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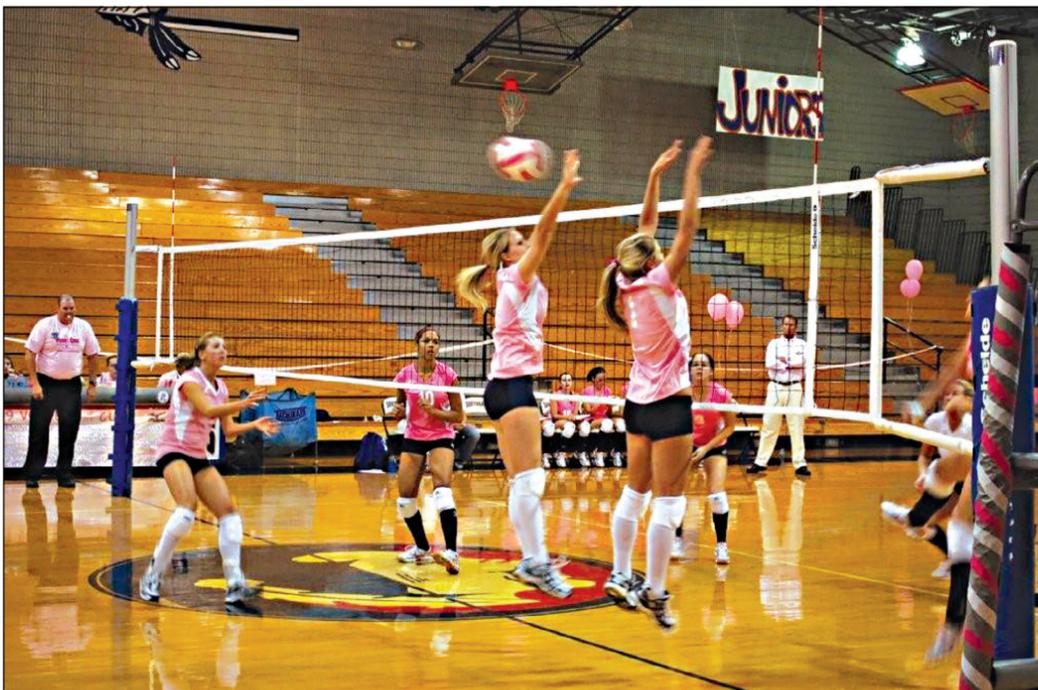
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Islanders Mallory Kosfeld, Sarah Howard, Jenna Duvall and Mackenzie Kosfeld take part in the second-annual "Volley for the Cure" volleyball matches held last week at Southeast High School. Islander Photo: Courtesy Scott Kosfeld

McClash may stall LBK renourishment

By Rick Catlin
Islander Reporter

Manatee County Commissioner Joe McClash has made a formal request to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a public hearing on Longboat Key's permit application that is seeking use of man-made materials to control beach erosion on the southwest side of Longboat Pass.

McClash said in his Oct. 1 letter to the Corps that he was making his request as "an individual commissioner," and noted that the Corps permit process allows anyone to ask for a public hearing. He asked that the Corps hold the hearing in Manatee County and, ultimately, deny the permit application.

McClash listed 11 specific concerns for the project and indicated that the town of Longboat Key may have "caused the increase in beach erosion" by dredging sand near the eroded areas.

McClash said putting revetments in the near-shore waters at Longboat's north

end will create public safety and boating hazards.

He said the use of man-made materials would "set a precedent" among Florida west coast erosion-control efforts. McClash also cited concern for tourism and the environment of Beer Can Island at the southwest end of the Longboat Pass Bridge — opposite Coquina Beach — if Longboat Key proceeds with its plan.

Following publication of the McClash letter, Manatee County Commission Chair Gwen Brown issued a statement that McClash's request did not reflect the opinion of the board and he was making his request as an individual, rather than as a commission member.

The town of Longboat Key has spent nearly \$400,000 in the process of preparing and submitting its application to the Corps.

Efforts to reach Charles Schnepel of the Corps' Jacksonville office for comment on the McClash request were unsuccessful.

Pine Avenue to host Bayfest Oct. 16-17

By Lisa Neff
Islander Reporter

Pine Avenue becomes party central Oct. 16-17.

The Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce Bayfest takes place Friday and Saturday, with a kickoff party planned for Friday night beginning at 5 p.m., and a lineup of local entertainment and vendors planned for Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The Friday lineup features DJ Mike Sales from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., the local band Bootleg, as well as a number of food and beverage vendors.

The Saturday lineup includes Jimi Gee's Fogt's Jr. All Stars Band at 9:45 a.m., 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., The Island Rockers at 2:30 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.

"BOC Productions is doing our sound, and Anna Maria's DJ of choice, Chris Grumley, will be our emcee and DJ for the day," said Bayfest co-organizer Cindy Thompson.

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.

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

An *Islander* interview with Thompson.

The Islander: You've been organizing Bayfest for how many years now?

Cindy Thompson: I have been organizing Bayfest with my co-chair John Secor for nine years. We started it in front of Paradise Cafe on East Bay Drive — "Bay"-fest — and then the following year we were approved for half of Pine Avenue. Since then we have had approval for the whole street.

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New owners for Perico project

By Rick Catlin
Islander Reporter

The Jacksonville-based St. Joe Co. has sold its SevenShores condominium project on Perico Island to Minto Communities LLC, a subsidiary of the Minto Group of Canada, according to documents available online at the Manatee County Clerk of the Circuit Court Web site.

The \$10 million sale included \$2 million for the accompanying marina and \$8 million for the land, according to the court Web site.

Minto Communities has been involved in single-family and condominium construction on Florida's east coast for a number of years, according to the company's Web site.

The company headquarters is near Fort Lauderdale in Coconut Creek.

SevenShores was planned as a 686-unit condominium complex on north Perico Island, but St. Joe halted infrastructure work in 2007 due to a declining demand for condominiums. The company only managed seven reservations during the 13 months it had a sales office at the site. Units were offered for sale in the low \$700,000 range, but there were few takers.

Minto vice-president Michael Belmont said the company researched the purchase of a number of Florida properties before deciding to buy SevenShores as the first step of expanding its operations on Florida's west coast.

"We're truly excited about the Perico project and its potential and we look forward

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Christian Daniels of Holmes Beach shows off some of the moves that helped him capture first place in the minis division of the Skimboard Bash at the BeachHouse Restaurant Oct. 4. Islander Photo: Courtesy Nick St. John

Bayfest this weekend

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The Islander: How many people are involved in putting this event on?

CT: I would estimate a total of about 50 people are involved. The Bayfest committee of 10, more than 30 community and business volunteers that actually work the event itself, also the chamber staff, board of directors and volunteers.

Perico sold, plans uncertain

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to continuing to seek additional acquisition opportunities throughout the region," he said.

Minto will conduct a marketing study of the area and resume the site development sometime in 2010, Belmont said.

"The housing market has certainly changed since the Perico plan was created. Our goal is to make sure the housing product we develop meets the needs of today's consumer in terms of price and livability," Belmont said.

Minto also is reviewing plans for the 119-slip marina that is considered a separate asset from SevenShores. The company will consider making the marina a public facility, he indicated.

Belmont said it was too soon to indicate a price range for the condominium units, but did say a name change is likely.

Glenn Compton of ManaSota-88, a non-profit environmental activist group that opposed the SevenShores project when it was announced in the late 1990s, said he hoped Minto would delay the start of construction as long as possible.

"Unfortunately, the damage to Perico has already been done," Compton said. "We at ManaSota-88 can only hope that the new owners will be concerned with protecting the environment and institute more measures to conserve the land and marine habitat there."

The Islander: The hours are extended again this year? Is that to provide more people with an opportunity to attend? Or to keep people attending longer?

CT: We chose to include Friday night to take advantage of the fact that we are already all set up for Saturday.

Also, our Friday night events are very well attended and eagerly anticipated. It will also provide an opportunity for people who can't make it on Saturday to come out and enjoy a mini-Bayfest Friday night. The feedback I get from the majority of community members, vendors and businesses in our community is "more is better when it comes to this festival."

The Islander: With 12 hours of Bayfest on Saturday and the pre-party, how many times do you think you'll travel up and down Pine Avenue?

CT: I will be dedicated to "the lot" on Friday night, but on Saturday I estimate I will travel up and down Pine Avenue over 100 times. I use a golf cart, and this year Beach Bum Billy's on Pine Avenue has offered me use of its "Go-Ped," which should be interesting.

The Islander: Tell us three favorite attractions that will be back this year?

CT: The music, the car show and the food are all such a nice complement to our unique vendors.

The Islander: And any new attractions to look forward too?

CT: The kids area will be an actual KidFest organized by Island Dojo's Kevin Bergquist. He does a children's festival annually in October with the money he raises dedicated to at-risk children. This year I invited him to do his event in our event as a win-win for both of us.

Every year I am happy with how Bayfest went, but I always feel the kids' area could be improved. This year I know it will be. Kevin has been planning some wonderful events and demonstrations, including martial arts demos, face painting, games and activities such as an obstacle course, a water slide, a dunk tank and a bounce house.

Mmm: Mullet on Bayfest menu

The Anna Maria Island Privateers will sell its speciality — smoked mullet — at Bayfest Saturday, Oct. 17.

The fall mullet smokes are an AMIP tradition that raise money for the nonprofit group's efforts, including the presentation of the Christmas parade Dec. 12 and the distribution of gifts to children after the procession, as well as the scholarship awards handed out each July 4.

The Privateers will anchor the Skully Wag at Bayfest and sell locally caught, freshly smoked mullet from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. — or until supplies last.

The group also will sell raffle tickets for a \$600 gift certificate to Tradewinds Resort on Anna Maria Island.

The Islander: The food court always seems packed with people. What are some menu items this year?

CT: We will have a fantastic variety of local fare, including fish tacos, carnitas, fish and chips, gyros, barbecue ribs, chicken, hot dogs, meatball subs, chili, hamburgers, sausage and pepper hoagies, bratwurst, lobster rolls, Polynesian food, shrimp dishes, Southern food, crab cakes, pizza, ice cream, snow cones, kettle corn and beef jerky.

We still have food vendors signing up to participate, so the menu will be including a lot more.

The Islander: If you could give Bayfest a theme song, what would it be?

CT: Definitely Jimmy Buffett's "Changes in attitudes, changes in latitudes." I know it's predictable, but it's fitting.

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Anna Maria monitoring wedding activities

By Rick Catlin
Islander Reporter

Anna Maria city planner Alan Garrett informed city commissioners at their Oct. 8 meeting that some residences in the city have been advertised on the Internet as wedding sites and that's a violation of city code.

A residence may be used for a private wedding, Garrett said, but city codes prohibit the commercial use of a single-family home for a wedding.

Garrett became concerned on learning an Internet site advertised an Anna Maria home as a wedding site that could accommodate 60-70 people for the ceremony and reception. The city handled this particular situation without resorting to a code violation, Garrett said.

But Garrett wanted the commission to be aware of how the city dealt with the problem and asked if the commission wanted stronger language in the ordinance.

"This was a special case. We contacted the property owner, and they had the advertisement removed," he said.

The property owner had no idea that the rental agent was advertising the property as a wedding location. It is not illegal to rent the house as an accommodation, Garrett pointed out.

"They wanted to be good neighbors and did the right thing."

Garrett said he wanted to get a "feel" from the commissioners if they think the ordinance was strong enough to halt the marketing and use of residences for weddings or if stronger language is needed.

"If you see a concern, there is an easy way to remedy the situation," Garrett said.

He noted that the wedding industry on Anna Maria Island has been growing rapidly and the city gets a number of inquiries each week about a wedding license and laws governing such an event.

Commissioner Dale Woodland, however, said he had no opinion on strengthening the ordinance until he sees if the problem develops.

Commissioner Jo Ann Mattick did not want the city to go "overboard" with more regulation.

"That's not what we want to do," responded Garrett. "It's advertising a home for a wedding on a

regular basis that we want to watch."

Garrett said that keeping track of a particular house that has 50 to 60 cars parked at the location each week would be a successful way to monitor the use of residences for a commercial wedding.

City attorney Jim Dye agreed that was a good solution. The city should not try to legislate the advertising of the property as a wedding location as that could become an issue of free speech.

"Focus on the use," he said.

If the city tried to strengthen the current ban against commercial weddings in a residential zone by prohibiting advertising of the residence, it might be like "kicking an ant pile," Dye said.

Commissioner Christine Tollette said there should be "absolutely" no commercial weddings in the residential district.

Commission Chairman John Quam favored the city's current approach to the problem and agreed that no commission action is needed at this time.

However, he asked Garrett and Mayor Fran Barford to monitor the situation and keep the commission informed if they or city staff observe a particular home attracting a large number of vehicles on a regular basis.

Boundary map

Expanding the city's boundary to include portions of Bimini Bay appears to be opening a can of worms, according to Barford and Sgt. Dave Turner, the Manatee County Sheriff's Office deputy in charge of the Anna Maria substation.

Turner told commissioners that if the boundary goes into the water, it would create an "unfunded enforcement mandate."

The commission had directed Barford to expand the city limits after it learned several months ago that it had no jurisdiction over surrounding waters, only the land areas of Anna Maria. The issue arose when a homeowner asked for a variance to build a dock into Bimini Bay and the city discovered that the city limits ended at the water's edge.

Turner explained that the substation has no watercraft for enforcement in the proposed expansion area and only one deputy at the substation is qualified to

enforce Florida's marine laws.

Barford said she needed direction.

"I don't think the city needs to expand to include more than Galati Marine and the finger piers. Leave Bimini Bay out of it," Dye said.

Quam said the simple solution is to move the boundary closer to land and Barford agreed to work on that principle.

She, Garrett and Dye will establish a new boundary line that will meet the needs and current abilities of the MCSO and building department.



A stained-glass window at Roser Church.

Roser is top citizen

Roser Memorial Community Church has been named the city of Anna Maria's "Citizen of the Year" for 2009 by the city recognition committee.

Presentation of the award will take place at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, at the Anna Maria City Hall, prior to the scheduled city commission meeting at 7 p.m. The Rev. Gary Batey of Roser will accept the award on behalf of the church, 512 Pine Ave., Anna Maria.

Meetings

Anna Maria City

- 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.

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.

Holmes Beach

- Oct. 15, 10 a.m., code enforcement meeting.
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- 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.

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. 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.



Cortez Bridge coverup

Equipment used for painting and other maintenance work on the Cortez Bridge sits under the bridge. The maintenance project began on the State Road 684/Cortez Road Bridge into Bradenton Beach in September. The Florida Department of Transportation said work on the bridge will continue into December. *Islander* Photo: Lisa Neff

Anna Maria commission race heats up

By Rick Catlin
Islander Reporter

The gloves are off in the Anna Maria election campaign for the three city commission seats up for election Nov. 3.

Commission candidate Harry Stoltzfus claims challenger David Gryboski is backed by the city's business interests, and Stoltzfus says incumbent Christine Tollette, who is seeking re-election, also is in that category.

"I don't think there's any question that Gryboski has sided with the developers and I believe Tollette has also," said Stoltzfus in a recent interview.

Stoltzfus, declined to identify the business interests, noting that there are many developers involved in projects in Anna Maria.

In addition to putting Gryboski and Tollette on the side of business, Stoltzfus also took exception to what he claimed were "major concessions" made by the city commission for parking and ingress and egress in the city's retail-office-residential district. Those concessions are a safety hazard for motorists and pedestrians, he said, and benefited the developers, not the residents.

Stoltzfus said those same developers should "do better in the future or take steps on their own to mitigate the obvious hazards existing now."

The parking issue is not the only concern Stoltzfus has with developers in the ROR.

"A lot of concessions have been made in the ROR that should not have been made," said Stoltzfus, PLEASE SEE ANNA MARIA, NEXT PAGE



Jazmin Cruz, left, and Makenzie Rouslin, both 11 and students at Johnson Middle School, collect cigarette butts and wrappers near the concession stand at Coquina Beach as part of the Coastal Cleanup on Oct. 3. *Islander Photo: Lisa Neff*

Pounds pile up in cleanup

Dozens of volunteers helped remove hundreds of pounds of trash in each of the Island cities Oct. 3 during the annual Coastal Cleanup.

Keep Manatee Beautiful, the sponsoring organization, reported:

- In Anna Maria, 27 volunteers helped clean 6.5 miles and removed 521 pounds of trash.
- In Bradenton Beach, 81 volunteers helped clean 4.5 miles and removed 482 pounds of trash.
- In Holmes Beach, 112 volunteers helped clean 6.75 miles and removed 416 pounds of trash.

Also, along the Palma Sola Causeway, 90 volunteers cleared 2.5 miles of 244 pounds of trash.

In the Manatee County portion of Longboat Key, 25 volunteers cleaned 4.75 miles of 212 pounds of trash.

Numbers for a cleanup in Cortez were not yet available.

Anna Maria: gloves are off in race

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ticularly the commission decision following the 2007 adoption of the revised comprehensive plan to allow split ownership of ROR units.

“Anna Maria has lost a lot of ground” because of these decisions,” he said.

“It was a mistake to give these concessions and they should be taken back,” he said.

Stoltzfus also indicated that there are not enough “pro-residential” commissioners on the commission and “three or four commissioners” who are “pro-resident” are needed to prevent a takeover.

Stoltzfus said, “Some of us have no ax to grind, but there are others supported by the business community with an ax to grind.”

What’s needed is a “better balance between development and residential peace of mind,” he said.

If elected, Stoltzfus said he would have the commission discuss whether or not a minimum rental period was needed in the Residential 1 district for a single-family home rental, and he is opposed to

Popcorn and politics on menu

The Islander will host Popcorn and Politics at the newspaper office Monday, Oct., 19, providing an opportunity for voters to enjoy some popcorn, listen to some bluegrass music provided by Howie Banfield and 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, discuss issues and participate in straw polls in the three races that officially will be decided on election day on 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.

allowing residential units in the ROR to be rented.

Stoltzfus also claimed that a few years ago, several Pine Avenue businesses “shot down” an effort to construct a bike path in the city.

While Stoltzfus said he “personally” would prefer that all houses in Anna Maria be occupied by residents, he added “that’s not going to happen.”

“Many property owners need rentals to help defray the cost of ownership on the Island and I wouldn’t want to discourage that in any way. I’m not going to impose my personal preferences on the people of Anna Maria.”

Stoltzfus made no mention of incumbent commissioners John Quam and Dale Woodland, who are both seeking re-election.

Tollette later responded that Stoltzfus is apparently not aware of the all the debate, discussion and public input that went into the comprehensive plan and, ultimately, passage this year of the ordinance allowing multiple ownership of an ROR structure.

Decisions about how the city’s ROR district should be operated and controlled were not made overnight, but after nearly four years of debate, she said.

That debate included the two years she was on the commission before the revised comp plan passed in November 2007.

At that time, commissioners and residents had “a real concern that we would lose the Pine Avenue business district to the larger homes like those that were built where Island Marine used to be,” she said.

The decision on ROR ownership was made to stimulate economic investment in ROR structures on Pine Avenue. The alternative, Tollette said, would have been the tear-down of the older Anna Maria cottages on Pine Avenue and the construction of two-story over parking “mega-mansions.”

Tollette noted that the commission voted 4-1 to

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.

Straw poll results will be posted at *The Islander* newspaper Web site, www.islander.org.

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

allow multiple ownership of ROR structures.

Any suggestion that she favors business interests over the residents is ludicrous, she said, noting that she voted against a variance request by a developer that had an issue with parking on Pine Avenue.

Tollette also opposed the suggestion of a motel district in the city and is against any new motels, condominiums or housing sub-divisions, and opposes any minimum rental period for rental properties.

“When people can’t find legitimate complaints against one candidate or another, they start calling them names to see what will stick,” she said.

Gryboski laughed when he heard he was backed by business interests, but did admit that John Cagnina, son of the late Anna Maria Mayor Ernie Cagnina, encouraged him to enter the election. The Cagnina family owns the “old IGA” and some residential properties in the city.

“That means I’ve been campaigning on both sides, the business owners and the residents,” Gryboski said.

He declined to enter a discussion about residents-versus-business interests, saying such talk was “counter-productive” and only served to divide the community.

“It’s not helpful to get into that kind of division,” he said.

Gryboski said the lack of any minimum rental period for single-family structures was “working well” for the city and tourism, and there’s no reason to examine that issue.

“If it’s not broke, don’t fix it,” he said.

Stoltzfus, Gryboski and Tollette, along with Woodland and Quam will have the opportunity to discuss their positions with city voters and each other at *The Islander* Politics and Popcorn event at 5:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 19, at the newspaper office, 5404 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach in the Island Shopping Center.

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Mainsail will keep Tidemark footprint

By Rick Catlin
Islander Reporter

Mainsail Development will use the Tidemark site plan approved in 2001 for its guest lodge/marina adjacent to Wachovia Bank in Holmes Beach, Mainsail president Joe Collier said.

Collier said he wanted to clear up any confusion that the company might consider a new site plan while it lowers the density from 50 units in the original plan to 40 units.

"The Mainsail Lodge and Marina will utilize the same site plan and footprint as the approved Tidemark project," said Collier. "It will operate under the same program as the Mainsail Beach Inn units."

"We have no intention of moving away from the fully approved plans, but we have to design and draw the project and complete the construction using all of today's standards," he added.

Collier said Mainsail will "maximize the very expensive piling and foundation work on the site that has already been completed, which really requires us to follow the footprint."

The most significant feature of Mainsail that is different from Tidemark — aside from new ownership — is that the plan for fractional ownership has been scrapped, Collier said.

Additionally, the Mainsail Lodge will have 10 less units, 40 rather than the 50 units in the original Tidemark site plan.

"Our buyers will own a fee-simple asset that is for them to use at their discretion and in the lodging rental program the remainder of the time," said Collier.

He indicated Mainsail is in the process of selecting an architect within the next few weeks.

Interest in both the Mainsail Beach Inn and Mainsail Lodge has been high, he added.

Collier said he expects to have architectural

drawings and brochures for the lodge ready before Jan. 1.

"We want to roll with this project," he 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 and five of the 12 units have been sold, Collier

Although Collier has pledged to use the original Tidemark site plan, Holmes Beach building official Joe Duennes said he would have to inspect any plans submitted by Mainsail to ensure they follow the original site

Anna Maria building official clears PAR

By Rick Catlin
Islander Reporter

Anna Maria building official Bob Welch found no basis for an allegation that Pine Avenue Restoration projects in the 300-400 block of Pine Avenue violated city codes or Florida statutes.

Developer and Anna Maria resident Robert Hunt alleged in a letter to Mayor Fran Barford and city commissioners that PAR was "in breach" of Florida building codes because its drawings were not prepared by a licensed architect. Hunt also alleged that PAR's contractor was not licensed for commercial construction.

"These are really quite serious oversights on the part of the city," and the city might potentially face a costly liability issue, he stated.

Welch responded to Hunt that he looked into the allegation and the building applications by PAR and was unable to find any factual basis for the claim.

The PAR contractor, Jackson Construction, has a CBC license, Welch wrote, providing Hunt with the license number and the Florida Statute definition and explanation of a contractor.

plan and footprint, which was approved by the Holmes Beach City Commission in August 2001.

Efforts to construct a hotel/condominium/marina at the Mainsail Lodge and Marina property have been ongoing since that approval, but without success.

In 2004, the original company went into bankruptcy and a subsequent owner was unable to complete the lodge, although it did construct the beach resort.

Both properties were purchased by Mainsail in July.

Principals in Mainsail LLC, a subsidiary of Mainsail Development, include Pine Avenue Restoration LLC.

Additionally, wrote Welch, architectural drawings only have to be sealed by a licensed architect or engineer. There is "no state law that defines 'drawn under the supervision of a design professional,'" Welch wrote.

Welch said in his letter that in the PAR case "each page of the drawings was signed by an engineer, as is appropriate for compliance with State Statute 161," which deals with the coastal construction zone.

Welch noted that it is not the job of the building official to investigate an architect or engineer who signs drawings for a project unless it is "obvious that some sort of law has been broken."

Welch offered to meet with Hunt to discuss his comments further, saying "It seems that empty rumors are flying that could cause liability to the person spreading them. The door to my office is always open."

Hunt responded that the issue "has now been placed in the hands of the American Institute of Architects, who confirmed this information originally, and they will be dealing directly with the city regarding this matter."



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Our Opinion

Welcome back

News flash: Our winter friends are flocking back to Anna Maria Island. Whether to escape dreary weather or a tedious economy, here they come. It's snowbird season!

Just like migratory birds that frequent AMI in the winter, we appreciate what the snowbirds bring to our Island community.

For our frequent snowbirds, the adventure of returning to AMI must include a ride around the Island to take in new sights, scenes, businesses and, particularly, restaurants. And, of course, some seek a permanent home here.

On that drive around the Island, hopefully on the free trolley, newly acquainting visitors will find the beaches and bays, the stores and restaurants, the piers and Publix all looking good.

What might not stand out are the subtle changes, such as the recent turnover of ownership at the former Tidemark properties, purchased out of foreclosure for \$8.25 million by a new developer, Mainsail. It includes some Island investors, most notably, Ed Chiles and the Pine Avenue Restoration group. The Marina Drive property is still on the drawing board, while the beachfront condos on 66th Street were finished, and are seeing some sales and rental activity.

Less noticeable but notable, for a whopping — or meager, depending on your view — \$10 million, a new developer has taken on the large Perico Island property and the site plan for 686 condo units from St. Joe Co.

Even if you're a snowbird, the price tag sounds remarkable, right? And if only the county land preservation program, state funds, or some public source could have stepped into the same sort of deal.

It won't likely become public lands, but will a new developer look at Perico Island with a different perspective? A new enclave of pricey waterfront homes or maxed-out condos? Which would you choose in a perfect world?

In a perfect world, Perico Island would have been preserved for birds, the real two-legged kind and other wildlife, and the Indian middens that existed long before Anna Maria Island was settled.

Future homeowners may be the best we can hope for where not so long ago a vegetable farm and a pet pig coexisted with pine trees, mangroves, raccoons and roseate spoonbills.

Welcome back to the winter robins, too, sometimes seen waddling around dizzy after gobbling up some of our fermented red peppertree berries.

To snowbirds and all, "Welcome back!"



Slick

By Egan

Your Opinion

Wholesome chicken soup

I would like to thank *The Islander* for printing the positive and uplifting stories and letters to the editor. We hear enough bad news and negativity in our day-to-day lives.

I believe that by expounding on the positive we can help to bring out the best in our neighbors. Random acts of kindness, good deeds, and coming to the aid of strangers should be promoted and good news needs a bump.

Whether it is helping a local captain when his boat capsizes (Mike Grieg), pulling a woman and her dog out of a canal (Lisa Williams) or simply bringing a cup of coffee to a complete stranger (John Adams) by heralding selflessness, we encourage others to do the same.

If you are reading this now and agree, I challenge you to go out of your way for someone today. It will make you feel good and it will amount to chicken soup for society.

Keeping that in mind I would like to thank Pauly and Margaret Hoffman, the owners of Hurricane Hank's, for helping me to be nice to a friend who is recovering from an accident by donating (without my asking) some yummy baby back ribs.

I am proud to be a member of this community. We have a lot of giving, caring people who make it a great place to live and work.

Keith Barnett, Barnett Blinds of Holmes Beach

Keep raking

I have been a resident of Bradenton Beach for 10 years. I know I'm a newcomer, but still, it matters to me. I have seen the comments of some readers about the county cleaning the beaches with a mechanical rake. They for reasons stated do not believe that it is good for the environment.

Since this raking started, I have noticed that there are many more ghost crabs on the beaches. I also noticed that there are many species of birds that I have not seen here before, such as the frigate and the plover.

There is now an area of nesting for skimmers at the north end of Bradenton Beach that did not exist before raking.

The annual Christmas bird count has not indicated any significant decline in bird population. The turtle watch reports are that there are more turtle hatchlings reaching the sea than ever before.

Is it possible that cleaning contributes to this?

I have also seen less of the residents carrying trash bags and have not seen the Anna Maria Elementary School students doing their trash surveys that they conducted in the past.

Our community in the past had conducted beach cleanup work parties to clear out an area where we could enjoy the sand rather than see washed-in trash.

There also are not the piles of seagrass, the new growth of mangroves nor the carcasses of dead and decaying fish.

The fragrances emanating from the beach areas are now refreshing rather than pungent.

Monday morning I spoke with a county employee, and he thinks that this cleaning will be stopped.

I, for one, am hoping that does not happen.

Ted Baird, Bradenton Beach

Editor's note: The Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count noted declines in some bird populations. While skimmers were seen on the beach this year, they did not successfully nest, and, while sea turtle hatchling rates are higher this year than last, they are not at a record high. A major volunteer cleanup of the beach occurred Oct. 3.

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Survivor's message: Don't wait

By Lisa Neff
Islander Reporter

April Fool's Day did not bring a joke for Sherry Sasser.

The Islander was diagnosed with breast cancer April 1.

"I had a lump come up," she recalls. "I went to the health department, and they do not waste any time."

After an exam at the county health department, she was referred to Manatee Memorial Hospital for more testing. She learned that she had a form of breast cancer.

"I'd never been sick," she says. "This just came on me, just popped up one day, this thing the size of a quarter... It was stage 2. It was going very rapidly."

She was referred, at her request, for treatment at H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute in Tampa, one of the nation's Top 20 cancer hospitals.

Sasser sought an exam immediately after noticing a lump because she already knew how serious that mass could be.

Of her four sisters, one is a breast-cancer survivor; another died of breast cancer at the age of 31.

Her sisters had a different form of breast cancer, but Sasser said she recognized the seriousness of the situation.

"Women need to know not to waste any time, to go right away," says Sasser as she is seated on a chair in the sitting room of Roser Cottage, the home of Sato Real Estate, where she has worked for about three years.

Physicians emphasize that cancer patients avoid stress, but Sasser says stress was unavoidable. Her diagnosis and first months of treatment coincided with



Sherry Sasser of Anna Maria has reached the end of many months of chemotherapy for breast cancer. Islander Photo: Lisa Neff

a national economic downturn.

"I'm more concerned about bills than I am cancer," she says. "For the cancer, I know I'm being taken care of there. Keeping the electricity on, well."

Today, Sasser says she is at the "half-way hurdle" in her treatment.

She has completed a regimen of chemotherapy that employed a fairly new drug, Ixabepilone, which acts by blocking cell division and causing cancer cell death, with good results.

"I'm through with chemotherapy, I hope," she says. "The drug has been very good so far. It really hasn't slowed me down. The tumor has gone away. I'm real optimistic. The type of cancer I have, it can come back. But I'm not going to let it."

Next for Sasser, who with her late husband built a home on Anna Maria Island in 1985 and moved to Anna Maria full-time in 1994, is radiation treatment, which may be completed by December.

Sasser is soft-spoken, but she's not shy about discussing her cancer diagnosis.

Talking about the disease helped Sasser identify support resources, learn about new options and understand her treatment and prognosis.

"I get a lot of support from women," she says.

And, she says, when she talks about the disease, she might help others.

"I don't think it's anything you should not discuss with other women because they may have to go through it," she says.

"I guess we are not a silent organization that talks among ourselves, and we shouldn't be."



In the Oct. 13, 1999, issue of *The Islander*, headlines announced:

- Holmes Beach city commissioners upheld a \$5,000 fine against Pauline Pasco of 73rd Street for remodeling after Hurricane Floyd more than the allowed Federal Emergency Management Agency 50 percent rule for a non-conforming structure. Pasco, who was confined to a wheelchair, said she could not afford to pay \$5,000.

- Anna Maria city commissioners decided to proceed with an engineering study to determine the condition of the Anna Maria City Pier before seeking another operator for the restaurant. The former operator, John Horne, vacated the restaurant on Sept. 30 after negotiations to renew the lease failed.

- Anna Maria Mayor Chuck Shumard was scheduled to appear in Manatee County Circuit Court Oct. 27 to answer a complaint that he violated Florida's Sunshine Law when he failed to provide *The Islander* newspaper with public documents.

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Trust seeks donations for Anglers Lodge

The Anna Maria Island Preservation Trust continues to seek donations to preserve the Anglers Lodge, a 1914 boarding house on the bayfront in Anna Maria.

“Much has to be done before we can enter into a mutually desirable contract to save this historic building,” said AMIPT president Sissy Quinn.

She said the lodge “is one of only a few original structures still standing on Anna Maria Island with little change to its exterior.

“Those of you who really care are asked to make a contribution now to help in this preservation effort.”

Contributions to AMIPT, which recently incorporated with nonprofit status, are tax-deductable.

AMIPT is receiving donations at P.O. Box 4106, Anna Maria FL 34216 and Whitney National Bank, The Anglers Lodge Account, 5324 Gulf Drive, Holmes Beach.



The Anglers Lodge in Anna Maria. Islander Photo: Courtesy AMIPT

County pushes local dredging projects

By Lisa Neff
Islander Reporter

Manatee County is proceeding with a push for dredging in Bimini Bay.

The county board of commissioners Oct. 6 approved approaching the West Coast Inland Navigation District to request a study and, if needed, proceed with permits and dredging of the public waterway.

Boaters, as well as the operators of Galati Marine, have urged a dredging of the Bimini channel.

A memo presented to the county board from community services director Fred Loveland stated, “Local municipalities and the public have identified a need for immediate maintenance of the Bimini Bay entrance channel. In discussion with Manatee County

staff, WCIND reported that, upon formal request from Manatee County, WCIND would be willing to order a survey of the area and take the project out for public bid.”

Loveland said the dredging would ensure sufficient depth for vessels to safely navigate the waterway, as well as promote water quality and basin drainage.

Already, a preliminary review of the project indicated that the removal of sediment in the area would improve navigation.

Funding for the work, estimated at an initial \$250,000, would come from county WCIND improvement funds.

County commissioners also want to proceed with

a survey for seven non-Island public water projects using \$150,000 in WCIND funds.

Plus, the board voted to authorize Commission Chair Gwen Brown to send a letter to the WCIND requesting that it excavate a “severely restricted” shoal in area east and southeast of Jewfish Key.

The Army Corps of Engineers notified the county that it planned a dredging project in the area next year, but commissioners agreed that a public-safety issue exists now and 10,000 cubic yards of sediment must be removed.

County officials expect the dredge material to be beach-quality sand, but a deposit location for the material has not been decided.

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Center hosts swap parties

The Anna Maria Island Community Center, 407 Magnolia Ave., Anna Maria, will continue its series of clothing swaps Oct. 24.

In the AMI Clothes Swaps, people essentially trade their clothes for other people's clothes.

The cost to participate in each swap is \$10.

Some swap rules and guidelines from the Center:

- Don't bring clothes you wouldn't want to receive — no dirty, stained or torn items and no undergarments.

- Be patient. Swapping is like mining for buried treasure.

- Have fun. Swapping is a great way expand a wardrobe and promote recycling.

During the week before the swap, clothing can be dropped off at the center from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. For every item accepted, the donor receives a token that can be used on another item.

The swapping takes place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The swaps schedule is:

- Saturday, Oct. 24.
- Saturday, Nov. 14.
- Saturday, Dec. 12.

Swaps also are planned in 2010, including Jan. 16 and Feb. 13.

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

Contest to raise breast-cancer awareness

Island businesses are partnering in the ongoing Hunt for Pink October, a contest intended to promote breast-cancer awareness, especially early-detection exams.

The contest, organized by Blake Medical Center in Bradenton in partnership with the American Cancer Society and a number of area businesses, began Oct. 5 and ends at 2 p.m. Oct. 23.

Each week of the hunt, Blake is releasing a clue along with a list of five possible locations where participants can find a pink medallion. The clues can be found at www.blakemedicalcenter.com.

The first person to find a medallion will be entered into a grand-prize drawing for a "staycation" on Anna Maria Island that includes a room at the Harrington House Bed and Breakfast and dinner at the Beach Bistro, both in Holmes Beach.

Other participants will receive second-chance tickets for dinner at Mattison's Riverside Grill and a show at Manatee Players Riverfront Theater.

Participating businesses on Anna Maria Island include Harrington House, Beach Bistro, Sand Dollar, 5302 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach.



The Beat Goes On class takes place Tuesdays at the Anna Maria Island Community Center, 407 Magnolia Ave., Anna Maria. Islander Photo: Courtesy the Center

Fall classes beginning at Center

The Anna Maria Island Community Center is drumming up new course offerings for adults this fall.

The schedule of classes at the Center, 407 Magnolia Ave., Anna Maria, includes:

- The Beat Goes On, an Island version of Drums Alive, with fitness trainer Sherry Fideler leading the workout on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

- Adult ballet, with instructor Mo Dye leading the sessions on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

- Mo's Mixed Movement Class, with Dye leading a workout that fuses exercise and dance to a rock soundtrack on Fridays at 9 a.m.

- Bare Bones Ballet, with Dye helping class members build core strength and improve flexibility on Fridays at 10:15 a.m.

- Watercolor painting, with artist Sue Lynn Cotton on Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

For more information about courses, call the Center adult programs manager Sandee Pruett at 941-778-1908, ext. 9204.

Groups host monofilament cleanup Oct. 17

The Monofilament Cleanup Day sponsored by Sarasota Bay Watch, Audubon of Florida and Save Our Seabirds will take place Saturday, Oct. 17.

"Cleanups mobilize people who love and use the bay the most to help us clear important nesting habitat of dangerous fishing line," said Ann Hodgson, Audubon's Gulf coast ecosystem science coordinator. "This event is a great way for folks to do right by Sarasota Bay, and save a lot of birds in the process."

Monofilament fishing line is a significant mortality factor in bird colonies, according to a news release.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission biologists have identified monofilament fishing line as the number one killer of adult brown pelicans.

Estimates of the total annual impact are very imprecise, but many birds die annually in Florida from this unnecessary cause, according to Audubon.

"The birds face increasing pressures from habitat loss, storm damage, and predation; removing monofilament is an easy way to help their chance of survival," said Audubon of Florida field biologist Mark Rachal.

A wide variety of birds are affected by fishing line, including those that nest in trees — pelicans, cormorants, anhingas, herons and egrets, ibis, spoonbills, etc. — and others that nest on the ground — gulls, terns, skimmers, and oystercatchers.

Sarasota Bay and the Gulf coast are home to some of the most important bird nesting colonies in the state of Florida.

The cleanup is from 8 a.m. to noon.

Volunteers will meet at Save our Seabirds Sanctuary, 1708 Ken Thompson Parkway, Sarasota, near Mote Marine on City Island.

To register for the event, call Colleen Adler at 941-955-5333.

Garden club to meet

The Anna Maria Garden Club will meet for a program on growing orchids at noon Wednesday, Oct. 21, at Roser Memorial Community Church, 512 Pine Ave., Anna Maria.

For more information, call Barbara Callaghan at 941-778-2809.



On the faculty

Joyce Karp, right, executive director of the Anna Maria Island League, with members of the league's faculty — Jean Murray, left, Marie Garafano, Nancy McClure Law, Alexandra Lillis and James Corwin Johnson. The league, 5312 Holmes Blvd., Holmes Beach, opened its annual faculty exhibit Oct. 9 with a reception. The exhibit also features Gloria Bocchetti, Sandra French, Cheryl Jorgensen, Doug Land, Pam McMillen and Charles O'Neil, and continues until Nov. 8. Islander Photo: Lisa Neff

October cause

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, when organizations, volunteers, companies, civic leaders and medical professionals join in a campaign to honor survivors, remember those who have died, promote awareness of the disease and raise money to find cures.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women in the United States, aside from skin cancer. According to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 192,370 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed among women in the United States next year.

An estimated 40,170 women are expected to die from the disease this year. Breast cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer death in women after lung cancer.

Today, there are about 2.5 million breast cancer survivors living in the United States.

Breast cancer is a malignant tumor that grows in one or both of the breasts. Breast cancer usually develops in the ducts or lobules, also known as the milk-producing areas of the breast.

Botanical park to hold sale

The Palma Sola Botanical Park will hold its annual plant and antiques sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17.

The event will feature vendors selling plants, gardening items, antiques, crafts, as well as food and drink.

The park is adjacent to the Robinson Preserve at 9800 17th Ave. NW, Bradenton.

For more information, call 941-761-2866, or e-mail palmasolabp@aol.com.

Garden club to meet

The Island Garden Club of Anna Maria will hold a monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 6608 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach.

The event will include a social hour, as well as a potluck dinner.

For more information, call Marguerite Carrick at 941-778-0256.

Democrats to discuss offshore oil

The Anna Maria Island Democratic Club will meet for lunch at the BeachHouse Restaurant, 200 Gulf Drive, Bradenton Beach, at noon Monday, Oct. 19.

The scheduled speaker is Glenn Compton of ManaSota-88 and his topic is offshore oil drilling.

For more information, call Harry Kamberis at 941-779-0564.

Island real estate transactions

629 Emerald Lane, Holmes Beach, a 2,474 sfla / 3,477 sflr 4bed/2bath/2car canalfront pool home built in 1969 on a 100x115 lot was sold 09/24/09, Barto to Scott for \$600,000.

120 Oak Ave., Anna Maria, a 1,173 sfla / 1,579 sflr 2bed/ 1bath home with pool built in 1971 on a 50x110 lot was sold 09/25/09, Mattick to Marques for \$515,000; list \$565,000.

2319 Ave. C, Unit 200, Laguna Veneto, Bradenton Beach, a 1,620 sfla / 1,968 sflr 3bed/2bath condo built in 2007 was sold 09/21/09, Superior Bank to Lopez for \$415,000; list \$424,000.

218 82nd St., Holmes Beach, a 1,802 sfla / 1,954 sflr 3bed/2bath home built in 1955 on a 90x90 lot was sold 09/25/09, Hicks to Lightfoot for \$330,000; list \$399,000.

308 58th St., Holmes Beach, a 1,984 sfla / 2,374 sflr 4bed/3bath duplex with pool built in 1960 on a 90x100 lot was sold 09/24/09, Ellis to Kaleta for \$265,000.

2502 Gulf Drive N., Unit 211, Club Bamboo, a 609 sfla 1bed/1bath condo with shared pool built in 1975 was sold 09/24/09, DNG Investments LLC to Aqua Props LLC for \$135,000; list \$169,000.

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Holmes Beach jail inmate rearrested for disturbance

By Mike Quinn
Special to *The Islander*

The Manatee County Sheriff's Office has added charges to James H. Royals, 55, of Holmes Beach, who was already being held in the Manatee County jail on charges of violation of probation and driving without a license.



Royals

Royals' previous charges included three counts of possession of a controlled substance, aggravated assault with a firearm and using a firearm while under the influence of alcohol, stemming from a January arrest at the Anchor Inn, Holmes Beach.

According to the newest arrest, which occurred at the jail, at about 3 a.m. Oct. 7, a deputy was conducting an inmate count in the jail when she heard a man yelling.

On investigation, the deputy saw inmate Royals bent over, holding his stomach.

As she went up the stairs to the second floor, the deputy asked Royals if he was yelling. Royals replied, "Come over here and I will show you." The deputy opened the cell door and Royals came out of the door and pushed the deputy with both of his hands on her upper body.

The deputy was knocked backwards into the railing and then attempted to gain control of Royals by grabbing his left arm, but Royals broke free and pushed past the deputy.

He then ran downstairs while the deputy called for assistance. The deputy followed Royals downstairs and Royals ran toward the deputy as if he was going to hit her, so she pushed Royals and he fell back on the wall. The deputy told Royals to stop, saying he did not want to do this.

According to the report, Royals replied, "Yes, I do."

The deputy continued to attempt to restrain Royals until assistance arrived.

He was arrested and charged with battery on a law enforcement officer. He remains in the Manatee County jail without bail bond.

Royals was on probation for the January charges and his driver's license had been revoked for two years. He was stopped by officers while driving Oct. 2 and was re-arrested.

Mike Quinn is publisher of NewsManatee.com, a news partner of The Islander.

Two arrested in Bradenton Beach vehicle burglary

By Mike Quinn
Special to *The Islander*

Bradenton Beach Police arrested Derek D. Lauterbach, 27, and Clarissa L. Sportelli, 18, both of Holmes Beach, on vehicle burglary charges.

According to Bradenton Beach Police, Lauterbach and Sportelli were seen looking into vacant vehicles in the Moose Lodge parking lot at Bridge Street and Gulf Drive, at about 7 p.m. Oct. 6.

The suspects allegedly located a silver Chevrolet Avalanche pickup truck with a North Carolina license plate that had its driver-side front window down slightly. Lauterbach was observed picking up Sportelli and holding her, allowing her to reach through the open window and unlock the driver-side door, according to a police report.

Once inside the vehicle, she removed a radar detector and a cell phone from the front cab of the truck. The pair then walked away and got back in a red Jeep Cherokee.

A witness who observed the action, copied the license number of the Jeep and called police. BBPD Officer Roy Joslin investigated the incident and, on questioning, the pair admitted the theft.

Lauterbach and Sportelli were arrested on charges of burglary to a conveyance.

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Island Players open season with Simon comedy

By Lisa Neff
Islander Reporter

Theater-goers can consider a ticket to “London Suite” a sweet deal: Four plays for the price of one.

Opening night for “London Suite” and the Island Players 61st season was Oct. 8.

Director Gareth Gibbs, presenting his fourth play at the theater, 10009 Gulf Drive, Anna Maria, welcomed the first-night audience.

“Switch off your phones, enjoy and laugh,” he suggested.

Then, in a series of one-act plays, actors Peter Ruscoe, Mark Woodland, Barbara Fleming, Chelsey Panisch, Michelle Kienzle, Robin Rhodes, Judy Glynn, Miriam Elkin Ring and Vinnie Conte entertained with convincing accents, physical pranks, emotional tugs, zippy one-liners and big jokes.

Like Simon’s “Plaza Suite” and “California Suite,” “London Suite” consists of four plays. The playlets take place in rooms 402 and 404 of a London hotel — “an old but very fashionable hotel in London, much like the Connaught Hotel,” reads the script.

To create the space for the Island Players to act out their roles, the production team fashioned a suite of old charm and ambiance, but obviously rooms remodeled many times over.

The production staff includes light designer Brad Pattison, sound designer Bob Grant, costume designer Pat Russell and stage manager Bobbie Berger. Gibbs, in addition to directing, served as set designer.

Each should share the audience accolades that came at the end of the evening for the creative split-room staging, the audio intros to each act, the collec-



Chelsey Panisch and Barbara Fleming act in “London Suite” at the Island Players theater, 10009 Gulf Drive, Anna Maria. *Islander Photo: Lisa Neff*

tion of props (who picked up the Harrods shopping bags?), and the appropriate costumes (where does one find an old-time bellboy costume to fit a fully grown man?).

And each of the actors should share the applause that came at the end of the evening, as well as the back-row standing ovation, for taking us on a ride — a funny, melancholy, sentimental, bittersweet, goofy ride.

With the first opening of the curtain, theater-goers see an angry man with a gun and a frightened man looking at the barrel of the gun. Ruscoe and Woodland are on stage, playing the parts of gun-wielding Brian, a Welsh writer in a slump, and Billy, a financial manager who embezzled Brian’s money — about \$2

million — with the hope of escaping to Argentina. Will the accounts be appropriately settled in “Settling Accounts”?

Woodland is great fun as he attempts one more con on Brian by playing at lovable, earnest and remorseful, but never really sincere.

“Going Home” is the second playlet, performed by Panisch as daughter Lauren and Fleming as mother Sheryl. It is the story of a widow and her daughter on their last night in London, and the daughter’s deep desire that her mother not spend her days alone. That wish leads to Mom making a date with a “very tweedy and very suede-y” rich Scot to a David Mamet play.

Panisch and Fleming are generous players, and “Going Home” delights with touching moments and one-liners such as shoe-buying Mom’s quip, “Maybe if there was a gym where I could lift shoes, I would go.”

“Diana and Sidney,” the third playlet, features PLEASE SEE PLAYERS, NEXT PAGE

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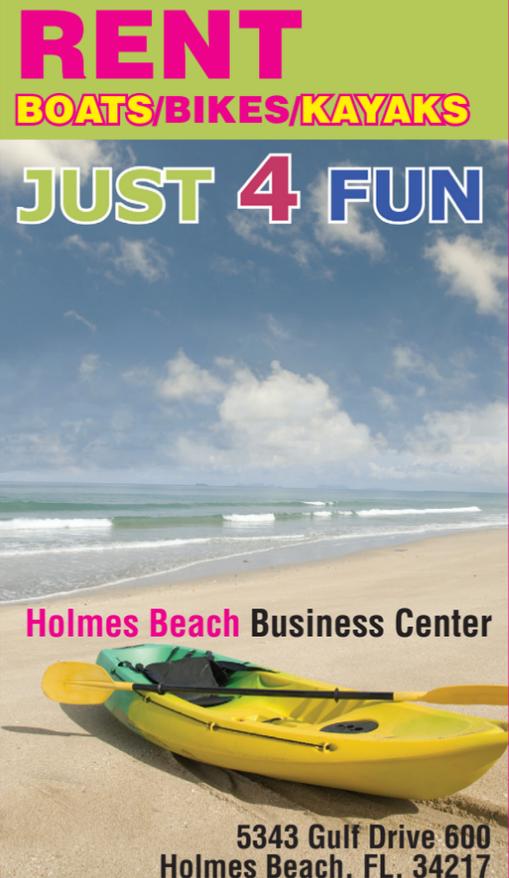
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Island police reports

Anna Maria City

Oct. 6, 100 Beach St., drugs. Deputies stopped a vehicle with a cracked taillight and noted occupants were not wearing safety belts. Deputies noted what

Players open with Simon comedy

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Rhodes as Oscar-nominated English actress Diana, Ruscoe as her bisexual ex-husband and Kienzle as her devoted assistant Grace Chapman. Sidney, in this spot, is visiting his ex for the first time in years to "make a deal."

Simon fans familiar with "California Suite" will recognize Diana and Sidney, portrayed in the film by Dame Maggie Smith and Sir Michael Caine.

These characters seem dear to Simon, receiving the play's best lines, greatest tenderness and most sincerity. These characters also seem dear to Rhodes, Ruscoe and Kienzle, whose performances are as skilled as Simon's writing.

The last playlet, "The Man on the Floor," is a farce featuring Glynn as wife Annie, Woodland as husband Mark, Ring as a hotel house manager, Conte as magical Dr. McMerlin and Ruscoe, in his third role of the evening, the aging bellboy.

The piece involves a search for lost Wimbledon tickets, a hotel mix-up with the rooms that has an off-stage Kevin Costner waiting in the lobby for his suite, and some back problems that bring the play to an end on a slapstick note.

If you leave the theater chuckling and shaking your head, thank Glynn, Woodland, Ruscoe, Conte and Ring.

"London Suite" continues through Oct. 18, with performances Tuesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. The theater is dark on Monday.

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.

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appeared to be a bag of marijuana hanging out of an occupant's pants. Subsequent tests revealed it was cannabis, and the subject had Vicodin pills without a prescription. The driver received a notice-to-appear violation, and the passenger was arrested. No further information was provided.

Bradenton Beach

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

Oct. 2, 300 block Second Street North, warrant. Officers received notice of an outstanding warrant on a woman at the address. She was arrested.

Oct. 4, 101 Gulf Drive N., One Stop Shell Shop, theft. The clerk was suspected of taking items from the store. A search of her revealed drugs. No further information was provided.

Oct. 5, 400 block 21st Street Place, burglary. No further information was provided.

Oct. 6, 100 block Third Street South, burglary, fraudulent use of credit card. No further information was provided.

Holmes Beach

Oct. 2, 5400 Marina Drive, burglary. The complainant said someone took electronics, valued at \$350, from his vehicle.

Oct. 3, 5608 Gulf Drive, Sun Plaza West, burglary. The complainant said someone took electronics, valued at \$200, from his vehicle. He was unsure if the car was locked or unlocked.

Oct. 3, 8300 Marina Drive, DWI. Lelani M. Bright, 19, of Tampa, was involved in a traffic crash. She was observed to have slurred speech and appeared confused. She was cited for careless driving for the crash and failed field sobriety tests, was then taken to the police department where Breathalyzer tests indicated she was intoxicated. She was arrested.

Oct. 5, 2900 block Avenue F, burglary. The complainant said someone took sunglasses and electronics from his unlocked vehicle. Total value of stolen items was estimated at \$560.

Oct. 6, 100 block 50th Street, burglary. The complainant said someone broke the rear passenger-side window of his truck and took a friend's purse containing miscellaneous items and identification.

Obituaries

Mary Emilie Madeira

Memorial services for Mary Emilie Madeira will take place at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 22 in the chapel at Westminster Towers, 1533 Fourth Ave. W., Bradenton.

Mrs. Madeira was a volunteer with the Anna Maria Island Historical Society.

She is survived by sister Carolyne Norwood of Anna Maria; and brothers J. F. Probst of St. Petersburg, Luther Middleton of Hendersonville, N.C., and Edward Middleton of New Freedom, Pa.

Ankie Watt

Ankie Watt, 91, of Ashland, Va., and formerly of Bradenton, died Sept. 15.

She is survived by son John W. II and his wife Florence Watt; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Private inurnment will be held at Roser Memorial Community Church, Anna Maria. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Griffith-Cline Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Evelyn A. Weber

Evelyn A. Weber, 89, of Holmes Beach, formerly of Owensboro, Ky., died Oct. 6.



Evelyn A. Weber

Services were Oct. 9 at Crosspointe Fellowship, Anna Maria Island. Bradenton Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

She is survived by husband John "Jack"; son Glenn Gore of Clyde, N.C.; stepdaughters Beth Woodwell of Jensen Beach and Lynn of Stuart; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

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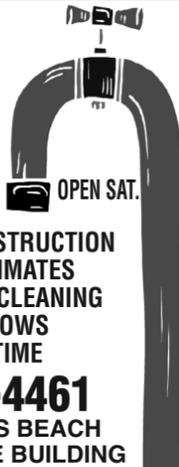
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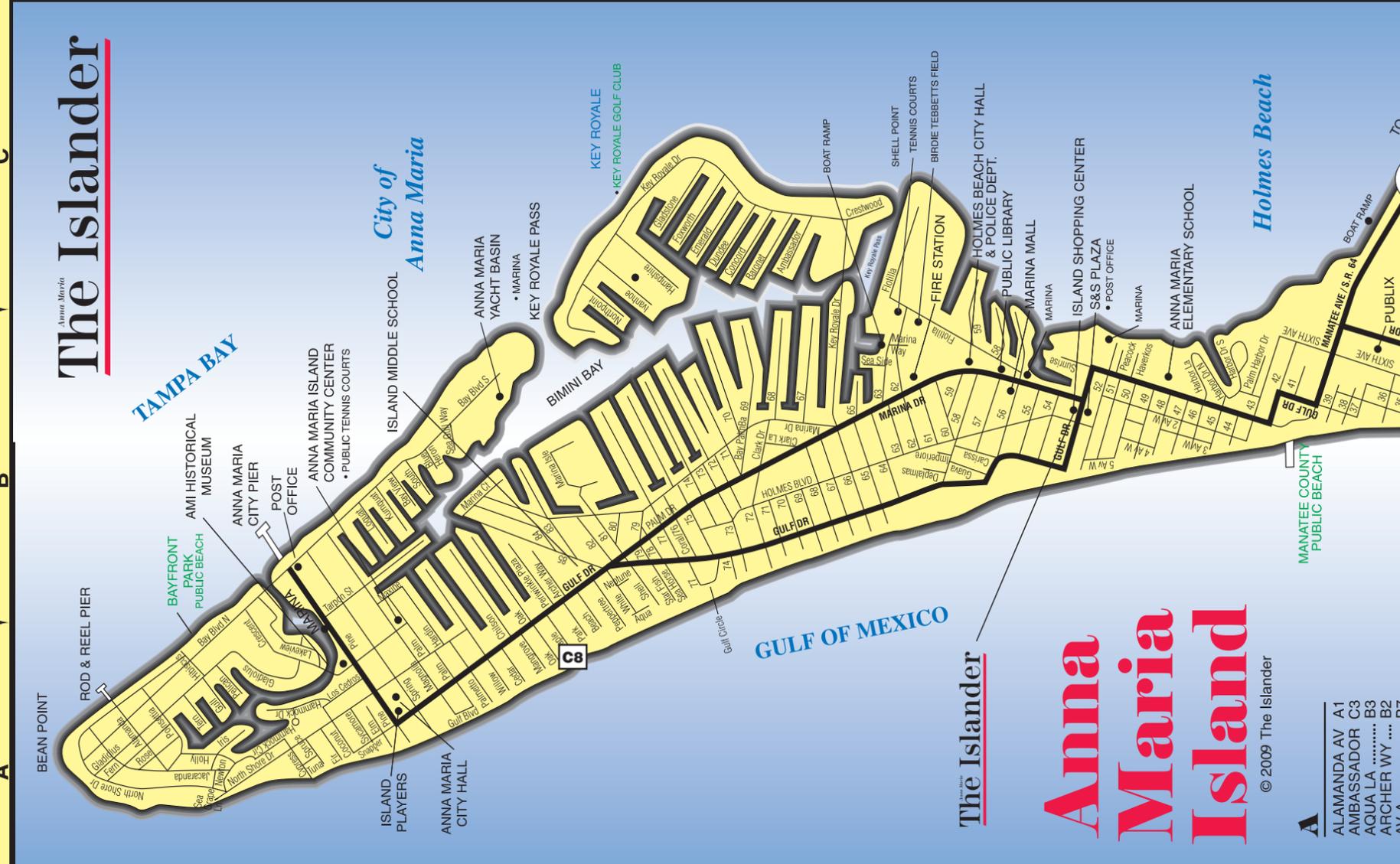
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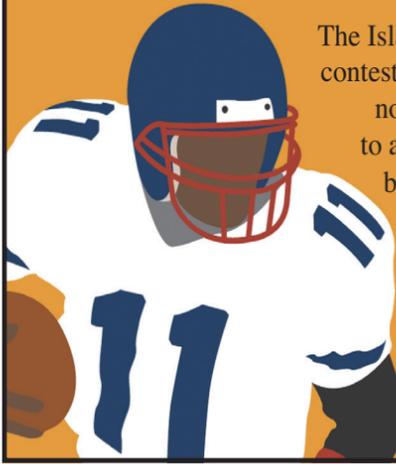
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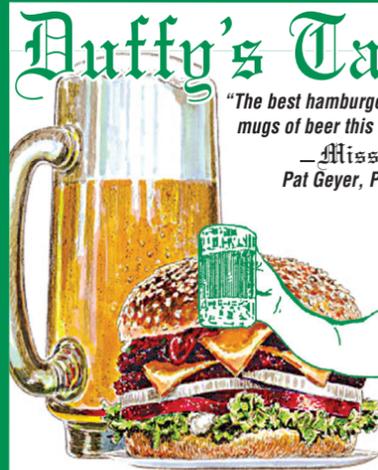



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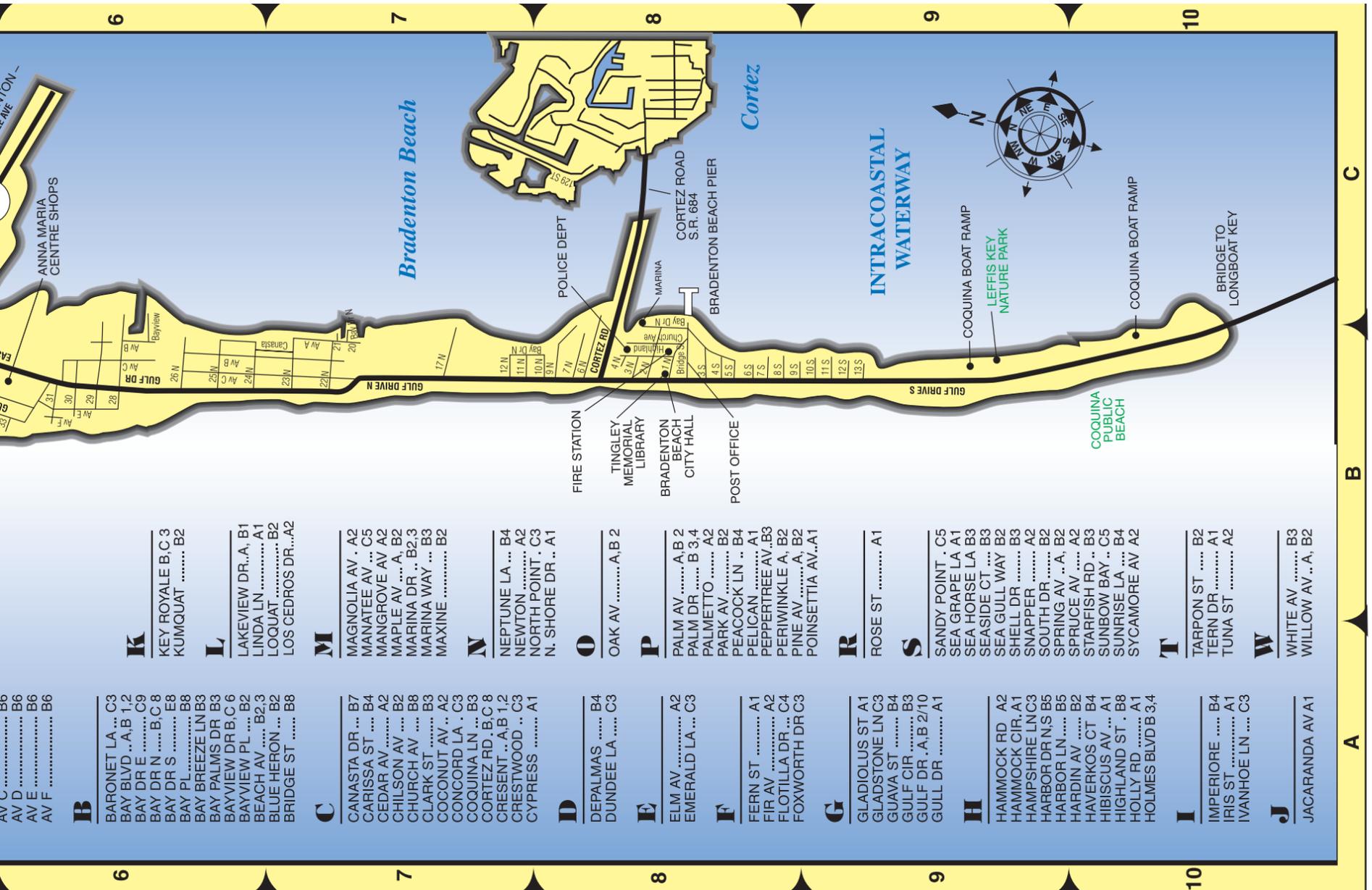
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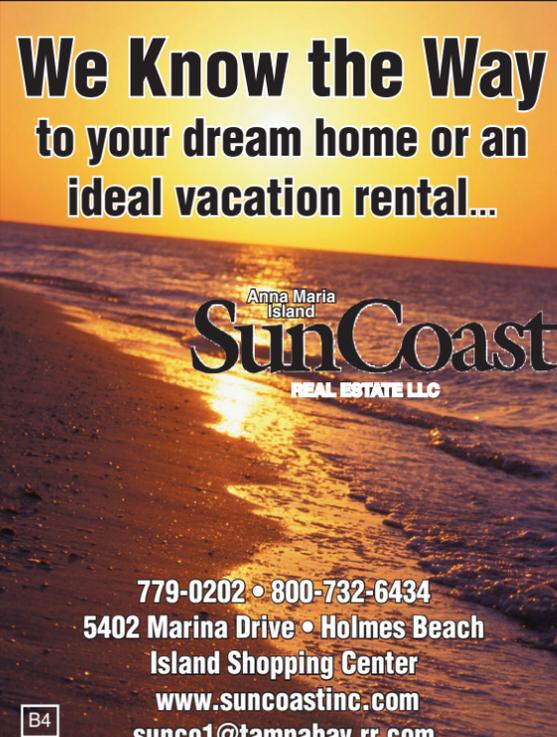


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Firefighters to teach Island students safety

By Kimberly Kuizon
Islander Reporter

Students at Anna Maria Elementary School will learn fire safety from those who know it best.

West Manatee Fire Rescue District firefighters will visit AME this week to teach students the importance of fire safety.

“We do fire drills here at AME, but the lessons

from fire safety week are what kids learn and take home to their parents,” said AME principal Tom Levengood.

Students will learn to make a fire evacuation plan with their family, as well as the stop, drop and roll technique and what to do if a fire happens.

“Our goal is to have kids think and to bring the message of fire safety home to the adults,” said fire marshal Kurt Lathrop.

Firefighters will visit with each AME class and will teach fire safety by involving students in demonstrations.

“ONE of the big intrigues for students is the firefighter’s uniform, mask, oxygen tank and the fire truck. Students often wonder and ask what they need

to do when a fire truck is passing them or comes to their house,” Levengood said.

The week will include many activities for students. Some will learn new information, while others will refresh fire safety skills.

“After Fire Safety Week, it’s the simple things the kids don’t realize that help remind their parents. For example, kids help remind their parents to pull over for a passing fire truck,” Levengood said.

While students are having fun, the best thought that comes to Lathrop’s mind is “knowing that in the time I have done this for 24 years, we have never had a child killed or burned by a fire.”

For more information on Fire Safety Week, call the AME administrative office at 941-708-5525.

AME MENU

Monday, Oct. 19

Breakfast: Pancake on a Stick, Super Donut, Cereal, Toast.

Lunch: Turkey Gravy, Mini Corn Dogs, Mashed Potatoes, Pacific Veggie Blend, Peaches.

Tuesday, Oct. 20

Breakfast: Chicken Patty Biscuit, Bagel, Cereal, Toast.

Lunch: Maxx Sticks with Marinara, Yogurt/Cheese and Muffin Plate, Steamed Broccoli, Mandarin Oranges, and Pineapple.

Wednesday, Oct. 21

Breakfast: Choice of “Jump Start” selection, Super Donut, Cereal, Toast.

Lunch: Chicken Tenders, Hashbrown Sticks, Applesauce, Clodhoppers, Assorted Sandwiches, and Salads.

Thursday, Oct. 22

Breakfast: French Toast Sticks, Yogurt, Cereal, Toast.

Lunch: Student Planned Lunch.

Friday, Oct. 23

Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Grits, Cereal, Toast.

Lunch: Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Shrimp Poppers, Corn, Fresh Fruit Cup.

Juice and milk are served with every meal.

AME school calendar

- 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 sponsored by Mr. Bones BBQ Restaurant, followed by third-grade performance.



AME cleans up

Gifted students from Anna Maria Elementary School join teacher Gary Wooten to clean up the school campus as part of the annual Coastal Cleanup. First-grader Thomas Mott and fifth-grader Ben Connors take a look at trash they collected Oct. 7. *Islander Photo: Kimberly Kuizon*



AME welcomes new teacher

Kindergarten students at Anna Maria Elementary School welcome their new kindergarten teacher, Laura Redeker. She joins AME after nine years of teaching at Ballard Elementary. An additional teacher was needed this year for kindergarteners due to high enrollment numbers. *Islander Photo: Kimberly Kuizon*

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ISLANDER CALENDAR

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.

Thursday, Oct. 15

10:15 a.m. — Friends of the Island Branch Library book discussion at the Island Branch Library, 5701 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach. Information: 941-778-6341.

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Brown bag networking lunch at the Longboat Key-Lido Key-St. Armand Key Chamber of Commerce, 5570 Gulf of Mexico Drive, Longboat Key. Information: 941-383-2466.

6 p.m. — Island Garden Club of Anna Maria potluck dinner at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 6608 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach. Information: 941-778-0256.

Friday, Oct. 16

9 a.m. — Senior Adventures group meets at DeSoto National Memorial, 8300 DeSoto Memorial Hwy., Bradenton. Information: 941-962-8835.

5 to 10 p.m. — Bayfest on Pine Avenue, Anna Maria. Information: 941-778-1541.

6:30 to 9 p.m. — Skate night at the Anna Maria Island Community Center, 407 Magnolia Ave., Anna Maria. Information: 941-778-1908. Fee applies.

Saturday, Oct. 17

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Plant and antique sale at Palma Sola Botanical Park, 9800 17th Ave. N.W., Bradenton. Information: 941-761-2866.

10 a.m. to 10 p.m. — Bayfest on Pine Avenue, Anna Maria. Information: 941-778-1541.

Monday, Oct. 19

5:30 p.m. — Popcorn and Politics with *The Islander*, meet and greet the candidates and straw poll voting at the newspaper office, 5404 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach. Information: 941-778-7978.

Tuesday, Oct. 20

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.

Wednesday, Oct. 21

Noon — Anna Maria Garden Club meeting featuring a video on growing orchids at Roser Memorial Community Church, 512 Pine Ave., Anna Maria. Information: 941-778-2809.

Ongoing:

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

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• 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

Thursday, Oct. 15

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

Saturday, Oct. 17

6 to 10 p.m. — Viva Las Vegas masquerade party featuring Elvis and a costume contest at the South Florida Museum, 201 10th St. W., Bradenton. Information: 941-746-4131. Fee applies.

Tuesday, Oct. 20

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

Wednesday, Oct. 21

3:30 p.m. — Spooktacular children's Halloween program at the Palmetto Branch Library, 923 Sixth St. W., Palmetto. Information: 941-722-3333.

7 to 9 p.m. — "Have Humans 'Beaten' Evolution" discussion at South Florida Museum, 201 10th St. W., Bradenton. Information: 941-746-4131.

Coming Up:

• Oct. 22, "Eat, Drink + Be Merry Film Series" presents "All in This Tea" at the South Florida Museum.

• Oct. 23, "Hannah Montana" movie at Anna Maria Island Community Center.

• Oct. 23, Goblin Gathering at G.T. Bray Park.

• Oct. 24, Oktoberfest at Church of the Annunciation.

• Oct. 27, "Rebel Without a Cause" 1950s Film series presentation at South Florida Museum.

• Oct. 28, Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce business card exchange.

• Oct. 28, "Neurobiology and Spirituality" discussion at the Studio at Gulf and Pine.

Save the date:

• Oct. 30, Oktoberfest at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.



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Saturday activity

Call it Black Saturday. Shoppers await the start of the 2009-10 rummage sale season on Anna Maria Island at St. Bernard Catholic Church activity center in Holmes Beach Oct. 10. The sale began at 9 a.m. Shoppers lined up early to find the best bargains. Islander Photo: Lisa Neff

• Oct. 30, Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce Trail of Treats and kids' costume contest.

• Oct. 30, The Islander Canine Costume Contest roundup.

• Oct. 30, Halloween outing at De Soto National Memorial.

• Oct. 31, Zombiefest at the South Florida Museum.

• Nov. 7, Bridge Street Market.

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Skimboard bash attracts big crowd to BeachHouse

By Kevin Cassidy
Islander Reporter

Once again, the Skimboard Bash, a beachfront contest for skimboarders of all ages at the BeachHouse Restaurant in Bradenton Beach drew a throng of onlookers and 80-plus participants to show their stuff Oct. 4.

The eighth annual event, again sponsored by West Coast Surf Shop, donated some proceeds — more than \$800 — to Mote Marine red tide research in addition to paying out prizes to winners.

Local participants fared well in this year's event with Brandon Mills of Holmes Beach taking home first place in the menhune division. Another Holmes Beach resident, Christian Daniels, grabbed the top spot in the minis division, beating out Bradenton's Trent Shakelford, who took home second place. Rainia Lardas of Holmes Beach grabbed second place in her division, while Joey Mattay, also of Holmes Beach, won second place. Bradenton residents Chris Cover and Brad Hamilton took third and fourth place in the men's division.

Other locals who placed on the board include David Lanzillo and Tom Sanger of Holmes Beach in senior men, Ethan Bertrand of Bradenton, fourth in the menhune, and the Izzy Gomez, former Islander who now lives in Jupiter, took third place in the girls division.

Thanks go to Nick St. John for contributing great action photos from the event. To view more photos from the event and surfing action, visit his Web site at www.chubnelson.com.

MHS-Island girls participate in Volley for the Cure

Island residents Sarah Howard, Jenna Duvall, Mackenzie Kosfeld and Mallory Kosfeld are members of the Manatee High Hurricanes volleyball program that along with Southeast High team members participated in the second annual "Volley for the Cure" volleyball match Sept. 30.

The girls, along with other players, parents, friends and family members all went to work selling



Joey Mattay of Holmes Beach takes some air before a clean landing during one of his runs at the West Coast Surf Shop Skimboard Bash. Islander Photo: Islander Photos: Courtesy Nick St. John/ www.chubnelson.com

pink T-shirts to raise money during Breast Cancer Awareness month. With more than 1,000 shirts sold, the Southeast High gym was a sea of pink and organizers raised almost \$4,000 for the cause.

Howard, Duvall and Mackenzie Kosfeld are first-year members of Manatee High's varsity team, while

Mallory is a member of the freshman team.

Coach Jessica Hinkle said that Howard, Duvall and Kosfeld are all pretty versatile players and have played several positions for the Canes, which is in a rebuilding year after losing seniors Taylor Mealy and Courtney McDonald — both now playing in college.

Howard has played mostly middle hitter for the Canes who are now 5-10 after an Oct. 8 match at Bayshore that the Canes won 3-2. Howard managed two kills and three digs in that match. Kosfeld is listed as a libero or defensive specialist, but she must be getting some time as an outside hitter as she had eight kills, two assists and two digs against Bayshore. Duvall, who also has spent time at the libero position was 3-for-4 serving while also managing an assist and a couple of digs for the Lady Canes in victory.

Congratulations and good work girls!

Two soccer teams chase undefeated seasons

At the halfway mark of the Anna Maria Island Community Center's recreational soccer season, two teams have yet to taste defeat. Sandbar in Division II and Ross Built in Division I are sporting 5-0 records and hold comfortable leads in their respective divisions.

Ross Built is led by Jake and Andrew Ross, who along with Sydney Cornell and Keiran Grumley have several players who can put the ball into the back of the net. Sandbar is similar with Christian Daniels, Hannah McCracken, Jason Partridge and Joe Joe Rodgers all capable of scoring goals.

Their competition needs to step things up quickly or there will be no chance of catching up with them in the standings.

Ross Built stayed undefeated in Division I thanks to a 5-2 victory over Autoway Ford on Oct. 9. Andrew Ross led the way with three goals while Emma Peery and Jake Ross each scored one goal. Michael Latimer and Miles Fischer scored a goal apiece to lead the Autoway Ford effort.

Mr. Bones BBQ got its first win of the season when
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the team edged Wash Family Construction 4-3 behind a pair of goals by Ben Connors. Neil Carper and Angelique Ayoade both added goals in the victory. Jacob Talucci led Wash with three goals in the loss.

Autoway Ford smoked Mr. Bones 4-1 on Oct. 6 behind two goals apiece from Michael Latimer and Miles Fischer. Ben Connors led Mr. Bones with one goal in the loss.

Ross Built opened the week with a 9-1 demolition of Wash Family Construction on Oct. 6 behind five goals from Andrew Ross. Keiran Grumley added a pair of goals for Ross Built, which also received goals from Jake Ross and Lauren Sapienza. Talucci scored the lone goal for Wash.

Sandbar remained undefeated in Division II, but lost its perfect record when West Coast Surf Shop battled to a 2-2 tie on Oct. 9. Christian Daniels scored two goals to lead Sandbar, while Jadelynn Pasco and Aiden Grumley each scored a goal to lead the Surfers.

The second Division II game of the night saw Sparks Steel Art garner its first victory by defeating Panoramic 2-0. Emma Moneuse and Nicole Sewall led the way with one goal each in the victory.

West Coast Surf Shop moved into second place in Division II thanks in part to a 4-1 victory over Sparks Steel Art on Oct. 7. Ethan Bertrand's two goals led the Surf Shop, which also received goals from Aiden Grumley and Sean Quattromani in the victory. Nicole Sewall notched the lone Sparks goal in defeat.

The second Division II game of the night saw Hannah McCracken and Joe Joe Rodgers score goals to lead Sandbar past Panoramic by a 2-1 score. Morgan Burns scored the lone Panoramic goal.

In the Premier Division battle for first place, Harcon Corps. Defeated Mike Norman Realty 7-5 on Oct. 7 behind a hat trick by Trevor Bystrom. Julian Botero and Michael Duffman each added two goals in the victory. Chandler Hardy led with four goals while Morgan Greig added one in the loss.

Harcon stayed atop the Premier Division standings, thanks in part to a hard-fought 3-3 tie against Wash on Oct. 8. Bystrom led Harcon with two goals while Botero added one goal. Danny Krokroskia scored all three Wash goals in the loss.

Wash defeated Mike Norman 5-3 on Oct. 5 behind three goals from Krokroskia and two goals from Garrison Clark. Hunter Parrish, Chandler Hardy and Harrison Franke each notched one goal for Mike



Mallory Kosfeld, Sarah Howard, Jenna Duvall and Mackenzie Kosfeld show off the pink uniforms they wore in the second annual "Volley for the Cure" volleyball match at Southeast High School. Islander Photo: Courtesy Scott Kosfeld

Norman in the loss.

Check sports on *The Islander* Web site, www.islander.org, for AMICC Soccer League standings and weekly game schedules.

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Soup label collection for a cause

The Anna Maria Elementary School-Parent Teacher Organization is asking anyone who uses Campbell's products to collect the labels and turn them in at the school.

The labels are sent to the Campbell Soup Company Labels for Education program and from there, the labels accumulate into points towards purchases for the school.

"The school doesn't get cash, but we use the points for items that aren't allotted in our budget," AME-PTO president Monica Simpson said.

Some of the items that can be purchased from the Campbell's soup store for the school include dry erase boards, art supplies and musical instruments.

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Like tourist season, stone crab season opens this week

Many years ago I wrote that the start of stone crab season Oct. 15 should be a holiday.

Check that: Give it a few more days after the opening, maybe until Friday. There should, we hope, be more claws.

Stone crab claws are a luxury/necessity in South-west Florida for seafood fiends. The season runs from Oct. 15 through May 15. Fall and winter are best times for the colossal.

“Colossal,” by the way, is the biggest of the big of the claws from the biggest of the big of crabs. It’s also the costliest: sometimes running up to \$32 a pound, which reaps the customer about two. Sometimes less than two. Smaller grades have smaller prices, of course.

Stone crabs are big yellowish-brownish-black-spotted critters that haunt the bottom and, naturally, like to hide around rocks in the Gulf of Mexico during the summer as they grow. As winter comes and the cold fronts move down from the northwest, crabs start to prowl closer to shore and into the bays.

Only the claws are taken from the critters. Crab fishers love the claws because of the financial harvest they reap. Fish mongers love the claws because of the profit they reap. Seafood aficionados love the claws because of the taste.

But unusual in the green world is the fact that environmentalists love stone crabs too because they are a truly sustainable industry. Only claws are taken, and the crab is let loose to grow another pair for another season.

Crabs are mostly caught in traps baited with a variety of unsavory-to-human but delectable-to-stone crab stuff. Some fisher use cans of cat food with holes spiked in them. Some like stinky fish. Some like ... well, maybe a secret recipe. Crabbers use whatever it takes to attract crabs into the traps.

Traps are pulled every few days, moved as needed, usually in long lines marked by buoys. There is an intricate numbering system on the buoys and an equally myriad set of regulations governing just who can dump what number of traps, and lo the sorry recreational fishing who “just wants to have a claw or two” from a commercial trap.

In a word: Stupid. Don’t do that.

The jury is out just what kind of season we’ll have for crab claws in 2009-10. Traps are out already, but it’s tough to know how good the season will be, what the cost will be, how available the claws will be or where they’ll be available.

Moore’s Stone Crab Restaurant on north Longboat Key, of course, will be a featured venue for claws. They’ve got their own boats, their own traps and a huge clientele for claws.

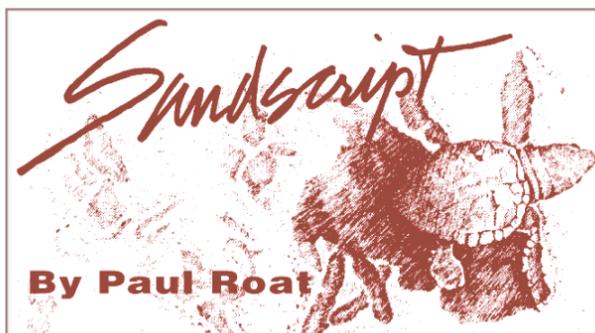
Most other restaurants that feature seafood will feature crab claws. Enjoy.

Most Cortezians agree that it takes a hard cold front to move crabs offshore toward the beaches or into the bays. We had something of a cold front a couple weeks ago. Puny. Probably not enough to cause any real movement of crabs. Maybe. Welcome to the world of fishing.

There is also the matter of timing.

Some Cortezians argue that every third year is a good year for stone crabs. We’ve had so-so years for a while. Predictions are we’ll have a warmer, wetter winter this year, with January being the coldest month of all.

You know how those forecasters are — the only job where you can be half wrong and still go to work the next day.



In the day ...

To paraphrase Ben Green’s great book, “Finestkind,” “Paul ... gut up, get out of bed, time to go crabbing ... you gonna sleep all day?” That is how it has to start. That is how is always started — rough.”

Dad and this Little Roat weren’t commercial fishers. Heck, back in the day few commercial guys and gals were bothering with stone crabs, too busy with mullet and pompano and the big-ticket fishery items the Gulf and bays would yield.

But when the nor’westerners started to howl for a day or two, and the furnace had to be lit in our house in Bradenton Beach and the fireplace got fired up, we all knew for sure that stone crabs would be moving.

We knew there would be brutally low tides where all the seagrass flats would be exposed. Stone crabs lurked in them thar flats, we knew.

Jeez, it was cold at the barely post-dark back then, as Dad and I would hunker down in the little boat and putter toward Longboat Pass.

Did I mention that Dad and the Little Roat always used to challenge each other on just who would pull on the waders first?

We’d loaded up our tools. Long sticks we’d screwed hooks into back when that was legal, then longer metal rods with a 90-degree bend in them when regulations changed. And we had a couple buckets in the hope of having good luck.

We were hunting for stone crabs with sticks. And prepared to bring home game.

First stop was always along the Bradenton Beach side of the pass, along the rock jetties. Sometimes we were lucky and could snag a few crabs that were blown into the pass by the strong winds and tides in the days before.

We’d make another pass along the south side of the pass on Longboat Key. Australian pines always

seemed to fall into the water there, and sometimes we’d get lucky and get a few more claws.

Then off to our honey hole: north Jewfish Key.

Just inside Longboat Pass at the north end of the little island was a wide expanse of turtle grass. Them thar flats.

The trick was to walk along the seagrass beds and look for a mound of muck. Take stick. Poke stick into area around the mound. Find hole. Stick stick into hole and wiggle until there was a “click,” and you knew you had a crab that was after you.

Gently, gently pull. Crab comes out, pissed. Grab crab — Dad and the Little Roat also eschewed nets — and snap off a claw, put it in bucket, drop crab, run away as it chased you, then go find another muck mound.

Rules were different back in the day for the taking of stone crab claws. I think.

We never took claws from female crabs.

We only took one claw, the “fighter,” or right claw, leaving the “feeder” claw in place.

Dunno if those were real regs or just what Dad said.

Today, both claws from both sexes may be taken except for “egg-bearing crabs.”

Limits of quantity then were limitless. Today, don’t expect to take your sticks out and get more than 2 gallons of claws per vessel or 1 gallon per person. Size of claws is still the same though: no less than 2 ¾ inches per claw.

We’d usually end up with a half-bucket-plus of claws. Shivering, off we’d go home.

Sandscript factoid

The best way to eat stone crab claws is with friends.

We’d get back. Mom would have a big pot of water boiling, claws would go in, come out, go into the refrigerator, and phone calls would start.

Later that day we’d spread out newspaper on the dining room table — *The Islander*, of course, because it really is more than just a mullet wrapper — and folks would come over for dinner.

Most people used nutcrackers to get into the claws. As a Little Roat — Hey! I was a kid! — I liked a hammer. My crab meat was a bit mushier than some, but boy was it ever fun.

And cleanup was easy. We just wrapped up the bits and pieces in the newspaper and thunked it all in the trash.



Perico Island resident Ralph Bassett, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps, visits the World War II memorial in Washington, D.C. The memorial was completed in 2004 honoring the 16 million who served the United States in uniform and 400,000 who gave their lives. Bassett will be a featured speaker at The Islander Veteran’s Day ceremony on Nov. 10 at Holmes Beach City Hall.

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Why is it so hot? Will fall arrive here soon?

By Paul Roat

It it's supposed to be fall, so why is it so hot outside?

Mid-October is supposed to bring cooler temperatures in the air and water. That hasn't been the case of late, and fish seem as confused as humans about what's happening.

Kingfish are being caught offshore in the Gulf of Mexico. Not in any sort of "run" as yet, but some stragglers or scouts are being boated. Snapper are a good bet offshore as well, plus gag and red grouper.

Snook have apparently moved off the beaches and into the bays and canals, although there still are some hookups off the piers in the passes.

Redfish, trout and snapper are still a good bet in the bays as well.

And don't forget the sluggish flounder, a tasty treat that is a wonderful catch right now offshore and in the backwaters. It's not a pretty fish, doesn't fight a lot, but sure is wonderful on the table. We're looking at a crab stuffing for ours tonight.

Speaking of crabs, don't forget that stone crab season begins Oct. 15. Check your local market for fresh crabs for the table at home, or check for local restaurants where they do the work for you.

Capt. Mark Johnston out of **Annie's Bait & Tackle** in Cortez said he's catching kingfish offshore, mackerel and snapper, all off the artificial reefs in the Gulf.

Capt. Sam Kimball, also out of **Annie's**, said he's catching snapper, gag and red grouper plus kingfish in his Gulf charters. He's also bringing back some blackfin tuna from his offshore ventures.

Capt. Mark Howard of **SumoTime Charters** said the fall fishing pattern is hot right now. He's found the redfish bite in the bays to be great, adding he got into a two-hour feeding frenzy of reds last week. He's found snook moving into the mangroves. Mangrove snapper is good in the bays as well, with best action on the seagrass flats. Capt. Mark also is putting his charters onto speckled trout on the flats, with fish running up to 20 inches.

At the **Rod & Reel Pier** in Anna Maria, Tom Cassetty reports pier fishers are finding that shrimp and shiners are the best bait for a slew of fish: redfish, mostly oversized but with a few keepers mixed in; snapper; flounder; black drum; and some small snook, a few of them keepers, added to the mix. Mackerel, permit and pompano are elusive of late, Tom said, but things should pick up as the weather cools.

Capt. Zach Zacharias on the **Dee Jay II** out of **Parrot Cove Marina** in Cortez waxed eloquent last week in his comments, saying "the spate of cool fall weather was a cruel tease. The weather is back to mid-summer levels but with no cooling rain. Water temperatures started to moderate but now have jumped right back up to the mid-80s again." He predicts the kingfish run will indeed happen, but be later than usual "and hopefully longer." It's all about the weather, Capt. Zach said, with hot water and hot air stalling the usual fall



Real big red

Mark Plemmons, of Naples, caught this big redfish while fishing with Capt. Mark Howard of Sumotime charters.



Board of fish

Denny and Gina Duvall of Anna Maria took a day away from volleyball duties at Manatee High School to go fishing with Capt. Mark Howard and caught some nice-size reds and trout.

catch. "One big upside is there is tons of bait around," he said. He's put his charters onto a lot of trout, Spanish mackerel, ladyfish, mangrove snapper, flounder and a stray pompano, all caught on artificials.

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.

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Date	AM HIGH	PM HIGH	AM LOW	PM LOW
Oct 14	9:35 2.4	10:34 2.0	3:14 1.2	4:07 0.5
Oct 15	10:45 2.3	10:50 2.2	4:15 0.8	4:41 0.8
Oct 16	11:46 2.2	11:08 2.4	5:06 0.5	5:08 1.0
Oct 17	12:41 2.1	11:27 2.6	5:52 0.2	5:31 1.2
Oct 18	1:33 2.0	11:50 2.7	6:34 0.0	5:50 1.4
Oct 19	2:23 1.8	— —	7:15 -0.1	6:07 1.5
Oct 20	12:16 2.8	3:15 1.7	7:56 -0.1	6:22 1.5
Oct 21	12:45 2.8	4:16 1.6	8:40 0.0	6:36 1.5

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Harry's wine tastings return

Harry's Continental Kitchens' wine tasting events will return to the popular Longboat Key restaurant at 5 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 15.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Longboat Key, Lido Key, St. Armands Key Chamber of Commerce.

The event includes appetizers by chef-owner **Harry Christensen** and a large wine selection for guests to sample. The price to attend the event is \$10.

In addition to the wine tasting, all wines purchased at Harry's Deli on Thursday are reduced by 20 percent.

Harry's is at 525 St. Judes Drive, Longboat Key.

For more information, call 941-383-0777, send an e-mail to info@harryskitchen.com, or go online to www.harryskitchen.com.

Hunsader Farms October festival

Hunsader Farms at 5100 County Road 675, Myakka City, is hosting its annual fall festival from Oct. 16

through Oct. 18, and again on Oct. 24 and Oct. 25.

A variety of games, entertainment and activities for young and old will be featured in the festival, including magician Paul Esterline performing Oct. 16-18.

Also included in the festivities is a dog show, performance by stunt BMX bicycle riders, the Walker Bros. Circus, a costume contest for youngsters, a frog-jumping contest, remote-control airplanes and the pumpkin cannon.

On Oct. 25, Hunsader will host a trick-or-treat event for all children in costume.

For more information on Hunsader Farms and the activities, call 941-322-2168.

Driver to the stars

Jim Sebastiano of Holmes Beach has operated Island Limousine service quietly on Anna Maria Island for nearly 20 years, and his family has been in the limousine business more than 45 years.

During that time, Jim has driven a number of famous and not-so-famous people around Anna Maria Island, Palm Beach and Sarasota.

In fact, his family, which has operated a limousine service in Palm Beach for nearly 45 years, operates the official limo service for Donald Trump's company, Mira Largo.

Has he ever driven "The Donald" anywhere?

Maybe. Jim's not about to give up any secrets, but he used his limo at Trump's Palm Beach mansion during



Jim Sebastiano of Island Limousine with his limousine and other vehicles used to chauffeur the famous and not-so-famous around the Island, Bradenton and Sarasota. *Islander Photo: Rick Catlin*

"The Donald's" most recent wedding and might have met Katie Couric and John Travolta, maybe.

Jim does, however, admit to knowing where Cameron Diaz spends her time in Anna Maria when a relative. Diaz's father is originally from Tampa.

Jim might even know other celebrities, such as Lee Greenwood, who has several properties in Holmes Beach, and Reba McEntire, who visited here several years ago on a July 4 weekend.

Then, there's "a" famous baseball player, the highest-paid player in the game today, who Jim drove around Bradenton a few years ago. Take "a" guess, said Jim, and make it "a" good one.

And Jim might have even driven

actor Jon Voight — father of actress Angelina Jolie — when he attended the Sarasota Film Festival.

"It's a possibility," said Jim with a smile.

"Actually, we do a lot of work in Sarasota during the film festival. I've had quite a number of actors and actresses use Island Limousine," Jim said.

No names, please, but Island Limo is directly affiliated with a Hollywood limousine service and receives calls from that company to drive many movie-related people, including actors and actresses, when they are in the Bradenton-Sarasota area.

While you might not meet a star when you use an Island limousine, you can at least sit in the same seat where a celebrity once enjoyed the ride.

But Island Limo is not limited to just the famous or nearly famous, or just the stretch limousine. The company has a number of other vehicles somewhat smaller than a limo that will still carry people in comfort and style.

Island Limousine is available for private parties, prom nights, weddings, business conferences, and anyone who needs a nice limousine to get around the area in style.

"We're here for everybody," Jim said. "We love the Island. We live here and spend our money on the Island, go to Island restaurants and shop on the Island. It's only natural we'd call ourselves the 'Island' Limousine Service."

To reach Jim and Island Limo, call 941-779-0043.

CHECK OUT OUR FALL HAPPENINGS

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and *The Islander* will be fundraising and promoting awareness by publishing special pink pages of advertising.



Short acknowledgements, up to 15 words (similar to classified ads) will each publish with a pink "awareness" ribbon and cost will be \$15. Display advertisers are welcome to join us in acknowledging awareness, encouraging survivors of cancer and memorializing loved ones lost.

Ten percent of all ad sales will go to Nancy Ambrose's American Cancer Society Relay for Life team.

Yee Haw! Round up the pooches for *The Islander* newspaper Canine Costume Contest. 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.

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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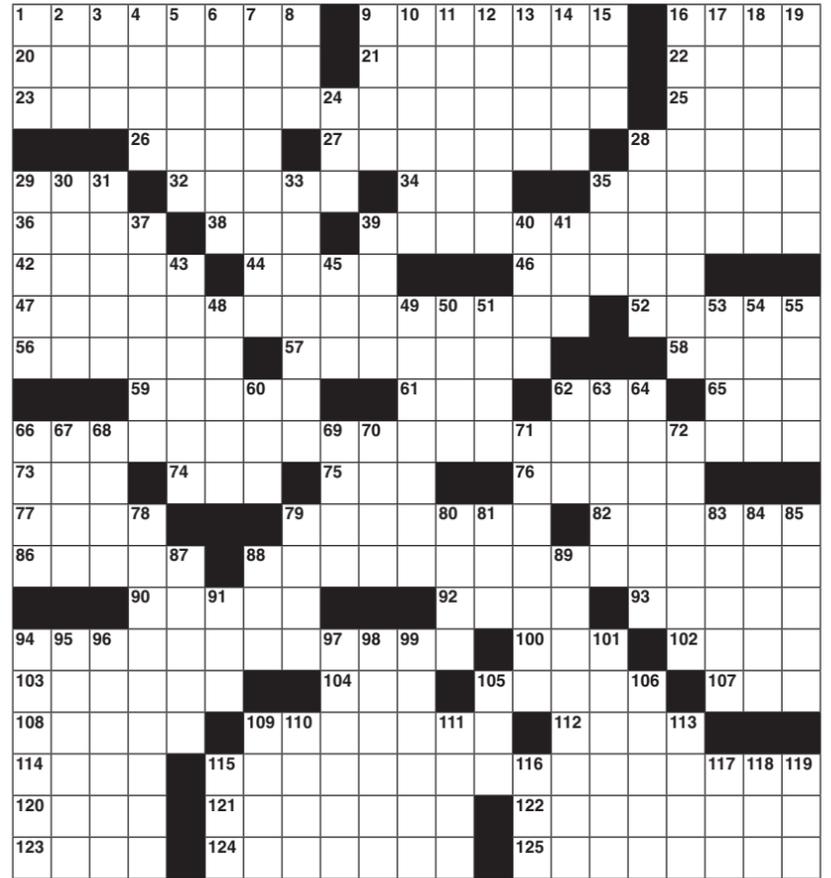
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| Across | 44 Chinese dynasty of 1,000 years ago | 104 "___ note to follow ..." | 16 Looney Tunes lothario |
| 1 Political comedian with the 1973 album "Sing a Song of Watergate" | 46 Obstruct | 105 Asian film genre | 17 Like much of the Danube's territory |
| 9 Breakfast dishware | 47 Desire to be more like an actress of Greek descent? | 107 Foxlike | 18 First name at Wimbledon |
| 16 Whispered message lead-in | 52 Shrubby expanse | 108 Safari weapon | 19 Dish setting for watching satellite programs? |
| 20 Agreements | 56 Godzilla contemporary that was a giant flying turtle | 109 Oyster bed diver | 24 Brainstorming cry |
| 21 Major-league manager who won World Series in both leagues | 57 One rewarded for good behavior, perhaps | 112 R&B singer Hendryx | 28 "Ob-vi-ous-ly!" |
| 22 Stat. for 1-Down | 58 Like gymnasts' bodies | 114 Noirish | 29 Copying |
| 23 Article written by an early American patriot? | 59 Saturate | 115 Rodent named for a 20th-century novelist? | 30 Mobile phone giant |
| 25 Line formed at a barbershop? | 61 Company that makes Styrofoam | 120 Name beside a harp on euro coins | 31 Latish wake-up time |
| 26 Ticked (off) | 62 Dance club V.I.P.'s | 121 Getting ready for a hand | 33 Animal that leaves when it's cared for? |
| 27 Active military conflicts | 65 Silent signal | 122 Car air freshener shape | 35 "Singin' in the Rain" studio |
| 28 "No way, no how!" | 66 Adorable child of an edgy filmmaker? | 123 Brothers | 37 Get closer |
| 29 Farm worker | 73 Link letters | 124 Less lenient | 39 Clue game board space |
| 32 Record label for Bill Haley and His Comets | 74 "___ to Joy" | 125 Draws | 40 "If only ___ known ..." |
| 34 Enemy in the 1980s arcade game Arabian | 75 Cut (off) | Down | 41 Parliament vote |
| 35 Alfred of "The Da Vinci Code" | 76 So-called art silk | 1 Range: Abbr. | 43 Begin liking |
| 36 Ditty, e.g. | 77 Gulf of ____, modern pirates' realm | 2 3,600 secondi | 45 Like |
| 38 Japanese drama | 79 Become a sailor | 3 "Stand" band | 48 Overly enthusiastic |
| 39 Dental problem for a boxing promoter? | 82 Hidden | 4 Stretched to the limit | 49 Crush, e.g. |
| 42 When repeated, gleeful student's cry | 86 "D'Artagnan Romances" author | 5 The Black Stallion, e.g. | 50 Southern Conference school |
| | 88 Tent used by a Latin musician? | 6 Actress Quinn | 51 Salamandridae family member |
| | 90 Theme | 7 Cause of congestion | 53 "___ Got No" ("Hair" song) |
| | 92 Literary pen name | 8 Deadhead's supply | 54 Empath on "Star Trek: T.N.G." |
| | 93 Attack tactic | 9 Red-haired PBS star | 55 London's ___ Park |
| | 94 Television award given to a Surrealist? | 10 Intestinal opening? | 60 A, in Armentières |
| | | 11 Slowly started pleasing | 62 Forensic ID |
| | | 12 John of "High Fidelity" | 63 Bloomsday honoree |
| | | 13 "Back in the ___" | 64 Skedaddles |
| | | 14 Smokey Bear spots, for short | |
| | | 15 Express | |

Answers found on page 24.



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| 66 Campus space | 81 Electric ___ | 95 Household helper | 110 Single-named artist |
| 67 Asian tongue | 83 Modern pentathlon equipment | 96 Nissan S.U.V. | 111 Bldg. planner |
| 68 Something on a table: Abbr. | 84 Imperial | 97 Someone offering a lift? | 113 ___ Senatus (old Roman records) |
| 69 Heaps | 85 Wee | 98 Boxing champ Hagler | 115 ___ in kangaroo |
| 70 ___-Rooter | 87 More likely to snap | 99 Court great Karl | 116 "Go Green!" newsletter org. |
| 71 Member of a modern theocracy | 88 "America" contraction | 101 Check line | 117 Bow |
| 72 Debut | 89 Turning the other cheek | 105 Prince Valiant's son | 118 Nov. parade figure |
| 78 III, IV and V, maybe | 91 Blast producer | 106 Write in | 119 Intercom response |
| 79 Shower need | 94 "The Ecstatic" rapper | 109 Kick | |
| 80 Chop ___ | | | |

ISLANDER CRAZY, CREEPY, CRAWLY CRITTER PARTY AND COSTUME CONTEST

The Islander invites you to celebrate Halloween and a howling good time Oct. 30!

The Islander newspaper will host a critter corral in front of the newspaper office from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30. Prizes will be offered for pets in the scariest, most original and silliest costumes, as well as pet-owner look-alikes. Contestants will gather in a corral outside the office, 5404 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach, with registration beginning at 5 p.m. and judging scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

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.

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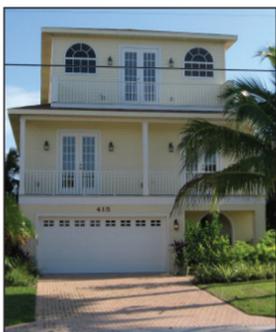


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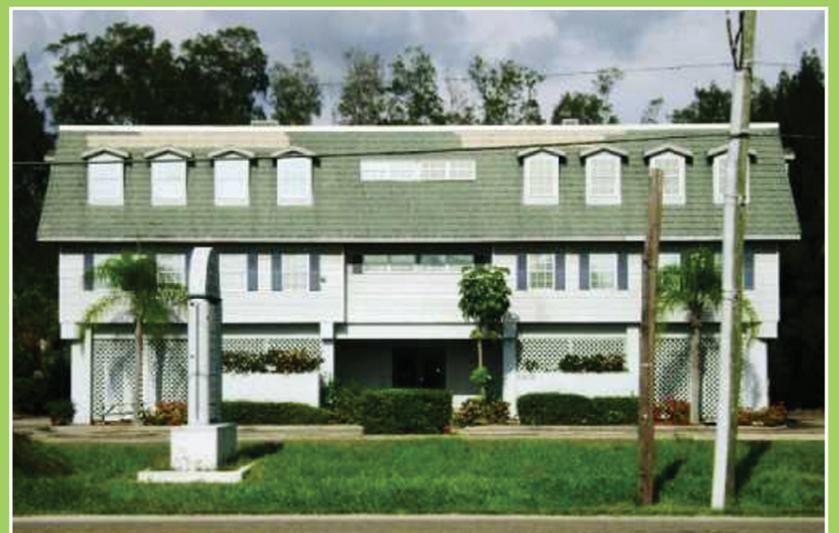
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