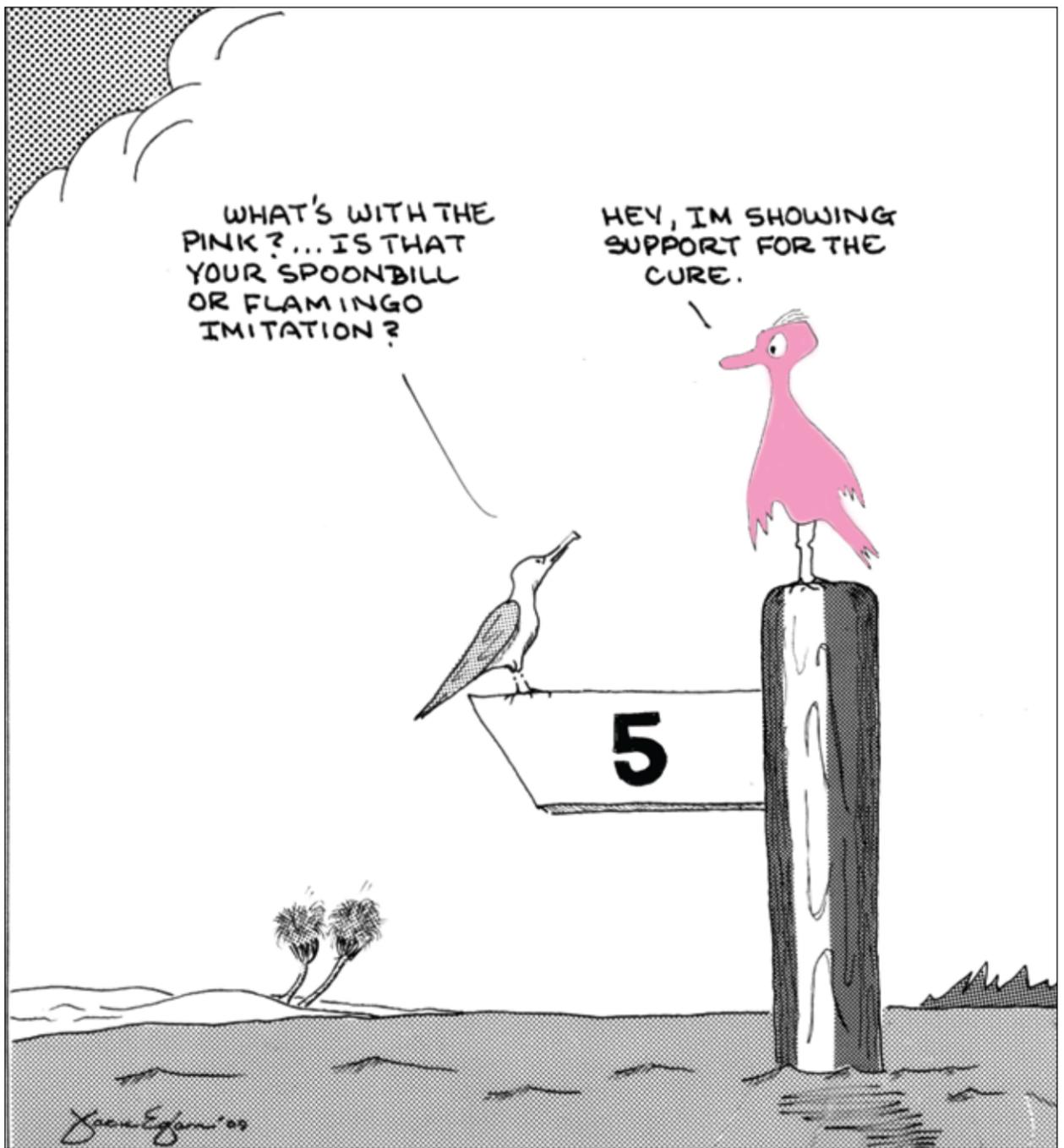
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By Egan

# Your Opinion

From: [penelope@videotron.ca](mailto:penelope@videotron.ca)  
Subject: "I love Anna Maria," an original story by Wyatt Blessingame on *The Islander* Web site.

Comment: OOOOOH my God...I see I am not alone to think like him. My husband and I are Canadians, and we spend our winter since five years in beautiful and peaceful Anna Maria Island. We can't wait for the moment to come back as soon as we get in Quebec. We call her our little piece of heaven, because I seriously think it is heaven for us. And when people ask where in Florida we spend the winter, we say "euuuuh somewhere on a small island on the west coast" not too loud because we only want to share that paradise with people like us, a little fool and crack! You will see us with a beige VW Beetle convertible and our precious yorkie Gustav.

Ginette Hebert

From: [midwestwroughtiron@mchsi.com](mailto:midwestwroughtiron@mchsi.com)  
Subject: *The Islander* e-edition "Pay to Play" story

Comment: I'm in. How do I pay the \$36? I'm happy to pay the online service fee. How do I pay?

Arthur R. Hamilton II

From: [satzspiegel@aol.com](mailto:satzspiegel@aol.com)  
Subject: *The Islander* e-edition "Pay to Play" story

Comment: Sign me up! Been wanting this for some time. Let me know how I can get the e-edition.

Greetings, Joseph Smith

From: [jsproul60@yahoo.com](mailto:jsproul60@yahoo.com)  
Subject: *The Islander* e-edition "Pay to Play"

Comment: I'm saddened to see this come...but I guess this is the way of the world today. Thank you for the free time you have given us.

Jim (no last name)

From: [gaingoldcoins@yahoo.com](mailto:gaingoldcoins@yahoo.com)  
Subject: Bradenton Beach budget approved

Comment: Please, keep us posted about this budget. I hope to see the improvements.

No name

From: [erniemglor@aol.com](mailto:erniemglor@aol.com)  
Subject: *The Islander* e-edition "Pay to Play"

Comment: What about the people who pay to have the paper mailed to their homes who do not live in Florida. We pay to have the newspaper delivered to us in Illinois, but still like to read a few things in the online issue. Does that mean that if we also wanted to read the online issue, we would have to pay for both?

Gloria Moon

From: [elewis5543@aol.com](mailto:elewis5543@aol.com)  
Subject: *The Islander* e-edition "Pay to Play"

Comment: I have enjoyed reading your paper online, however I would think that you would want as many people as possible to request this service, it would make your advertisers feel they are getting their money worth. \$36 fee seems to be a bit much, you would be better off having twice as many request the service at half the price, \$18.

Ed Lewis

Editor's note: :

The e-edition, like *The Islander* Web site, is free for now. There is yet no charge.

In the future, access to the page-turning e-edition, archives and other online features will have a paid gateway, while other services will remain free. The gateway will offer shorter terms for less pay, advertiser incentives, and an *Islander* member card.

And, fyi, the e-edition and the existing Web site require expenses beyond the production of the print edition, including a Webmaster, additional software and the maintenance of a ginormous archive.

# Islander to host candidate night

The *Islander* will host Popcorn and Politics at the newspaper office Monday, Oct., 19, providing an opportunity for voters to meet candidates for office in Anna Maria, Bradenton Beach and Holmes Beach.

The event will take place at 5:30 p.m. at *The Islander* storefront in the Island Shopping Center, 5404 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach.

Voters are encouraged to attend and participate in straw polls in the three races to be decided on election day Nov. 3.

In Anna Maria, five people are running for three two-year terms on the city commission. The race includes incumbents John Quam, Christine Tollette and Dale Woodland, as well as first-time candidates

David Gryboski and Harry Stoltzfus.

In Bradenton Beach, William Shearon is challenging incumbent Michael Pierce for mayor, a repeat lineup from the city's last mayoral race.

Bradenton Beach City Commissioner Janie Robertson faces no opposition in Ward 3, and newcomer Gay Breuler faces no opposition to succeed Commissioner John Shaughnessy in Ward 1.

In Holmes Beach, five people are vying for three two-year commission terms: incumbents Pat Geyer, Pat Morton and David Zaccagnino and challengers Andy Sheridan and Al Robinson.

For more information about the Popcorn and Politics forum, call the newspaper at 941-778-7978.



## In the Oct. 6, 1999, issue of *The Islander*, headlines announced:

- Anna Maria residents were outraged to learn that sand dredged from Bimini Bay had to be hauled to the county landfill rather than city beaches because tests revealed that the sand was not beach compatible, public works director Phil Charnock said.

- Anna Maria/West Side fire commissioners agreed that five of the 10 members of the combined commission would serve on the new fire district board, once the Florida Legislature passed a bill authorizing the merger of the two districts. The five commissioners were Larry Tyler, Chuck Stearns, Rob Elliott, Jack Emery and Jesse Davis.

- For the second time in a year and the ninth time in two years, fire erupted at a home in the 300 block of North Bay Boulevard. In each incident, the tenant was out of town. Officials of the Anna Maria/West Side fire district said they were investigating the incident as an arson fire. The eight prior incidents were all determined to be arson. No one was arrested in connection with the fires.

# City considers solicitation ordinance

By Lisa Neff  
*Islander* Reporter

With concerns about "aggressive" panhandling on the beaches, Bradenton Beach officials are considering the adoption of a solicitation ordinance.

"We're seeing a large influx of..." Police Chief Sam Speciale said, pausing to consider his next word to city commissioners during a recent meeting.

"Vagrants," answered Mayor Michael Pierce. Speciale then continued.

He said police officers are seeing an increase in the number of people asking for money on the beaches, and on other public property in Bradenton Beach.

"We don't have an ordinance prohibiting them from doing that," Speciale said.

He also referred to a letter from Manatee County public safety director Bill Hutchison regarding panhandling on the beaches.

Hutchison, in the letter, wrote, "In recent weeks our marine rescue lifeguards have reported a noteworthy increase in the number of homeless individuals and vagrants out at the beach.

"It had not posed a particular problem until recently when they increased their aggressive 'panhandling' activity and the lifeguards began to receive complaints from beachgoers."

Hutchison suggested that if the city did not have an ordinance covering solicitation, that the city consider adopting the county ordinance.

"It would be very helpful to us if your agency can find a way or means to enforce this ordinance," Hutchison wrote.

He added, "This would get us synchronized and will enable a more effective law enforcement response to the problem."

Speciale recommended the Bradenton Beach Commission to authorize city attorney Ricinda Perry to review Manatee County's solicitation ordinance to see if it is appropriate — or needs modification — for the city.

Commissioners agreed to the authorization.

The county ordinance, adopted two years ago and applying to unincorporated areas of the county, seeks to prohibit "aggressive solicitations," defined as threatening, intimidating or harassing behavior.

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# Overgrown properties prompt vegetation rules

By Lisa Neff  
Islander Reporter

Bradenton Beach commissioners Oct. 1 approved tougher regulations to combat a growing problem — overgrown yards.

Mayor Michael Pierce said with an increase in vacant properties due to a rise in foreclosures, the city is dealing with more overgrown properties.

The old regulations, he said, “didn’t have bite.”

The commission, with Janie Robertson absent after breaking her hip trying to avoid a fall during a visit to Grand Haven, Mich., voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance covering landscaping on public, private and abandoned property.

The ordinance states that failure to maintain vegetation constitutes “a menace to life, property, the public health or public welfare by creating a fire hazard and providing a nest or breeding ground for sand flies, mosquitoes, snakes, rats, mice and other rodents or types of pests or vermin.”

The six-page ordinance, making exceptions for conservation areas, identifies a variety of situations that would lead to the city deeming a property a public nuisance and taking enforcement action, including:

- Failing to maintain a yard to the point that it “causes diminution of value of property in the vicinity.”
- Any condition that provides “harborage for rats, mice, snakes, other vermin ... or furnishes a breeding place for flies, mosquitoes or wood-destroying insects.”
- “Excessive growth or accumulation of weeds, grass, undergrowth ... reaching a height of 12 inches or more on an undeveloped property and 7 inches or more on a developed property.”
- The lack of maintenance of property abutting a right of way or easement.

The ordinance provides for an alleged violation to go through the code enforcement process, including a possible hearing before a special master who can levy a fine and also authorize the city to clean up the property — work that would be billed to the owner.

In other business, commissioners:

- Approved payment of invoices, including \$5,234.38 to M.T. Causley for building department services and \$3,860 to USTI for technology services.
- Approved a proclamation for Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month in November.

This month is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

• Approved the displaying of banners for Sand-Blast, which will take place Nov. 21 at the Beach-House Restaurant, 200 Gulf Drive N., and for Art-Shop weekend, which will take place Islandwide from Nov. 13-15.

• Approved a recommendation to appoint Mayor Michael Pierce to the Accord Joint Planning Committee. The other Island cities must also approve the appointment, recommended at a Coalition of Barrier Island Elected Officials meeting.

• Approved a recommendation from the advisory ScenicWAVES committee that the city seek to host a Waterfronts Florida Partnership Program Managers’ meeting Dec. 7-8.

The city is partnering with Cortez residents and the Maritime Museum on hosting the meeting, which would involve representatives of Waterfronts com-

munities around the state, as well as state officials.

• Discussed recycling the old decorative street lights in the Bridge Street area, which are to be replaced with solar-powered decorative lights.

The lights will be recycled as scrap metal by Scrap-All in Sarasota.

• Approved the installation of pet waste stations at the corner of Avenue C and 22nd Street, the bayside end of 26th Street North and the corner of Avenue C and 23rd Street North.

Also, Pierce said Robertson, who was returning to the Island this week, “seems to be doing quite well and in good spirits. She’s tough, and she sounded great.”

Robertson was visiting her mother in Michigan when she suffered a bone fracture. Robertson’s son, Steve, flew north on Saturday to escort her home.

The commission’s next regular meeting is Thursday, Oct. 15, at city hall, 107 Gulf Drive N.

# Panel OKs draft floodplain plan

By Lisa Neff  
Islander Reporter

Holmes Beach city officials are wondering: How low can they go?

The city is working on a floodplain plan with the goal of lowering flood insurance premiums for property owners and lowering the risk for major damage from floodwaters.

On Sept. 30, a panel of city staff and elected officials signed off on a draft floodplain plan presented by planning consultant Bill Brisson.

The next step, said Brisson, would be a city commission review, which will take place at a meeting Oct. 13.

If the draft passes the commission-test, commissioners likely will adopt the plan Oct. 27, said Chair Sandy Haas-Martens.

The city began working on a plan over the summer, part of a larger effort to improve Holmes Beach’s rating under the National Flood Insurance Program. The NFIP conducts a community scoring system that leads to discounts on insurance premiums.

All three Island cities participate in the national program. On a scale of 1-10, Anna Maria’s rating is 5, with a 25 percent discount for properties in what the Federal Emergency Management Agency design-

ates a Special Flood Hazard Area, or the 100-year floodplain, and Bradenton Beach’s rating is 6, with a 20 percent discount for SFHA properties. Holmes Beach’s current rating or class is 7, with a 15 percent discount.

City public works superintendent Joe Duennes said the city has taken a number of steps to improve its rating in the next FEMA audit, which is scheduled for this fall.

One step is the writing of a floodplain management plan.

The plan presented to the panel last week consisted of 34 pages, but Brisson said it would grow with the inclusion of relevant ordinances and other stormwater management documents.

The plan contains:

- An outline of how Holmes Beach will coordinate best practices with other communities.
  - Flood hazard maps that show repetitive loss locations — property that has suffered repeat flood damage.
  - A map of elevated structures in the city.
  - A listing of past floods and damages.
  - A list of critical or significant buildings in the city, most of them public sites.
  - An assessment of drainage problems, which
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## Floodplain plan tentatively OK'd

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states, "Substantial areas of city right of way experience significant ponding for several days after nominal storm events."

"In almost all cases, these areas can only be improved by installation/maintenance of local drainage swales or culvert systems and are generally not a result of fundamental drainage system deficiencies."

A key section of the plan contains the city's goals, some continuing current efforts, but new goals as well.

One recommendation in the plan is that the city amend its code to do more to encourage new commercial construction to reduce impervious-surface coverage.

Brisson suggested changing the code to reduce the allowed impervious-surface coverage from 70 percent to 60 percent, unless new techniques and technologies are employed to collect runoff.

Duennes suggested, and the panel agreed, that the city should seek the goal, but instead of an impervious-surface coverage cap, the city require a minimum — 40 percent or 50 percent — pervious surface area, and provide developers with the option to accomplish that with an engineering system or by minimizing lot coverage, or both.

The panel also agreed to a recommendation from Brisson to eliminate a provision in the land-development code that exempted single-family and duplex construction from stormwater management requirements.

The planner said he would write the change to allow city staff some leeway.

Duennes said the change would not be significant. "In spirit, we're doing it now," he said.

Another approved change, which would only apply to new construction, would increase the current requirement for retaining the first 1/2 inch of rainfall in a 25-year storm to retaining the first inch.

## Lane closure in Anna Maria City

The southbound lane of South Bay Boulevard from Bayview Place to Blue Heron Drive in Anna Maria was closed off to vehicular traffic Oct. 2 and won't reopen until late November, a Manatee County Utilities Department press release said.

During the closure period, the north lane will have a single-lane control light for traffic.

The closure is needed to allow the county to repair the sanitary sewer lift at 805 S. Bay Boulevard, the release said.



Workers were busy Oct. 2 installing traffic control lights on South Bay Drive in Anna Maria that will be in operation until late November, while the Manatee County Utilities Department repairs the sanitary lift station at 805 S. Bay Boulevard. Islander Photo: Rick Catlin

Also, the panel approved a statement in the plan that says, when practical in the overlaying of streets, the city will use a milling process.

Milling is a process where old existing road surface is removed by a machine to expose the road base for a new surface.

Milling, according to the plan, gives greater curb

depth and eliminates "wash board surfaces which result from folds in the road surface. This creates a more even riding surface and helps to reduce street ponding."

The city, said Brisson, should receive points to improve its community rating on flood insurance for embarking on the planning process, as well as for initiating the changes in floodplain management.

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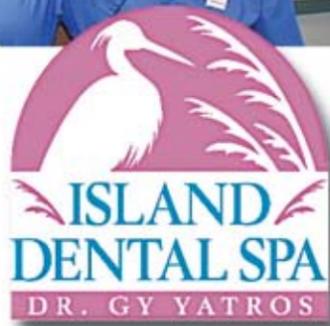
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Trail of Treats begins at 3:30 p.m. at the Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce office with a kid's costume contest and then a trick-or-treating adventure in downtown Holmes Beach. All trick or treaters are welcome to visit the corral and view the promenade of costumed animals.



For more information, call Lisa Williams at the newspaper, 941-778-7978, or e-mail lisaw@islander.org.

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**Chiles, Root marry**

*Maggie Chiles and Josh Root, both of Louisville, Ky., married there Oct. 3. Maggie is the granddaughter of Joe and Louise Chiles of Anna Maria. The couple honeymooned in the family beach house, as did her late parents. Maggie is a nurse at Kosair Children's Hospital in Louisville. Josh works for Edward Jones Investments.*

**Turtle nest count rises on AMI**

By Lisa Neff  
Islander Reporter

Preliminary reports from coastal communities in Florida indicate declines in sea turtle nests this year, but an exception is Anna Maria Island.

The latest statistics for nesting on the Island's shorelines indicate an increase from 2007 to 2008 and an increase from 2008 to 2009.

The nesting season officially ends Oct. 31, and AMITW still, as of last week, has a few nests to monitor.

Anna Maria Island Turtle Watch executive director Suzi Fox reported 154 loggerhead nests on the beaches this year compared with 147 nests in 2008 and 134 nests in 2007.

Also higher this year than last is the number of false crawls — 138 false crawls in 2009 compared with 104 false crawls in 2008. The number in 2007 was 134.

False crawls are incidents in which an adult female turtle emerges from the Gulf to nest, but aborts the attempt for some reason — possibly a human intrusion, an encounter with an obstacle such as beach furniture or distractions from nearby lights.

Fox reported 20 disorientations this year compared with nine last year and 20 in 2007. Disorientations are incidents in which turtles lose their way on the beach. For hatchling turtles, which need a lot of energy for their trek to the sea, disorientations can be deadly.

This year, nesting started earlier than in 2008 and took place later than in 2008.

The first nest of the year was laid May 8, compared with May 19 in 2008, and the last nest was laid on Aug. 13 this year, compared with Aug. 2 in 2008.

While nesting numbers are up on Anna Maria Island, other locations in Florida, especially in South Florida, are reporting declines.

Volunteers on the beaches in Boca Raton, for example, are reporting the lowest numbers since the 1970s.

Official numbers for the state will not be available until later this year.

**Aye, I do**

*Cindy "Bubbles" Shealy and "Big John" Swager, both of the Anna Maria Island Privateers, went to Bedford, Texas, Sept. 5-6, for a barbecue competition, followed by a Labor Day wedding ceremony in Mansfield, Texas. Back home, on Sept. 19, Privateers gathered for another marriage ceremony.*

**The Doors to open ArtsHop**

By Lisa Neff  
Islander Reporter

The Doors, a public art exhibit organized by the Island-based Cultural Connections, will serve as a prelude to the annual ArtsHop.

The exhibit, a collection of doors designed by local artists, will preview at the Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce Bayfest on Oct. 17.

"So far we have one completed door," said exhibit coordinator Marsha Bard. "Many others are in various stages of completion from what the artists are telling me. I've seen a few of them and they're wonderful."

Bard said at least 18 artists are presently involved.

Their doors will be placed at Island businesses for people to visit before an auction Nov. 15, the third and final day of ArtsHop weekend.

ArtsHop will begin with a gallery walk from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Nov. 13.

Gallery walkers can pick up ArtsHop "passports" and those who get stamps from six of the eight participating businesses receive a discount coupon for a Chiles Group restaurant and entry into a raffle for \$150 in art supplies.

Participating businesses include the Back Alley in Bradenton Beach; Island Gallery West, the Anna Maria Island Art League, the Artists Guild Gallery, the Tide and Moon and Emerson Quillin in Holmes Beach, and the Studio at Gulf and Pine and Ginny's and Jane E's at the Old IGA in Anna Maria.

Additional ArtsHop activities, some free and some not, include a one-woman performance of "The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe," starring Kelly Wynn Woodland, at the Island Players theater Nov. 13-14; an arts and crafts festival benefiting the Anna Maria Island Butterfly Garden in Holmes Beach City Hall Field Nov. 13-14; palm frond weaving and a sock hop at the Anna Maria Island Historical Society in Anna Maria Nov. 14 and a concert by the Anna Maria Island Community Chorus and Orchestra in Holmes Beach Nov. 15.

Businesses interested in hosting a door or sponsoring ArtsHop can call Bard at 941-778-9503.

There are five levels of sponsorship, from \$25 to \$100.

Proceeds from The Doors auction will benefit Cultural Connections and the Manatee Performing Arts Center.

**St. Bernard to hold sale**

St. Bernard Catholic Church, 248 S. Harbor Drive, Holmes Beach, will hold a rummage sale on Saturday, Oct. 10.

The sale, the church's first of the 2009-10 season, will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the church activity hall. Shoppers will find clothing, jewelry, books, toys, home goods and other items, including lunch and bakery items for sale.

For more information, call the church at 941-778-4769.

# Shaughnessy ending term at dais

By Lisa Neff  
Islander Reporter

John Shaughnessy usually settles in for a Bradenton Beach commission meeting with a riddle, a one-liner, a quip.

And before Mayor Michael Pierce bangs his gavel to open a meeting, commissioners, city staff and citizens usually share a chuckle.

"I'm going to miss him a lot," Pierce said, of Shaughnessy, 75, and his exit from the commission dais later this year. The three-term commissioner cannot seek re-election in November due to a term-limit provision in the city charter.

Pierce praised Shaughnessy's good humor, good nature and good speech-making skills, as well as his commitment to the city.

Shaughnessy, in turn, praised his colleagues — past and present — at the dais.

"The past years, the people on the commission have just been great," Shaughnessy said.

He also praised city staff "who run the city on a day-to-day basis.... They have Bradenton Beach at heart."

Shaughnessy took Bradenton Beach to heart more than 25 years ago, when he and his wife, June, began vacationing on Anna Maria Island.

The city, he said, "is the star of the Island as far as I'm concerned."

The couple eventually moved from Enfield, Conn., to retire in Bradenton Beach, where they live at Sandpiper Mobile Resort.

In 2003, Shaughnessy decided to run for city commission in Ward 1 against Rick Bisio, a member of the city's planning and zoning board.

Getting into politics had not been an ambition. "I thought more of used-car salesmen than politicians," he said.



Bradenton Beach City Commissioner John Shaughnessy and his wife, June, before an Oct. 1 meeting at city hall.  
Islander Photo: Lisa Neff

But he was encouraged to run, collected some endorsements and found his family — which today includes four children, 17 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren — eager for a campaign.

"That first campaign, it was great — great to meet all the people," said Shaughnessy, who won and then was re-elected to two more terms without opposition.

The commissioner said highlights during his six years in office include the completion of several capital improvement projects.

"The pier, done," said Shaughnessy. "Sidewalks, done.

The multi-use path, done. Wow. It's unbelievable what can get done. It's good-working relationships."

Shaughnessy's term will expire with the Nov. 3 election.

"I'm really in favor of term limits," he said. "As the city progresses, it needs new blood.... But this has been a good experience for me, and I'm going to miss it."

The new Ward 1 commissioner will be Gay Breuler, another Sandpiper resident, who is unopposed on election day, as is Ward 3 Commissioner Janie Robertson.

At a recent meeting, Shaughnessy joked that he's looking forward to "getting into the shade," a reference to a more private life apart from the Government-in-the-Sunshine regulations.

But Shaughnessy doesn't know whether he'll remain in the shade or get involved in local government in another way, perhaps by serving on a board or committee.

"I moved down here to retire," said Shaughnessy, "to sit on the beach and drink beer, but that didn't happen."

## Market to return to Bridge Street lot

By Lisa Neff  
Islander Reporter

Organizers plan to bring the popular Bridge Street Market back in November to the same vacant lot on the commercial street in Bradenton Beach as the past markets.

The event is sponsored by the Historic Bridge Street Merchants Association.

Organizer Nancy Ambrose said tentative 2009 dates for the market, which went on a hiatus during the warmest summer weeks, include Nov. 7 and Nov. 21, Dec. 5 and Dec. 19.

Market hours are from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

While vendors are sought, organizers expect to again host a variety of food and retail vendors, especially arts and crafts and produce merchants.

Organizers were exploring locations other than the vacant lot where prior markets took place because owner Jim Toomey has plans to develop the property

at 107 Bridge St.

A potential site that organizers discussed with city officials and Rotten Ralph's restaurant owners was the Historic Bridge Street Pier.

But, with the number of markets planned for the 2009-10 season, there were concerns from city officials about closing the pier parking lot and interrupting traffic to the facility.

Ambrose said she received notice from Toomey that his lot could be used for the market until groundbreaking for his future development project.

The Bradenton Beach City Commission still needs to OK the plans for the market for the remainder of 2009.

Ambrose said she planned to file a special event application and request approval at the Oct. 15 commission meeting.

Meanwhile, organizers are encouraging vendors to register by calling Ambrose at 941-518-4431.

## Privateers plan markets, parade

The Anna Maria Island Privateers are readying for the 2009-10 winter season with a series of markets and the annual Christmas parade.

Representatives of the non-profit group of do-good privateers presented applications for a series of special events to the Bradenton Beach City Commission last week.

Commissioners signed off on Thieves Markets at Coquina Beach from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the following Saturdays — Nov. 14, Jan. 9, Feb. 13, March 13 and April 10.

Commissioners also approved an application for the Anna Maria Island Privateers Christmas Parade at 11 a.m. Dec. 12. The parade will travel from Coquina Beach north to Bayfront Park in Anna Maria.

After the parade, the group will host a reception

with Santa Claus, who, seated aboard the AMIP ship at Coquina Beach, will hand out presents to children.

For more information, call Wayne Collins at 941-812-4683.

### Correction

An older building that could not be refurbished at the Tropic Isle Inn at 22nd Street North and Gulf Drive in Bradenton Beach was demolished last week, and there are no plans to rebuild or replace the building. Owner Michael Patrick said that according to regulations, the building could not be replaced or restored. The Tropic Isle Inn remains open. Patrick and wife Michele have owned Tropic Isle since September 2008.





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# Kayak fest to return to Bradenton Beach

By Lisa Neff  
Islander Reporter

The channel is open for another kayak fest to take place in Bradenton Beach.

This one, part of the larger Real Florida Festival planned for next April, would be produced in part by the Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce, the Historic Bridge Street Merchants Association and Florida Gulf Coast Sports, with the cooperation of city officials.

Organizers met with Bradenton Beach staff Sam Speciale, Lisa Marie Phillips, Tom Woodard and Steve Gilbert in September to discuss details of the event.

The Real Florida Festival, proposed as a fundraiser for the Island trolley, is scheduled to take place April 16-17, with events in each of the Island cities.

On April 16, the focus will be in Holmes Beach, where the city will celebrate its 60th anniversary with a Founders' Day party and a karaoke contest.

On April 17, a festival, with food vendors and live music, will take place on the field north of Holmes Beach City Hall.

During the evening April 17, the Real Florida Festival highlight will be a joint production of the chamber and the Anna Maria Island Community Center — a Jimmy Buffett-influenced "Parrothead" party, according to organizer David Teitelbaum.

"It's all very exciting for us," Teitelbaum said.

On April 18, the focus will be in Bradenton Beach, where organizers are preparing for an eco-inspired celebration that will feature a Sunday set-up of the Bridge Street Market, Earth Day programs, kayak demonstrations and races, a scavenger hunt, live music and numerous vendors.

"Sunday is really when we cap it all off," Teitelbaum said.

Festival organizer Nancy Ambrose, who coordinates the Bridge Street Markets, said, "Sunday is Bradenton Beach's day.... We will bring thousands and thousands of people to Bradenton Beach."

Florida Gulf Coast Sports commissioner Joe Pickett, who in the past helped organize an annual outdoor kayak festival at Coquina Beach, is involved



Dozens of kayaks were available for attendees to test at the Florida Gulf Coast Outdoor Festival in Bradenton Beach June 23, 2007. The outdoor festival has not been held for two years, but another kayak festival is planned for Bradenton Beach next April. Islander Photo: Lisa Neff

with the effort, especially bringing in the kayak vendors and possibly a runner's club for a footrace on the beach.

"This will be a Bradenton Beach marquee event," Pickett said.

To stage the Bradenton Beach event, organizers proposed closing Bridge Street and sections of Bay Drive South, which was a discussion topic.

"This is not a meeting of whether or not we want to do it," Speciale, the city's police chief, said on opening the meeting. "We want to do it."

Speciale said city officials had questions about details — or lack of details — in the event application, including how waste would be removed, how to close Bay Drive South but accommodate parking on private property if necessary, and the assigning of police officers for the event.

Speciale said there would be no problem closing Bridge Street, but he pointed out that if the operators

of the BridgeTender restaurant opposed the plan for closing Bay Drive South from Bridge Street to Fifth Street South, the area for the kayak activities might have to be condensed.

Organizers agreed that, if necessary, they would seek to close Bay Drive South from Third Street South to Fourth Street South, leaving open access to parking along the bay for BridgeTender patrons.

Organizers also agreed to work with the city's public works department on a plan for removing trash after the event, and thanked Speciale for his offer to assign to reserve police officers to the event.

"We hope this can become an annual event," Ambrose said. "It will be a really exciting day for everybody."

With the timing of the environmentally themed festival, Phillips said Bradenton Beach may not host its annual Eco Week/Eco Fest, which usually takes place the third week of March.

She said there would be duplication of vendors and programs.

However, Phillips said, perhaps the city would host a native plant sale in late March.

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# Businessman lobbies for boat covers

By Lisa Neff  
Islander Reporter

Businessman Eric Craig is lobbying Holmes Beach city officials to lift a prohibition of covers over boats on a dock or pier adjacent to residentially zoned property.

Craig owns Waterway Boat Lift Covers in Punta Gorda and sells covers.

During the Sept. 22 city commission meeting, he said the code covering docked boats covers too much.

Holmes Beach code, dating to 1978, states that “no boathouses or other covering for any boat berthed at a dock or pier, which is on and within a public waterway or portion of a waterway bordering on a residential district may be installed.”

The code is outdated, the salesman said.

And, he added, Cape Coral and Collier County tried to defend prohibitions of boat covers in court and lost.

“I’m not here to threaten anybody,” Craig said. “I didn’t bring an attorney.... This is a really good, tasteful product engineered for today’s environment. And I’m a local businessman that keeps growing my company.”

He also argued that boat owners have a right to protect their investment: “I’ll submit to you this ... every boat out there is probably more expensive than the cars we drive. And yet we don’t permit people to protect their boats.”

Commissioners agreed have the city attorney look into Craig’s request for reconsideration of the code.

Commissioner John Monetti said he wanted to learn more about why the prohibition was adopted.

City attorney Patricia Petruff said more needs to be determined about current state restrictions on boat covers. At one time, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection was concerned that canopies and covers would shade the water and any vegetation in the water.

“I need to know if the state has changed their policy on the issue,” Petruff said.



### To the telecast

Mary Ann Brockman, president of the Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce, is dressed to attend the Emmy Awards show Sept. 20 in Los Angeles with her son, Disney/ABC executive Kevin Brockman. Emmy-nominated costume designer Cate Adair designed the chamber president’s dress. *Islander Photo: Courtesy AMICC*

### Property to charity

The Manatee County Sheriff’s Office substation in Anna Maria has collected lost or abandoned property that it will donate to charity, unless the owners make claim for items.

A city notice said the MCSO has two swivel bar chairs, a football, a beach noodle, two children’s floats, two fold-up lounge chairs, a plastic chair, an NFL folding chair, a tent and nine fold-up beach chairs.

To make a claim, go to the MCSO substation at the Anna Maria City Hall, 10003 Gulf Drive.

Owners may have to pay a fee to reclaim items, the MCSO said.

Any property unclaimed by Nov. 18, will be donated to a charitable organization.

# AMI beaches may see federal dollars

U.S. Rep. Vern Buchanan (R-Longboat Key) said last week he included \$100,000 for Anna Maria Island beach renourishment in a bill passed by the House of Representatives that will provide more than \$13 million for dredging projects in Manatee and Sarasota county waters.

The Buchanan bill must still be approved by the Senate and signed by the president.

The federal funds in the bill will “augment local tourist taxes” and will be used for planning and design in the next Island-wide beach renourishment, a press statement said.

“This funding will allow the federal government to partner with Manatee County on periodic beach re-nourishment on Anna Maria Island,” said Buchanan. “This federal support is vital to the environmental and economic health of this coastal community.”

The planned Islandwide project is estimated to cost approximately \$16 million.

Anna Maria Mayor Fran Barford said the money is “an answer to our prayers. This is just wonderful news and the residents being impacted are so grateful.”

The next Islandwide beach renourishment is not scheduled to begin until 2014-15.



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## Island police reports

### Anna Maria City

Sept. 18, 9700 block Gulf Drive, warrant arrest. A Manatee County man was arrested after a traffic stop on an outstanding warrant.

Oct. 1, 100 block Pine Avenue, violation of non-resident requirements. Deputies noted a car with California license plates with an expired license sticker. The driver attempted to elude deputies, pulled into a driveway and stopped, and was arrested.

### Bradenton Beach

Sept. 22, 200 Bridge Street, Historic Bridge Street Pier, trespass. A man was issued a trespass warning. No further information was provided.

Sept. 26, 300 block Bay Drive South, traffic. Officers stopped a man on a routine traffic stop and determined he had a suspended driver's license. He was arrested.

Sept. 27, 1500 Gulf Drive S., Coquina Beach, burglary to vehicle. No further information was provided.

Sept. 26, 100 block 11th Street South, Baker Act. No further information was provided.

Sept. 30, 100 block Second Street North, burglary to structure. No further information was provided.

### Holmes Beach

Sept. 25, 500 block 72nd Street, burglary. The complainant, a caregiver of the house, said someone broke into the house by prying open sliding-glass doors. Some jewelry boxes kept in the master bedroom were empty. The owner is scheduled to return later in October and determine the value of the missing items.

Sept. 28, 3800 block East Bay Drive, burglary. The complainant said someone broke into her locked vehicle and took \$400 worth of electronics and \$8.

Sept. 28, 699 Manatee Ave., Bank of America, forged check. The complainant said she suspected someone was forging checks on her checking account. The suspect was located and arrested.

Sept. 28, 3400 block Gulf Drive, burglary. The complainant said a pistol, valued at \$100, was missing from his car.

Sept. 28, 600 block Baronet Lane, burglary. The complainant said someone appeared to have entered his house while he was out of town. Missing were various fishing gear and fishing rods with a total value of \$5,500.

Sept. 29, 3230 East Bay Drive, Island Mail, theft. The complainant said someone took a camera, valued at \$390, from the store.

Sept. 29, 611 Manatee Ave., CVS, theft. The store manager said he suspected a clerk of stealing \$3,079 from the store. Computer checks revealed improper

# Burglary suspect faces added charge

By Lisa Neff  
Islander Reporter

A man arrested in a series of burglaries to Island businesses is now accused of burglarizing an east Bradenton business in 2007.

The complaint connected to the two-year-old burglary was filed in court last week and alleges that Patrick S. Banker, 18, burglarized a business in the 2200 block of 60th Drive East, Bradenton, on Dec. 9, 2007.

A Manatee County Sheriff's Office affidavit states that Banker "pried and pulled" a metal wall away to gain access to the business.

Authorities recently compared a thumb print collected at the scene to fingerprints now on file for Banker.

"The latent impression left at the scene was made by the right thumb of Patrick Banker," the affidavit states.

Banker, who also is accused of committing multiple burglaries on Anna Maria Island, Longboat Key and in Bradenton, is set for trial at the end of this year.

A second man, John O'Keefe, 18 of Sarasota,

also faces charges of burglary and is scheduled to go to trial next February.

Both men were arrested May 19 after MCSO Deputy Alan Judy observed signs of a break-in at the Waterfront Restaurant. Both men were arrested fleeing from the area, according to authorities.

Police said Banker confessed to a number of the burglaries, including break-ins at the Beach Bistro in Holmes Beach, the City Pier Restaurant in Anna Maria and Rotten Ralph's in Bradenton Beach.

He also allegedly implicated O'Keefe in some of the burglaries.

Recently filed documents with the Manatee County Circuit Court list evidence in the case the state attorney's office is building against Banker.

Evidence includes witness statements, warrants, police investigation reports, property, video, a taped statement from Banker and a paper signed by Banker waiving his right to refuse to talk with police.

Potential witnesses for the state attorney include local law enforcement officers, as well as owners and employees of the burglarized businesses.

## Obituaries

### Charles Adam Kenney

Charles Adam Kenney, 72, died Oct. 2.

Born in White Plains, N.Y., Mr. Kenney has been a resident of the area for 35 years. He was the original owner of Adams Pub, now D.Coy Ducks in Holmes Beach. He worked in hotel management and as a bridge tender, and then bridge tender supervisor for 12 years. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12, at Covell Funeral Home, 4232 26th St., Bradenton. Memorial contributions may be made to TideWell Hospice and Palliative Care, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota FL 34238.

He is survived by daughters Michele Herman, Kimberly and Debra McInnis; and friends Connie Collins, Kelly and Pam Green.

### Sibyl H. 'Pattie' Stackhouse

Sibyl H. "Pattie" Stackhouse, of Carmel, Ind., and a winter visitor of Bradenton, died Sept. 24.

Mrs. Stackhouse was a teacher for 25 years and real estate agent. She was a graduate of Butler University and received a master's degree there. She was involved with Habitat for Humanity, taught yoga and was an esthetician. She was a member of the Moose Lodge in Bradenton Beach, the Anna Maria Garden Club, and involved in theater groups. She was a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church and participated in the Healers.

Memorial services were Sept. 29 in Carmel. Buchanan Funeral Home, Carmel, was in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to Indiana Cancer Research Foundation, 6330 E. 75th St., Suite 140, Indianapolis IN 46250. Online condolences may be made to [www.flannerbuchanan.com](http://www.flannerbuchanan.com)

She is survived by daughter Marcie Mealia; sons Rick Sanders and Randy Sanders; grandchildren Tiffany and Zachary Mealia, Rachel Sanders, Levi, Evan and Colby Sanders; and sister DeEtte.

transactions at his checkout lane. He was arrested.

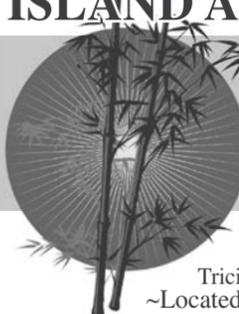
Sept. 29, 2900 block Gulf Drive, theft. The complainant said someone took a real estate sign, valued at \$20, from in front of a residence he was listing for sale.

Sept. 30, 600 block Foxworth Lane, burglary.

The complainant said someone broke into his home while he was out of town. He said the value of items missing was \$590.

Sept. 30, Gulf Drive and Carissa Lane, burglary. The complainant said someone took \$300 worth of electronics from his unlocked vehicle.

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# Island Chamber's Bayfest lineup announced

The lineup for the Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce's big blast — Bayfest — includes 12 hours of music Oct. 17.

The entertainment lineup for the festival, which takes place in Anna Maria along Pine Avenue from Gulf Drive to Bay Boulevard, includes Marc Anthony at 10 a.m., Rory Miller at 11:15 a.m., Firedoor at 12:30 p.m., the Human Condition at 1:45 p.m., HWY 41 at 2:45 p.m., The Missing Links at 4:30 p.m., Koko Ray and the Soul Providers at 6 p.m. and the Billy Rice Band at 8 p.m.

Bayfest also will feature food, arts, crafts and retail vendors, children's activities, a classic car show and an exhibit of The Doors public art campaign.

A kickoff party for Bayfest will be from 5 p.m.

to 7 p.m. Oct. 16 on Pine Avenue with DJ Mike Sales and the band Bootleg.

The festival, a fundraiser for chamber programs, will again be free to the public.

Organizers are seeking vendors for the Taste of the Island

Food Court, as well as arts, crafts and retail vendors.

For more information about Bayfest, including becoming a vendor or sponsor, call Cindy Thompson at 941-761-4766 or e-mail Thompson at islandfestivals@aol.com.

## Studio to host Perfect Health series

The Studio at Gulf and Pine in Anna Maria will host Islander Joan Dickinson and her Perfect Health series beginning Oct. 19.

Dickinson's program, inspired from the Deepak Chopra Center, promises to bring mind-body balance, health and nourishment into participants' lives.

The introductory session at the Studio, 10101

Gulf Drive, is scheduled from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19.

Additional sessions are scheduled for Oct. 26, Nov. 2, Nov. 9, Nov. 16 and Nov. 23.

For more information about the series or to register, go to the Web site [www.studioatgulfpine.com](http://www.studioatgulfpine.com).

## Tiki & Kitty's Adventures in Shopping Antiques, Art-Tiques and Chic Boutiques!



Our most recent shopping trip was exciting! We were amazed at the newly expanded **Retro Rosie's** and **Cobwebs Antiques**. With more space than ever before, you'd think there'd be plenty of room to move around, but no, it's wall-to-wall and floor-to-ceiling packed with Rosie's wonderful vintage clothing, including vintage wedding attire and a delightful variety of antiques and what-nots at Cobwebs. You must go check it out and see for yourself.

Across the street at **Braden River Antiques**, Jess continues to surprise us with some of the coolest home furnishings ever. He tells us he has "connections" all around town at some of the area's finest homes and neighborhoods. Next door, visit his new store, **The Annex**, for a wild collection of mid-century home furnishings and accessories.

And, if you haven't yet visited the **Vintage Vagabond**, yet, do it! It's only a short drive from Anna Maria Island and well worth it when you see all they have — from collectible Hummels to estate jewelry to true antique furniture and more.

**The Feed Store Antique Mall** is another must-visit place. Go early so you can see everything before they close for the evening. There's nothing worse than going into a huge shop like this and only having an hour or so to see it all! It's located in Ellenton, again, just a short drive from AMI.

And, if you're going to Ellenton, you should pop into Palmetto on your way to see **The Bag Lady** and her ever-changing selection of bags and purses. From big totes for a day of errands to fancy little cocktail-party clutches, you'll find the perfect bag for any outfit or occasion.

If you're in the market to replace your old worn-out furniture, visit **The Whitfield Exchange** for some great "gently used" and estate pieces. Owner Lindsay accepts only top-quality items, and we urge you to shop often as the merchandise is always changing.

**Community Thrift Shop** was voted Bradenton's Best Consignment for good reason: Manager Martha and her friendly staff run a smooth operation with a wide variety of home decor, clothing and jewelry.

While shopping there this past week, we saw a huge amount of wall art. Got a blank spot on your wall to fill? This is where to find the perfect piece for your needs.

Back on AMI, **Niki's Island Treasures** is brimming with great Island-style home decor and a ginormous selection of handmade and vintage jewelry. Owner Debra Barker always welcomes you with her friendly smile and a great hello. Who can resist?

On Longboat Key, **Steff's Stuff** is back from a vacation and has even more great "stuff." Steff asks that we remind you of her next Antique and Art Fair Oct. 31 and Nov. 1. It's the first of several during the 2009-10 winter season.

But now it's time for Tiki and Kitty to get back to real-time jobs, and earn the money we need to continue shopping! Thanks for reading our column, and on behalf of our sponsors, thanks for shopping locally. Be sure to tell our friends that we sent you!

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# Local actors check into 'London Suite'

By Lisa Neff  
Islander Reporter

The Island Players theater group begins its 61st season with "London Suite," a Neil Simon piece directed by Gareth Gibbs.

"London Suite" opens Thursday, Oct. 8, and continues through Oct. 18 at the theater, 10009 Gulf Drive, Anna Maria. Performances will be Tuesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., with the theater dark on Mondays.

Simon's comedy consists of a series of couplets set at a hotel — just as in Simon's "Plaza Suite" and "California Suite." This time the hotel is an old, but fashionable one in London.

The cast checking into "London Suite" includes Peter Ruscoe, Mark Woodland, Barbara Fleming, Chelsey Paniseh, Michelle Kienzle, Robin Rhodes, Judy Glynn, Miriam Ring and Vinnie Conte.

Meet some of the cast...

*The Islander: How long have you been acting?*

Vinnie Conte: Since birth. No, no. Since conception. No. Wait. Since 1995.

*The Islander: Can you recall your first acting gig?*

Vinnie Conte: Yes, actually it was a musical. I was Mathew in "Godspell."

Miriam Ring: High school. "My Sister Eileen." Cast as the call girl.

*The Islander: What's the biggest hand you've ever received? And why do you think you got it?*

Miriam Ring: As Mother in "Come Blow Your Horn" at the Venice Theater. I got it because the role is funny, and so was I. Great reviews.

*The Islander: The biggest hand you've received?*

Michelle Kienzle: I was the Good Fairy in a British pantomime version of "Cinderella." I sang "Everything's Coming Up Roses" from "Gypsy" to encourage Cinderella, and the audience seemed to really like it.

Mark Woodland: Playing one of the gunmen in a production of "Kiss Me, Kate." The two of us brought the house down with our rendition of "Brush Up Your Shakespeare," and completely stole the show. Probably because we played every sexual innuendo in the



Judy Glynn and Vinnie Conte are in the ensemble cast of "London Suite," the first production in the 61st season of the Island Players. *Islander Photos: Lisa Neff*

song to the hilt."

Barbara Fleming: I'm not sure how to answer that. A standing ovation is a thrill that's hard to beat, and I've been fortunate enough to have received a few. I think it happens when that magic give-and-take between actors and audience really clicks, because of the combination of good writing, good direction, good audience and the actors having a really good night. The serendipity factor.

*The Islander: What's one play you'd like to try on stage in Anna Maria?*

Barbara Fleming: Oh, I'd like to do A.R. Gurney's "Love Letters" at the Island Players. I did it in upstate New York and it is such a beautiful play.

Robin Rhodes: "Come Back to the Five and Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean."

*The Islander: What's one line you'd like to deliver on stage in Anna Maria?*

Robin Rhodes: I did deliver, "Mother, you're not dead."

Judy Glynn: I guess I'm delivering it in "London Suite." "I won't be screamed at."

*The Islander: Is acting on the Island Players stage unique in some way?*

Judy Glynn: The stage is perhaps the smallest I've ever worked on and the division of the "London Suite" set into two rooms leaves very little space to maneuver. Plus, they have candy at rehearsals.

Peter Ruscoe: For me, yes. The theater is not only small, but very shallow, so I am playing very much closer to the entire audience than I am used to.

"London Suite" tickets cost \$15 and can be purchased at the box office, which is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Saturday and one hour before show times.

For tickets or more information, call the box office at 941-778-5755 or go to [www.theislandplayers.org](http://www.theislandplayers.org).



Miriam Ring and Peter Ruscoe star in "London Suite," opening this week at the Island Players theater in Anna Maria.

## Off Stage Ladies to meet

The Off Stage Ladies Auxiliary of the Island Players of Anna Maria will resume its monthly luncheon meetings at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14 at the Bradenton Country Club, 4646 Ninth Ave. W, Bradenton.

Hostesses are Carol Heckman and Beverly Snyder.

Gareth Gibbs, James Thaggard, Phyllis Elfenbien and Kelly Wynn Woodland will talk about the new season, which opens Thursday, Oct. 8, with "London Suite."

Lunch is \$15 per person and reservations must be made by Wednesday, Oct. 7.

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# Bumper stickers for peace at Island school

By Kimberly Kuizon  
Islander Reporter

While Anna Maria Elementary School students and guests gathered to celebrate Peace Day at Sept. 21, one boy helped spread the word of “peace” to the Island from a faraway place.

Nine-year-old Axil Kollist lives with his family in Hawaii. Axil’s mom wrote a song, “World Peace Before 2021,” and ever since Axil and his mom have been working to spread peace.

On Peace Day at AME, students were given peace pins and bumper stickers from Axil that state: “World Peace Before 2021.”

It’s just one of the ways that Axil campaigns for peace.

AME guidance counselor Cindi Harrison first contacted Axil over the summer, and soon after her first contact, Axil sent 100 buttons and 400 bumper

stickers for the AME Peace Day ceremonies.

Axil, who received the Little Humanitarian of the Year Award in 2007 from the state of Hawaii, sends these items to whoever asks for them.

To thank Axil, Harrison and AME students will be sending him a miniature peace pole and letters and will declare him a honorary Distinguished Dolphin — the school mascot for AME. Distinguished Dolphins are AME students who are observed for doing good acts.

For more information on Axil, visit [www.worldpeacebefore2021.com](http://www.worldpeacebefore2021.com) or call Harrison at 941-708-5525.



## World peace before 2021

Anna Maria Elementary School guidance counselor Cindi Harrison holds one of Axil Kollist’s bumper stickers. Axil is being honored by AME as a Distinguished Dolphin. *Islander Photo: Kimberly Kuizon*

## AME Literary Lunches

By Kimberly Kuizon  
Islander Reporter

A select group of fourth- and fifth-grade boys are embarking this week on a new program at Anna Maria Elementary School.

The Island Branch Library is partnering with AME to start Literary Lunches, a program that promotes reading during student lunches.

The program began with a boy who was determined to get through high school without ever reading a book. But after his school librarian handed him a book at lunchtime, he read it and changed his mind.

Literary Lunches promotes reading a book a week to boys while they eat. The school plans to have members of the community read to the group at AME.

“First we are starting out small, but we plan to expand the program to all age groups, both boys and girls,” said AME guidance counselor Cindi Harrison.

Literary Lunches also is being tied to the Rotary Club reader program. Rotary’s program awards patches to students after they read books from different genres.

Kevin Bergquist, of the DOJO Academy of Martial Arts, will read an adventure book this week. Others participating in Literary Lunches are Scott Dell of the Anna Maria Island Community Center and members from the Anna Maria Island Kiwanis Club.

For more information, call the school administrative office at 941-708-5525.

## AME school calendar

- Oct. 8, health screening.
- Oct. 9, fire drill.
- Oct. 12-16, fire prevention week.
- Oct. 15, picture retake.
- Oct. 15, Domino’s pizza day.
- 8:30 a.m. Oct. 16, Parent Teacher Organization meeting.
- 5 p.m. Oct. 20, PTO dinner followed by third-grade performance.
- Oct. 23, blood drive.
- Oct. 26, no school.
- Oct. 27, Bone-Zone program for second-and third-grade.
- Oct. 28, early out.
- Oct. 29, report cards and teacher conferences.

For more information, call the school office at 941-708-5525. AME is at 4700 Gulf Drive, Holmes Beach.

## AME MENU

**Monday, Oct. 12**  
*Breakfast:* Waffles, Super Donut, Cereal, Toast.  
*Lunch:* Chicken Nuggets, Breaded Beef Patty with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rosy Applesauce.

**Tuesday, Oct. 13**  
*Breakfast:* Egg and Cheese Biscuit, Bagel, Cereal, Toast.  
*Lunch:* Breaded Chicken on Bun, Grilled Cheese, Potato Smiles, Tomato Soup Juice Bar.

**Wednesday, Oct. 14**  
*Breakfast:* Choice of “Jump Start” selection, Super Donut, Cereal, Toast.  
*Lunch:* Popcorn Chicken, Carrots with Dip, Pineapple Tidbits, Teddy Graham, Assorted Sandwiches, and Salads.

**Thursday, Oct. 15**  
*Breakfast:* Breakfast Pizza, Yogurt, Cereal, Toast.  
*Lunch:* Soft or Hard Tacos, Burrito, Lettuce and Tomato Cup, Mixed Fruit Cocktail, Happy Birthday Cupcakes.

**Friday, Oct. 16**  
*Breakfast:* Pancakes with Sausage Patty, Grits, Cereal, Toast.  
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# ISLANDER CALENDAR

## Wednesday, Oct. 7

11 a.m. — Einstein's Circle group discussion on marriage and government's role at the Studio at Gulf and Pine, 10101 Gulf Drive, Anna Maria. Information: 941-359-4296.

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce business lunch at Freedom Village, 6406 21st Ave. W., Bradenton. Information: 941-778-1541. Fee applies.

1:15 p.m. — Gulf Coast Writers meeting at the Island Branch Library, 5701 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach. Information: 941-778-7631.

3 p.m. — Book club meeting at the Tingley Memorial Library, 111 Second St. N., Bradenton Beach. Information: 941-779-1208.

## Thursday, Oct. 8

Noon — Longboat Key-Lido Key-St. Armands Key Chamber of Commerce networking lunch at the Sun House Restaurant, 111 Gulf Drive S., Bradenton Beach. Information: 941-383-2466. Fee applies.

7 p.m. — Opening night of "London Suite" at the Island Players, 10009 Gulf Drive, Anna Maria. Information: 941-778-5755. Fee applies.

## Friday, Oct. 9

9:30 a.m. — Senior Adventures group meets at the Southeastern Guide Dogs, 4210 77th St. E., Palmetto. Information: 941-962-8835.

12:30 p.m. — Anna Maria Island Community Center golf outing, followed by dinner, both at IMG Academies Golf & Country Club, 4350 El Conquistador Pkwy., Bradenton. Information: 941-778-1908. Fee applies.

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. — Opening reception for the "Faculty Exhibit" at the Anna Maria Island Art League, 5312 Holmes Blvd., Holmes Beach. Information: 941-778-2099.

6:30 p.m. — Film presentation of "Scooby Doo" at the Anna Maria Island Community Center, 407 Magnolia Ave., Anna Maria. Information: 941-778-1908.

## Saturday, Oct. 10

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Rummage sale at St. Bernard Catholic Church, 248 S. Harbor Drive, Holmes Beach.

10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. — Family origami at the Island Branch Library, 5701 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach. Information: 941-778-6341.

## Tuesday, Oct. 13

4 to 5:30 p.m. — Inquiring Minds non-denominational study of the Old Testament at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 6608 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach. Information: 941-778-4579.

6 p.m. — American Cancer Society Anna Maria Island Relay For Life kick-off party at the Anna Maria Island Moose Lodge 2188, 110 Gulf Drive S., Bradenton Beach. Information: 941-745-1214.

## Wednesday, Oct. 14

7:45 to 9 a.m. — Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce sunrise

breakfast at The Gathering Place, 101 Seventh St. N., Bradenton Beach. Information: 941-778-1541. Fee applies.

11:30 a.m. — Off Stage Ladies Auxiliary of the Island Players luncheon at the Bradenton Country Club, 4646 Ninth Ave. W., Bradenton. Information: 941-518-4431.

## Ongoing:

• First Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m., Artists Guild of Anna Maria at the Episcopal Church of the Annunciation, 4408 Gulf Drive, Holmes Beach.

• Tuesdays, noon, Anna Maria Island Rotary Club meeting at the BeachHouse Restaurant, 200 Gulf Drive N., Bradenton Beach. Information: 941-794-8044.

• The first and third Mondays of each month, the American Legion Post 24, 2005 75th St. W., Bradenton, hosts dinners for the public. Fee. Information: 941-794-3489.

• Wednesdays, 6 to 8 p.m., teens meet at the Anna Maria Island Community Center, 407 Magnolia Ave., Anna Maria. Information: 941-778-1908.

• The third Wednesday of each month, noon, the Anna Maria Island Garden Club meets at Roser Memorial Community Church, 512 Pine Ave., Anna Maria, through April. Information: 941-778-2809.

• Wednesdays and Saturdays at 9 a.m., players pitch horseshoes in the pits at Anna Maria City Hall, 10005 Gulf Drive, Anna Maria. Information: 941-708-6130.

• Saturdays, 8:30 a.m., Anna Maria Island Kiwanis Club meets at Cafe on the Beach at the Manatee Public Beach, 4000 Gulf Drive, Holmes Beach.

## Off Island Events:

### Wednesday, Oct. 7

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. — Longboat Key-Lido Key-St. Armands Key Chamber of Commerce business after hours at the Longboat Key Club & Resort, Harbourside Dining Room, 3000 Harbourside Drive, Longboat Key. Information: 941-383-2466. Fee applies.

### Thursday, Oct. 8

6 p.m. — Eat, Drink and Be Merry Film Series presents "The Thin Man" at the South Florida Museum, 201 10th St. W., Bradenton. Information: 941-746-4131. Fee applies.

7 p.m. — Sarasota Shell Club meeting at Mote Marine Aquarium, third floor Buchanan Room, 1700 Ken Thompson Pkwy., Sarasota. Information: 941-492-5296.

### Monday, Oct. 12

7 to 8 p.m. — College Tour: How to find, finance and succeed at the right college presented at the Central Library, 1301 Barcarrota Blvd. W., Bradenton. Information: 941-748-5555.

### Tuesday, Oct. 13

6 to 9:30 p.m. — The Cinema Experience: Films of the 1950s featuring "Sunset Boulevard" at the South Florida Museum, 201 10th St. W., Bradenton. Information: 941-746-4131. Fee applies.

8 p.m. — Pianist Joyce Valentine at Neel Performing Arts Center, 5840 26th St. W., Bradenton. Information: 941-752-5252. Fee applies.

## Center seeks instructors for courses

The Anna Maria Island Community Center, 407 Magnolia Ave., Anna Maria, is seeking instructors for courses.

"We are looking for teachers, retired professors, artists, etc. as instructors for our adult and youth programs," said Center business manager Sandee Pruett.

For more information about teaching at the Center, call Pruett at 941-778-1908, ext. 9204, or e-mail her at spruett@tampabay.rr.com.

For more information about the Center, go to the Web site [www.islandcommunitycenter.com](http://www.islandcommunitycenter.com).

## Coming Up:

- Oct. 15, Book discussion group at the Island Branch Library.
- Oct. 15, "Eat, Drink + Be Merry Film Series" presents "Babette's Feast" at the South Florida Museum.
- Oct. 16, Skate night at the Anna Maria Island Community Center.
- Oct. 16-17, Anna Maria Island Bayfest.
- Oct. 17, plant and antique sale at Palma Sola Botanical Park.
- Oct. 17, Viva Las Vegas masquerade party at South Florida Museum.
- Oct. 19, Popcorn & Politics with The Islander, meet and greet the candidates and straw poll voting at the newspaper office.
- Oct. 20, "A Star is Born" 1950s Film series presentation at South Florida Museum.
- Oct. 21, Spooktacular Halloween kid's program at Palmetto Library.
- Oct. 21, "Have Humans 'Beaten' Evolution" discussion at South Florida Museum.

## Save the date:

- Oct. 23, Goblin Gathering at G.T. Bray Park.
- Oct. 30, Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce Trail of Treats and kids' costume contest.
- Oct. 30, The Islander Canine Costume Contest roundup.

Send calendar announcements to [diana@islander.org](mailto:diana@islander.org). Please include the time, date and location of the event, a brief description and a contact via e-mail and phone.



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# Walls of water add to nature's threats for Islanders all

Natural weapons of mass destruction have hit the South Pacific and Southeast Asia.

A powerful earthquake spurred four tsunamis — tidal waves — that struck Samoa and American Samoa last week. The waves were upwards of 30 feet in height and wiped out homes, businesses, office buildings and pretty much everything within their reach, which was a good 2 miles from shore.

Relief workers are pouring into the areas, but are strapped because there also apparently were unrelated earthquakes off Indonesia. No tsunamis there, but massive damage.

Oh, and then there was that huge tropical typhoon, what in the Pacific Ocean is a hurricane to us, that tore through an area to the north of the islands. Typhoon Ketsana hit the Philippines, then continued to work to the west to Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.

Still to come was super Typhoon Parma over the weekend, with winds at better than 150 mph.

The villages and towns are generally small and close to the water in that part of the world. The advance warnings were minimal. The waves took place early in the morning.

Combined death toll for all the chaos is probably going to number in the thousands, cost in the zillions.

And there wasn't anything anyone could do to help avert the disasters.

## Help alert

It is hoped that most of us here have weather radios. The National Weather Service is pretty good about letting us know when it's going to rain, how much it's going to storm and what's happening with tornados, hurricanes and all the lightning strikes we tend to get.

The South Pacific weather service for earthquakes appears to be in Hawaii and Alaska. By the time the report of last week's horror was recorded, analyzed for tsunami threat and warning issued, the poor folks — those who got the word — had maybe 15 minutes to run.

Many, many did not get the word.

It really wasn't the weather gang's fault. The quakes and resulting tsunamis were really close to the islands. Tsunamis travel really, really fast, like 400-mph fast, and there just wasn't enough time to run away.

## Now, for us

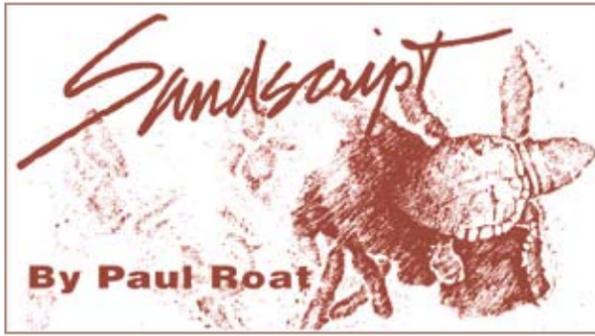
Florida's additional weather worry is earthquakes, too.

On a late Sunday morning in September 2006 an earthquake categorized as 6.0 on the Richter scale trembled out in the Gulf of Mexico off Naples.

The catastrophe in the South Pacific measured on the scale at better than 8.0, by the way.

Paintings on walls shuttered. Windows shook. Walls trembled, and those who were reclining definitely felt the tremors from what was described as a fairly strong earthquake.

There was no damage, but people as far away



from the epicenter felt the earth move.

Florida isn't immune to any natural disaster, it would seem.

Fortunately there were no tsunami action then, and chances of such a wall of water erupting from an earthquake in our part of the world is generally classed as slight, according to experts.

## More, this time a bit farther away

For this commentary, take it halfway around the world again, and here we could be again.

On April 2, 2007, the Solomon Islands got hit with a near-8.0 magnitude earthquake. That's a huge thing to have happen, and 30 deaths have been attributed to date.

Then there was the tsunami.

The resulting tidal wave was the cause of the most destruction, inundating the nearby islands and causing most of the deaths.

Of interest to us, though, was the aftermath of all the devastation: The island of Ranongga was apparently lifted many, many feet by the force of the quake, leaving the coral reef exposed.

"The reefs are now exposed above the water and are dying," according to a Web site. Reporters said that they saw "exposed reefs bleaching in the sun, and covered with dead fish, eels, clams and other marine life."

The island is a favorite haunt for divers, who love to poke around in the coral and visit with the fishies. Now, Ranongga is pretty much a Pacific desert in lieu of a Pacific paradise.

I've been thinking about what would happen if we get the big blow that we're overdue to receive. Hurricane experts talk a lot about overwash. We've all been lectured about storm surge and the height of water and waves reaching upwards of 20 or 30 feet — figure the third floor of a condo or the average height of the power pole in front of your house — and the subsequent damage to house and structure.

But imagine having the whole of Anna Maria Island reconfigured. Up. Or down. By 30 feet or so.

And one of the "dirty little secrets," as one of our officials has phrased, is that the storm overwash isn't just going to be beachfront.

Let's say we've got a huge wall of water that has swept over our Island, and has ended up at, say, downtown Bradenton. Then it starts to ebb back to the Gulf of Mexico.

It's not going to ooze. It's going to flow. Fast.

And the bayfront will suddenly get a whole lot

bigger as the sludge from the mainland hits the bay-side of Anna Maria Island.

Backwash. Big time.

Mother Nature, when she gets angry, can be a pretty mean woman.

## Tsunami to the west, again

An earthquake-spawned tsunami from Japan snuck up and smacked Crescent City, Calif., in November 2006, causing about \$1 million in damage. There were some red faces on the tidal wave forecasters as a result of the first warning, which came pretty much on schedule, and then another big wave three hours later that was not anticipated and to which there were no warnings issued.

According to the journal Nature, a harbormaster in the city watched the surprise wave, and commented that "it looked like the tide coming in really fast. The water would go from high tide to low tide in the span of maybe 10 minutes." The waves reached a height of about 6 feet.

The earthquake was a magnitude-8.1 trembler, which took place off the Kuril Islands near Japan. Five hours later, Crescent City got hit by the waves.

Apparently the Pacific Ocean-fronting city has something of a tsunami history. A wave killed 11 people there in 1964, the only fatalities in the continental United States from a tidal wave in recorded history.

We've got all this advance-warning data streaming into the command centers that watch for such waves. As the Journal article put it: So why was the warning called off? The decision was based on the small-predicted size of the surge, said the Alaska Tsunami Warning Center. It was a classic example of officials struggling to balance the need for warning with the dangers of a false alarm.

The whole incident is similar to those that hurricane forecasters face every time a storm starts brewing in the Atlantic. If you order an evacuation, and the storm peters out or changes course, the chances are good that the next time a storm comes that way, people will blow you off, not leave, figure you don't know what you're saying, and people are put in harm's way.

Unlike our hurricane gurus, it seems that there isn't much in the way of gray in tsunami warning circles. It's coming, or it's not, is about the way they play the game.

## Sandscript factoid

Tsunamis apparently aren't the only spawn of earthquakes. The often-killer waves can come from the air, too.

About 10 years ago a rogue wave of some sort hit Anna Maria Island. One personal watercraft rider got the ride of his life as he surfed the 6-foot swells off Passage Key.

There wasn't any real damage except to blankets of beachgoers who were along the shore.

Cause of the mini-tidal wave was never really  
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# Cut to the chase: just go fishing right now

By Paul Roat

Fall has flown into the fishing scene. Depending on who you talk to, it's either been good, bad or indifferent.

The change in season hasn't been that much of a change weather- or water-wise. Fishing continues to be good for the most part.

Offshore action saw some king mackerel hit for a day or two in the Gulf of Mexico, then dropped off. It's just days until the real run of the kings starts up along the coast.

Grouper and snapper are still a great catch offshore, mostly in 100-plus feet of water, plus a few amberjack and cobia.

Backwater schooling redfish are scattered, but appear hungry. Trout are still hitting, but in deeper seagrass flats. Snook are moving into the bays, but still can be found off the shallow beaches along Anna Maria Island.

In short, it's a good time to go fishing with cooler air temperatures early morning and late night and hotter fishing action.

**Danny Stasny at Island Discount Tackle at Catchers Marina** in Holmes Beach said he caught a burst of kingfish one day last week during the mini-cold front that hit Anna Maria Island. The kings got turned on by the change in weather for a day, then the catch dissipated. A return in a few weeks is expected as the real run starts, he predicted. Other offshore action is great with gag grouper, mangrove snapper and cobia showing up in about 100 feet of water in the Gulf. Sharks are all over, especially off the beaches. Here's a fishing hint from Danny: Spanish mackerel are thick off the beaches. Catch a mack, cut it in half, put in on a big hook with big line and paddle out a couple hundred yards and drop it on the bottom with a weight. He said a guy hooked 15 one day off the 75th Street beach last week. Inshore action is still good for trout in deeper seagrass flats, redfish are in small schools in almost all the bays, and snook are moving into flats and canals but still being caught off beaches.

**Capt. Mark Johnston** said he's catching large mangrove snapper by the Sunshine Skyway Bridge, plus Spanish mackerel. Black drum and redfish are thick in Anna Maria Sound as well.

**Capt. Sam Kimball** said he's catching limit-size grouper offshore, plus large Spanish mackerel, bonita and kingfish.

**Capt. Mark Howard on SumoTime Charters** said fall patterns have appeared for fishing. "The redfish bite has heated up with the falling water temperatures," he said. He's been putting charters on lots of reds more than 30 inches in length, plus speckled trout, bluefish, pompano and mackerel in the bays.



**Good grouper catch**  
Reed Wagner caught this grouper while fishing with Grampa Ray Wagner off Anna Maria Island.

He's also catching lots of sharks in Tampa Bay.

At the **Rod & Reel Pier** in Anna Maria, **Bob Kilb** said anglers there have been catching too-big-to-keep reds, plus snapper.

At the **Anna Maria City Pier**, **Rocky Corby** said there are still some tarpon hookups taking place, as well as Spanish mackerel, mangrove snapper and some big flounder.

**Capt. Zach Zacharias** on the **Dee Jay II** out of **Parrot Cove Marina** in Cortez said he is finding that "fish don't like pretty weather. The early fall front last week was really great comfort-wise, but a cold front is still a cold front and that big old high with its bluebird skies kind of put the damper on the bite for a few days." He's been on mostly inshore trips, catching trout, mackerel, snapper, grouper and bluefish. "Snook and reds have been favoring the bottom of the tides and the edges of deeper cuts and boat channels," Capt. Zach said. He's finding that

snapper fishing remains strong. Bait is still plentiful with a good variety of species and sizes. "There is a huge amount of ballyhoo in the bays. Hard to keep alive, but if you don't overcrowd them they have been keeping good in the well for up to four hours. "The ballyhoo are killer kingfish bait," he said, adding that king mackerel are starting to show offshore and should be thick offshore in the next few weeks. He's also seeing some cobia, plus bonito and flounder as fall progresses.

Good luck and good fishing.

Fishing news and photos are welcome and may be submitted to Paul Roat by e-mail at paul@islander.org.

## Sandscript

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found, but one weather forecaster noted that the jet stream, that high, fast-moving stream of air that's usually 30,000-feet-plus above the planet, had dipped down to the northern Gulf and had lowered its path.

Really low, like maybe hitting the water before dipping back up.

Figure a 200-mph wind hitting the water and a resulting bubble of that water would indeed form and, swoosh, there's a little tsunami.

## Center seeks players for golf outing

The Anna Maria Island Community Center is seeking players for its annual golf outing Oct. 9.

The event, which will take place at the IMG Academies Golf and Country Club, 4350 El Conquistador Pkwy., Bradenton.

Registration is at 11 a.m., followed by a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start.

A dinner will take place at 5:30 p.m.

For more information, call the Center at 941-778-1908.



### Looking chilly

*Bob Lang of Holmes Beach takes a moment to pause and ponder the hometown news while on a cruise with wife Liz in Greenland. Liz, who snapped this shot, said "a picture can never do justice to the actual beauty of the fjord."*

## Anna Maria Island Tides

| Date   | AM HIGH   | PM HIGH   | AM LOW    | PM LOW   |
|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Oct 7  | 12:58 2.8 | 3:43 1.7  | 8:35 0.0  | 7:02 1.5 |
| Oct 8  | 1:35 2.9  | — —       | 9:33 0.0  | — —      |
| Oct 9  | 2:19 2.9  | — —       | 10:44 0.1 | — —      |
| Oct 10 | 3:15 2.8  | — —       | 12:06 0.2 | — —      |
| Oct 11 | 4:30 2.6  | — —       | 1:27 0.2  | — —      |
| Oct 12 | 6:18 2.5  | 10:13 1.8 | 2:33 0.3  | — —      |
| Oct 13 | 8:09 2.4  | 10:21 1.9 | 1:50 1.6  | 3:25 0.4 |
| Oct 14 | 9:35 2.4  | 10:34 2.0 | 3:14 1.2  | 4:07 0.5 |

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By Rick Catlin

## Moveable Feast on the move

The **Moveable Feast** gourmet restaurant and delivery service opens Wednesday, Oct. 7, at its new location in the Island Shopping Center, 5402 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach.

Owners **Chris and Joey Dale** put in a new state-of-the-art kitchen and decor, including many of the Ernest Hemingway memorabilia from their former location on Longboat Key.

"We want our loyal customers and new ones to know that we'll have the same great food, great delivery service and friendly staff like we had on Longboat Key," said Joey.

In addition to its popular home, office and resort delivery service, Moveable Feast offers dining in a casual atmosphere for lunch and dinner at the Island Shopping Center location.

Moveable Feast was formerly located at the Whitney Beach Plaza, Longboat Key.

For more information, call 941-778-5092.

## New to chamber

New members of the Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce that

joined in September include:

- Cold Stone Creamery, 7426 Cortez Road W., Bradenton, Jothi Hothishankar, 941-465-7865.

- R&R Heating and Cooling, 3110 Manatee Ave. W., Bradenton, Richard Nicoletti, 941-747-4055.

- ADP Inc., 3547 53rd Ave. W., Suite No. 112, Bradenton, Dezi-Rae Richardson, 941-371-9736.

- Sand Petal Weddings, Sarasota, Lisa Richards, 877-WED-8699.

- A.M. Island Adventures, 4334 127th St. W., Cortez, Ryan Davis, 941-792-6000.

- A Tropical Affair, 1369 Estridge Drive, Rockledge, FL, 32955, Brian Powell, 321-504-1029.

- Ato's Polynesian Paradise, 620 57th Ave. W., No. F-3, Ato Kelly, 941-962-4144.

- Hyatt Place Sarasota/Bradenton, 950 University Parkway, Sarasota, Tom Youke/Ashley Giasone, 941-554-5800.

- BeachHorses.com, 8400 Manatee Ave. W., Bradenton, Tim Mattox, 941-907-7272.

- The Plumbing Connection, 2033 60th Place E., Bradenton, Blake Pevy, 941-747-2727.

- United Electric, 2045 60th Place E., Bradenton, Liliana Ronderos, 941-756-5465.

## Harry and crew return

After a summer vacation, **Harry's Continental Kitchen** at 525 St. Jude Drive, Longboat Key, reopens Friday,

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The fare includes a choice of salmon a la orange, grilled filet mignon or jumbo shrimp De Jong and all diners will receive a choice of one of chef-owner **Harry Christensen's** desserts.

Dinner hours are from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and the prix fixe selection is \$29 per person, or \$43 per person with paired wine courses.

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## Island real estate transactions

615 Ivanhoe Lane, Holmes Beach, a 2,971 sfla / 4,071 sfur 3bed/2½bath/2car canalfront pool home built in 2001 on a 9x105 lot was sold 09/08/09, Maclean to Brakefield for \$850,000; list \$999,000.

4805 Second Ave., Unit A, Second Avenue and 49th Street, Holmes Beach, a 2,600 sfla / 4,000 sfur 4bed/3½bath/2car lando condo built in 2009 sold 09/10/09, Unit A, Second Avenue & 49th Street Developers LLC to Krause for \$650,000;

list \$719,000.

5200 Gulf Drive, Unit 608, Martinique South, Holmes Beach, a 1,169 sfla 2bed/2bath condo with shared pool built in 1970 was sold 09/15/09, Muratti Inc to Fujiwara for \$488,300 7000 Gulf Drive, Unit 105, Tiffany Place, a 1,259 sfla / 1,395 sfur 2bed/2bath condo with shared pool built in 1978 was sold 09/08/09, Ford to Reed for \$430,000; list \$495,000.

111 81st St., Holmes Beach, a 725 sfla / 946 sfur 2bed/1bath home built in 1940 on a 64x80 lot was sold 09/11/09, Fleming to Kaleta for \$425,000; list \$440,000.

4200 Gulf Drive, Unit 106, Gulf Sands, Holmes Beach, a 1,008 sfla / 1,104 sfur 2bed/2bath condo with shared pool built in 1979 was sold 09/08/09, Johnson to Grossman for \$350,000; list \$395,000.

428 Magnolia Ave., Anna Maria, a vacant 50x145 lot zoned R1 was sold 09/09/09, Murray to Handley for \$287,000.

6500 Flotilla Drive, Unit 158, Westbay Point & Moorings, Holmes Beach, a 985 sfla / 1,377 sfur 2bed/2bath condo with shared pool built in 1978 was sold 09/17/09, Noor to Cloud for \$232,000; list \$279,000.

1801 Gulf Drive N., Unit 152, Runaway Bay, Holmes Beach, a 1,080 sfla / 1,140 sfur 2bed/2bath condo with shared pool built in 1978 was sold 09/16/09, Garling to Chernak for \$225,000; list \$239,000.

*Jesse Brisson, broker/associate at Gulf-Bay Realty of Anna Maria, can be reached at Gulf-Bay 941-778-7244.*

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Prizes and fun await the canines and owners

and participants in the Anna

Maria Island Chamber of

Commerce Trail of Treats in the

Holmes Beach shopping

district. Kids contest at the

chamber, canines coral at

*The Islander*, and treats all

along the way. Register pets,

advertise your pet friends,

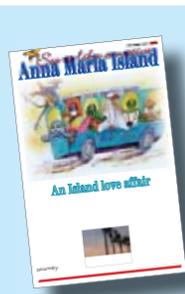
contribute prizes. Call *The Islander* for more

information.



Veterans Day is Nov. 11 and *The Islander* will again honor all service

veterans, spouses and family members at the Holmes Beach Veterans Memorial and Butterfly Park with a continental breakfast, honor guard and presentation of colors by the American Legion Kirby Stewart Post and the final salute to fallen comrades, Taps.



With its Nov. 18 edition, *The Islander* will again publish its Island Vacation Guide with a special focus for holiday visitors. Don't miss the second edition of this highly acclaimed special edition. Preview the spectacular "page-turning" e-edition of the fall Island Vacation Guide online at [www.islander.org](http://www.islander.org).

Thanksgiving is the time for giving thanks and for remembering the organizations that serve the community and needy individuals on Anna Maria Island. Special sponsor ads help produce the annual "**Islander Wish Book**," which highlights the needs of nonprofits serving the Island and allows readers to compile shopping lists to help meet those needs. It's the "joy of giving" with some special sprinkles of Island style.

Mark your calendar for the Holmes Beach Downtown Holiday Open House Dec. 4 sponsored by *The Islander* newspaper, and be sure to join us at the newspaper for visits with Santa aboard his sleigh, surprises for kids and holiday merriment with the Privateers

aboard their ship. Raffle prize registration and refreshments will abound at the area merchants and there's always a little holiday magic in the air for this event.

Dec. 5 will find young and old alike celebrating the holiday season at the Chuck and Joey Lester-Islander Fun Day at the Anna Maria Island Community Center. Prizes, Santa, games, food and refreshments are offered at "old-fashioned prices for an old-fashioned good time."



Next up: Dec. 12 brings the Anna Maria Island Privateers Holiday Parade and Kids'

Christmas Party. The parade runs the length of the Island from Anna Maria Bayfront Park to Coquina Beach, where Santa greets kids with a hearty "ho ho ho" and a gift aboard the Privateer ship.

Dec. 19 is the annual "Where's Woody Candish" Sidewalk Art Sale outdoors along the walkways at *The Islander* newspaper office in the Island Shopping Center. There are last-minute shopping bargains from local artists — something for everyone on your list — at this once-a-year sale event.



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS Continued

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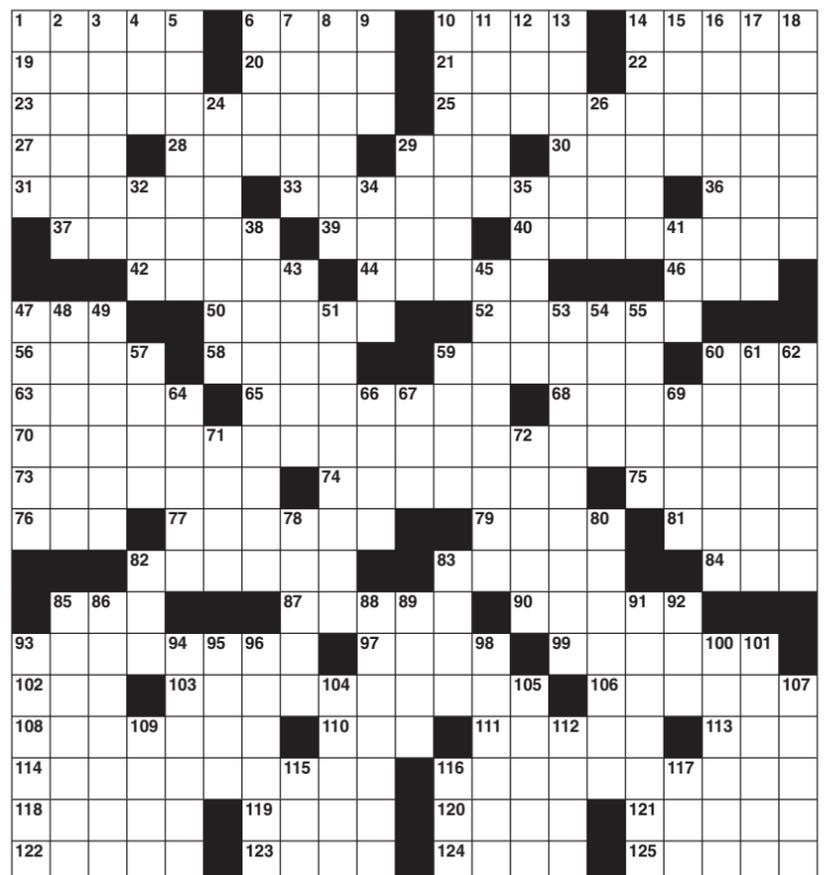
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THAT IS TWO SAY By Patrick Berry / Edited by Will Shortz

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| Across  | 59 Brown v. Board of Education city                          | 111 Andrea known as the liberator of Genoa      | 14 Casual farewell                               |
| 1 Horrify                                     | 60 Music compilation marketer                                | 113 "Patience ___ virtue"                       | 15 Numerical prefix                              |
| 6 Get ready to go                             | 63 Pro ___   | 114 Ethan Frome portrayer, 1993                 | 16 Passing                                       |
| 10 Leopard's home?                            | 65 Of the mouth's roof                                       | 116 Jealous                                     | 17 Closes tight                                  |
| 14 Club                                       | 68 Envision  | 118 "Sesame Street" regular                     | 18 Doesn't bother                                |
| 19 Excel                                      | 701 873 adventure novel that begins and ends in London       | 119 It might be assumed                         | 24 Post decorations on four-posters              |
| 20 Jai ___                                    | 73 Less popular, as a restaurant                             | 120 Opera set in ancient Egypt                  | 26 "The ___ Love" (Gershwin song)                |
| 21 Baby carrier                               | 74 "Fer-de-Lance" mystery novelist                           | 121 Courtyards                                  | 29 Depression-era migrant                        |
| 22 Sierra ___                                 | 75 Certain palms   | 122 Baby bottle tops                            | 32 Recommendation                                |
| 23 Resort region near Barcelona               | 76 "WKRP in Cincinnati" role                                 | 123 Tag in an antique store                     | 34 Prestigious London hotel                      |
| 25 Drug distributor                           | 77 Driving surface   | 124 Med. dose                                   | 35 Fill the tank                                 |
| 27 Famous Giant                               | 79 Crown   | 125 "Sailing to Byzantium" writer               | 38 Yellow poplar                                 |
| 28 Country singer Gibbs                       | 81 Flicka, e.g.  | Down  | 41 Some pop-ups                                  |
| 29 Vein contents                              | 82 Attacked  | 1 Dressy tie                                    | 43 Singer Washington                             |
| 30 Surface films: Var.                        | 83 Republic once known as Dahomey                            | 2 Life magazine staple                          | 45 Author of the Barseshire novels               |
| 31 Dental problem                             | 84 Surname of two signers of the Declaration of Independence | 3 Something to draw                             | 47 San ___ (San Francisco suburb)                |
| 33 Key sequence in a chromosome               | 85 From ___ Z  | 4 Queen's servant, maybe                        | 48 Singer who played herself in "Ocean's Eleven" |
| 36 Chitchat                                   | 87 Stop worrying   | 5 Baseball coverage?                            | 49 Barbershop sights                             |
| 37 Very noticeable                            | 90 Take part in  | 6 Catherine who survived Henry VIII             | 51 Stomach                                       |
| 39 Jacob who wrote "How the Other Half Lives" | 93 Dipstick housing  | 7 Screamer at a crime scene                     | 53 Suitable for                                  |
| 40 Praiseworthy                               | 97 Masters piece   | 8 Pricey appetizer                              | 54 Venerated image: Var.                         |
| 42 Self-satisfied                             | 99 Car make of the 1930s                                     | 9 Maker of the Optima                           | 55 Units of fineness                             |
| 44 Hospital bill items                        | 102 No. on a check   | 10 Wow  | 57 Offensive lines?                              |
| 46 Prefix with function                       | 103 American everyman  | 11 "Real Time With Bill ___"                    | 59 Like vinaigrette                              |
| 47 Chianti and Beaujolais                     | 106 Unaccented syllable                                      | 12 Antismoking org.                             | 60 "Married ... With Children" actress           |
| 50 Big rush                                   | 108 It's not to be touched                                   | 13 Latin catchphrase sometimes seen on sundials | 61 Gloomy Milne character                        |
| 52 ___ Cube                                   | 110 Like some humor  |   | 62 Flat dweller                                  |
| 56 Authors' aids: Abbr.                       |  |   | 64 One of the Pointer Sisters                    |
| 58 ___-Japanese War                           |  |   |  |

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| 66 Full of fear                        | 86 "From Russia With Love" Bond girl Romanova | 95 Excellent with "the"   | 107 Sneaker material           |
| 67 How drunks drink                    | 88 Rejected as unworthy                       | 96 Flu symptom, with "the"  | 109 Struck down, old-style     |
| 69 Dutch export                        | 89 Mug with a mug                             | 98 Leaf vein  | 112 Harvest                    |
| 71 Judge                               | 91 Corrode                                    | 100 "Peer Gynt" princess  | 115 The Great Lakes' ___ Locks |
| 72 Guitarist Eddy                      | 92 Density symbol                             | 101 Bad connection, say   | 116 Slang for a 3-Down         |
| 78 One end of a digression, for short? | 93 Pill that's easily swallowed               | 104 Carny booth prize   | 117 Suffix with favor          |
| 80 Go aboard                           | 94 Driver of the Cannonball Special           | 105 "Here Come the ___" (Abbott and Costello film set at a girls' school) |                                |

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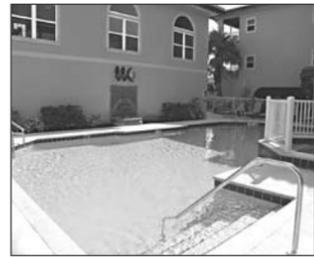
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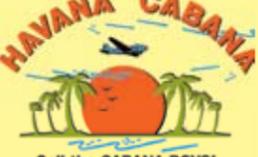
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