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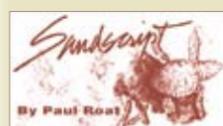


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Army Corps mum on McClash request

By Rick Catlin
Islander Reporter

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has made no decision on a request by Manatee County Commissioner Joe McClash to hold a public hearing on Longboat Key's application to construct erosion control measures near Beer Can Island southwest of the Longboat Pass Bridge.

McClash sent a letter Oct. 1 to the Corps asking for a public hearing on Longboat Key's application, noting that federal law

states that anyone can request a public hearing.

In response, the Corps e-mailed McClash that his request was "under consideration."

Corps spokesperson Mark Peterson said there is no response at this time to McClash and another request from ManaSota-88 for a public hearing. He said it will take about 30 days before the Corps will issue a decision.

Peterson said the Corps has to "study all the comments," including those from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the other govern-

ment and private agencies that have provided comments, along with those from the public.

Following McClash's letter, county commissioners distanced themselves and Commission Chairperson Gwen Brown issued a statement that McClash was acting as a private citizen, even though he wrote the Corps on county stationery.

Not so, said McClash. He said he is still a county commissioner.

"I'm doing my job as a county commis-
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Bayfest fans

The Houser family — Gavin, 3, Jocelynn, 2, Oscar and Chiara, 4 — of Bradenton listens to the music at the Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce's Bayfest Oct. 17. Pictured at right, Abby Cubus and aunt Karen Corbran share an exchange in the children's playland with Toby Circus Ballantine. More on Bayfest, see page 5. Islander Photos: Lisa Neff



Insurer seeks to dismiss death declaration case

By Lisa Neff
Islander Reporter

The insurance company that issued the policy on Sabine Musil-Buehler's life is seeking to dismiss a motion by her husband to declare her dead.

If Tom Buehler is correct in his complaint filed in Manatee County Circuit Court, Musil-Buehler died — of unknown cause — nearly a year ago.

In a case filed at the courthouse in Bradenton, Buehler is seeking to have a judge find that his estranged wife, officially missing since Nov. 6, 2008, died on or near that date.

Bradenton attorney William Meeks filed the complaint seeking declaratory relief under Florida statutes. State law provides for the issuance of a death certificate for "a person who is absent from the place of his or her last known domicile for a continuous period of five years and whose absence is not satisfactorily explained after diligent search and inquiry is presumed to be dead."

The law also states that "evidence showing that the absent person was exposed to a specific peril of death may be a sufficient

basis for the court determining at any time after such exposure that he or she died less than five years after the date on which his or her absence commenced."

Buehler's complaint states, "On Nov. 6, 2008, Sabine Musil-Buehler was exposed to a specific peril of death in that the evidence would show that on that date she was abducted and killed."

The complaint continues, "Sabine Musil-Buehler has not been seen or heard from since Nov. 6, 2008, and has had no contact with the petitioner, family or friends and all reasonable inferences would be that she is deceased."

The defendant in the case is Musil-Buehler's insurer, Great American Life Insurance Co.

On Oct. 13, Great American Life Insurance Co. attorneys filed a motion to dismiss the complaint from Buehler, who is the beneficiary of Musil-Buehler's life insurance policy.

"Florida law is clear. Where an insured has disappeared or is otherwise missing, a cause of action against a carrier, based on a life insurance policy, does not accrue until the
PLEASE SEE BUEHLER, NEXT PAGE

Boat shot in high seas pursuit at Bean Point

By Paul Roat

A boat theft early Sunday resulted in two people eluding law enforcement officers and the shooting of an outboard engine to halt the chase.

According to U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer Scott Logan, two people stole a 30-foot Grady-White boat from Bimini Bay around 1:30 a.m. Oct. 18.

Officials with the Coast Guard, U.S. Customs, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Manatee County Sheriff's Office and Longboat Key Police pursued the thieves in what Logan called a "10-minute high-speed pursuit" out of Bimini Bay into the Southwest Channel between Bean Point and Passage Key.

At some point the boaters jumped off in what was estimated at 4- to 6-foot seas while pushing the boat up to full throttle at a speed estimated at 35 mph.

Law enforcement officers shot the engine with a .12-gauge shotgun. Which agency did the actual shooting was unclear at *Islander* presstime.

A search for the two suspects continued Sunday, including use of the Coast Guard helicopter and by boat, although there was evidence onshore that indicated they may have made it ashore. They were not located.

Tall grass breeds lien, bank problem

By Nick Walter
Islander Reporter

Sue King, representative of U.S. National Bank, stood in front of Holmes Beach city commissioners Oct. 14 requesting a release of a lien on a Holmes Beach property.

The property at 506 74th St. had a lien placed by the city of \$22,750.

“You are asking us to eat it,” commissioner David Zaccagnino told King.

“This is not a lien that we are willing to forgive,” added commissioner John Monetti.

King said the bank took a loss of about \$500,000

Buehler dismissal sought

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expiration of the five-year period,” the motion to dismiss states.

Buehler reported his estranged wife missing Nov. 6, 2008, after the Manatee County Sheriff’s Office notified him that deputies had recovered her car following a chase in Bradenton.

The man driving the vehicle, Robert Corona, has pleaded guilty to grand theft auto, but has been unable to provide information about the whereabouts of Musil-Buehler.

Authorities said the car contained her blood and some of her possessions.

The last person known to have seen Musil-Buehler is her boyfriend, William Cumber, who said they fought on Nov. 4, 2008, and she left the apartment they were sharing in Anna Maria in her car.

Cumber has since been sentenced to 13.5 years in prison on an unrelated charge. Authorities have identified him as a person of interest in Musil-Buehler’s disappearance and the Nov. 16 arson fire at Haley’s Motel in Holmes Beach.

on its loan from the time the bank acquired the property until it was contracted for a sale of \$417,000.

The property is just one of many previously owned by Robert Byrne, whose real estate business and developments are bankrupt and defunct.

“This gentleman,” King said of Byrne, “didn’t take care of his properties.”

A Holmes Beach code enforcement order from October 2007 stated that the property was a nuisance because of the “height of turf or grass, weed and underbrush.” The board began imposing fines of \$250 a day from the date of the violation.

“Everybody is given 10 days to Sunday to remedy this problem,” commission chair Sandy Haas-Martens said during last week’s meeting.

In the end, the commission denied a release of the lien.

Code enforcement officer Nancy Hall said overgrown weeds posed a threat to public safety, leading to breeding grounds for mosquitoes, attracting vermin, and negatively impact the neighborhood aesthetics. In addition, out-of-control weeds are a fire hazard.

In other business, the commission:

- City planning consultant Bill Brisson reported on the city’s draft flood-plain management plan. “We’re happy with the work,” Brisson said. A resolution will take place at the next city commission meeting Oct. 27, followed by an ordinance at a later date.

- Mayor Rich Bohnenberger praised the police department’s arrest of two people for alleged burglaries. Holmes Beach residents Mark Krauss, 19, and an unnamed juvenile, 17, were recently arrested for a rash of burglaries ranging from burglary to a vehicle to petty theft, or both.

Krauss faces five counts of burglary, and the juvenile faces two counts. The burglaries took place

in the 3800 block of East Bay Drive and from 65th Street to 74th Street. One of the petty thefts was for \$1 in change taken from a vehicle.

Introducing Walter

Nick Walter has joined *The Islander* newspaper as Holmes Beach city beat and features writer.

He’s been a resident of Manatee County for three years and, during that span, covered outdoors, local sports, and various area events for the *Bradenton Herald*.

Originally from Colorado, Walter has adjusted to a polar-opposite of climate, and considers Manatee County his second home.

Walter is an avid sportsman, and considers Manatee County a paradise not only for the year-’round weather that allows for outdoors sports, but a paradise for those who cherish the rich history that makes this part of Florida’s west coast unique in the world.

He feels blessed to be in an area where political leaders, for the most part, aim to protect and conserve the splendid natural resources.

One of the first places Walter visited upon moving to Florida was the Rod & Reel Pier. He instantly fell in love with Anna Maria Island when the dock master told him, “Kick back. You’re on Island time.” So it’s no surprise that he is excited to cover the happenings in and around the tight-knit community of Anna Maria Island.



Walter

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City policy prohibits pushy panhandling

By Lisa Neff
Islander Reporter

An ordinance intended to stop aggressive soliciting in Bradenton Beach is moving forward.

The city commission unanimously approved a first reading of the measure Oct. 15 and set a public hearing and final reading for Nov. 5.

Police Chief Sam Speciale requested consideration of an ordinance several weeks ago.

Manatee County officials also requested consideration of an ordinance, modeled on the county's two-year-old ordinance, to assist with removing insistent panhandlers from Coquina Beach.

County public safety director Bill Hutchison had written Speciale after hearing concerns from the county marine rescue division.

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

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

City attorney Ricinda Perry introduced the city ordinance last week. She said she modeled the measure on the county's ordinance, but included provisions to guarantee its application to the city's waterways, docks and Historic Bridge Street Pier.

The proposed ordinance states, "Employing threats, intimidation, or harassment while soliciting for charitable, commercial or personal gains may create an unsafe situation that would directly conflict with the city's interest in providing and promoting a safe environment."

"Solicitation" is defined in the measure as

"attempts, whether verbal or through other means of communication, to obtain contributions or to sell any good, property, or service for any purpose, including panhandling."

The ordinance, if enacted, would prohibit someone in a public place from engaging in "aggressive solicitation," which would include expressing an implied threat against a person or property, continuing to solicit after being told "no" or trying to block a person's passage to solicit money.

The ordinance also would regulate solicitation on roads, public beaches and at water accesses:

- "It shall be unlawful for any person to solicit from an occupant of a vehicle while said person is upon or within 15 feet of the edge of a public road."

- "It shall be unlawful for any person to solicit ... while said person is upon or within 15 feet of the edge of a public beach or public water access."

The maximum penalty under the ordinance would be a \$500 fine and 60 days in jail.

The ordinance allows for exceptions with city permission.

In other business Oct. 15, the commission:

- Approved payment of a \$5,585 invoice from M.T. Causley for building department services.

- Approved payment of a \$7,402 invoice from city attorney Ricinda Perry.

- Approved a request from the West Coast Inland Navigation District to stockpile dredge material within city limits.

- Adopted policy regarding communications and public records for elected officials.

- Approved plans for a shoreline restoration project at Herb Dolan Park, and agreed to have planning and zoning board members comment on the plan.

Meetings

Anna Maria City

- Oct. 22, 7 p.m., city commission meeting.
- Oct. 26, 5 p.m., code enforcement organizational meeting.
- Oct. 27, 5:30 p.m., federal stimulus program meeting.

Anna Maria City Hall, 10005 Gulf Drive, 941-708-6130, www.cityofannamaria.com.

Bradenton Beach

- 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. 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

- Nov. 19, 6 p.m., district commission meeting.
WMFR Station No. 1, 6001 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach, 941-741-3900.

Of Interest

- 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.

- Approved a special event request for the Beach-House Restaurant's New Year's Eve celebration, which includes a party at the restaurant, 200 Gulf Drive N., and a public fireworks show at midnight on the beach.

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Bradenton Beach goes back to budget

Bradenton Beach will hold another hearing on its 2009-10 budget despite having passed the spending plan and setting the millage rate in September.

The meeting will take place at city hall, 107 Gulf Drive N., at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 26.

“Due to a misunderstanding on my part as far as advertisements and a technicality on the order of resolutions, it is going to be necessary to re-advertise the budget and have another hearing to read the resolutions,” city clerk Nora Idso informed Mayor Michael Pierce and city commissioners in a memo Oct. 12.

There were multiple resolutions approved Sept. 23, when the commission set the millage rate at 2.1539 mils and adopted a 2,795,096 budget for the new fiscal year, which began Oct. 1.

Idso said there was a problem with the numbering of the resolutions, which, if not corrected, could interfere with the city’s receipt of state revenue sharing dollars.

McClash objection stalls project

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“It’s what I was elected to do and I’m not concerned with how other commissioners feel about this project.”

McClash said the use of man-made materials such as “geotextile fabric and armor stone” concerns him because he does not know what effect those materials will have on Coquina Beach, which is in Bradenton Beach but operated by Manatee County.

Use of man-made structures in the Longboat Pass waters could impact the quality of the tourism product for both Longboat Key and Coquina Beach, and the entire Island, he indicated.

According to information about the application provided by the Corps, Longboat Key plans to construct four breakwaters beginning just south of the Longboat Pass entrance from the Gulf of Mexico and extending around the pass to Beer Can Island.

Each breakwater would weigh four tons, with geotextile fabric on the bottom and armor stone above the fabric. Each breakwater would be approximately 100 feet long and extend 4 feet above sea level. They are to be placed 210 feet from the shoreline.

There also is a safety and navigational issue for swimmers and boaters, said McClash.

What really bothers the commissioner, however, is that nobody informed Manatee County of the project. He discovered the Longboat Key application while making a routine online inspection of permit applications to the Corps.

“It’s really upsetting that we have nobody at the county looking out for the county interests and the Corps does not have to notify us. It’s up to us to continually monitor Corps applications,” he said.



Geyer honored for service

Andrew Hanson of the Florida League of Cities presents Holmes Beach City Commissioner Pat Geyer with a service award during a commission meeting Oct. 13. Geyer received the award for her more than 25 years of service to the city. Islander Photo: Lisa Neff

McClash noted that the county’s environmental department, which used to track these issues, no longer exists.

He also observed that Longboat Key’s application is “not for beach renourishment. This is a breakwater project” for erosion control, he said. Longboat Key has a second application with the Corps for dredging.

The commissioner did not disagree that Longboat Key has an erosion problem in the area.

“If they had come with sand for the project, I would have no objection, but I don’t have enough information” about the use of man-made materials for erosion control, McClash said.

Hence the request for a public hearing.

“The deadline to make a request was Oct. 7, so I had to move quickly,” he said.

McClash said it’s possible that all his concerns could be satisfied at a hearing, but at this point, “I really don’t see any evidence why sand can’t be put there on a periodic basis.”

In addition to the McClash hearing request, the environmental group ManaSota-88 sent a similar letter to the Corps asking for a public hearing.

“We are very concerned about the impact this project could have to Longboat Pass, Anna Maria Island and Sarasota Bay,” said ManaSota-88 executive director Glenn Compton.

“We need to see exactly what is proposed and look at an environmental impact study, and there are concerns about the effect man-made materials will have on the marine environment,” he said.

McClash also received support from Sandra Ripberger of the Manatee-Sarasota Sierra Club, who said her organization also wants a hearing before any construction of offshore breakwaters.

Bradenton Beach Mayor Michael Pierce, whose city sits just across Longboat Pass from the proposed construction area, said he would also like to know

more about the project.

“I need a little more information about this,” he said, acknowledging that, while Bradenton Beach wants to be a good neighbor with Longboat Key, it also has to be concerned with its own shores.

“I don’t see any reason why not to look into [the project],” Pierce said.

Former Bradenton Beach Mayor Katie Pierola, who was involved obtaining approval and funding for the 1992 beach renourishment on Anna Maria Island, said she is “very alarmed” because Coquina Beach has never had a serious erosion problem until recently. She wants to know what the breakwaters mean for the sands at Coquina Beach.

“I’m concerned how these breakwaters will affect Coquina and I think there should be a public hearing and everything put on the table,” she said.

Pierola found it odd that the Corps has determined there is no need for an environmental impact study of the project.

“This will most definitely affect the dynamics of Longboat Pass. We need to know what’s going to happen,” she said.

Longboat Key responds

Not surprisingly, Longboat Key town officials were not happy with the McClash request, particularly after more than a year of preparing the project.

Longboat Key Vice-Mayor Bob Siekmann said the \$2.4 million project is not using any federal or county money, although there might be some state funding involved.

“It’s all the town’s money and I’m surprised that [McClash] would come at this late date to object. It’s been on our city agenda for more than a year,” he said.

Siekmann noted that both marine engineering companies working for the city on the project have said the geotubes will not damage the Longboat Pass environment.

And one of those companies, Coastal Planning and Engineering of Boca Raton, also is the marine engineer for Manatee County, he said.

Siekmann said that the McClash request will cause the city to “miss the window of opportunity” to complete the project prior to the start of the 2011 turtle-nesting season, which begins around April. The city had hoped to begin the project at the end of the 2010 turtle nesting season, he said.

“It was very surprising to us to hear about the McClash letter. Everything we’ve done has been by the book and out in the open. Why did he wait until the last minute?” Siekmann said.

McClash could have attended any number of Longboat Key commission meetings to become informed about the project, he said.

The vice-mayor said the houses in the affected area were probably constructed too close to the shoreline, but that’s hindsight. Some of the houses were built decades ago, he said. The city has to deal with the problem now and this is the best solution, he said.



This area west of Beer Can Island on the south side of the Longboat Pass Bridge is where Longboat Key plans construction of four breakwaters about 210 feet offshore for erosion control. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has yet to approve the project. On weekends, Beer Can Island is a popular anchor location for small pleasure boats and personal watercraft. Islander Photo: Rick Catlin

Bayfest brings bliss to Anna Maria City

By Lisa Neff
Islander Reporter

Boot-stomping.
Bare-footing.
Toe-tapping.

Bands jammed at Bayfest and the crowds clamored for more the night of Oct. 16 and again all day Oct. 17.

Bayfest, the annual Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce pre-season bash on Pine Avenue in Anna Maria, opened with a kickoff party Oct. 16 and continued with the full festival on Oct. 17. The event, free to the public, earned money toward the chamber's scholarship fund through vendor bookings and the sale of beverages.

Festival-goers found block after block of retailers, artists, craftspeople and nonprofit groups, as well as a Taste of the Island food court where they could sample barbecued pork, fish and chips, burgers, tacos, jambalaya and hot dogs.

Crowds formed at the east end of Pine Avenue in the shade of the Skullywag pirate float to sample and secure the Anna Maria Island Privateers' smoked mullet, which was sold to raise money for the group's scholarship fund



Dylan Joseph, 8, throws a bull's eye at the dunk tank. His words before his wind-up: "Jack, you're going down." Islander Photos: Lisa Neff



Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce president Mary Ann Brockman arrives to the Bayfest food court Oct. 17.

and prizes for kids at AMIP events.

"I've had a taste for this since, oh, last fall," said Bryce Carter of Bradenton, who bought into the two-fer mullet deal. He said neither fish was likely to make it home.

At the concert stage nearby, bands — from acoustic to electric to percussive, from folk to rock to reggae — were in heavy rotation.

Bootleg performed on Oct. 16. Local entertainers on Oct. 17 included Jimi Gee's Fogt's Jr. All Stars Band, Marc Anthony, Rory Miller and Silly Campaign, Firedoor, the Human Condition, The Island Rockers, HWY 41, The Missing Links, Koko Ray and the Soul Providers and the Billy Rice Band.

"I can't believe you can see all these bands for free," said Charlie Rubin as he stretched out on the grass in front of the stage and listened to Silly Campaign's Marcus Ballano and Garrett Pedersen perform an acoustic cover of Queen's "Fat Bottom Girls."

Along Pine Avenue, festival-goers found a variety of products, services and information.

A number of candidates in the Nov. 3 Island elections participated in the festival, as did representatives with an assortment of nonprofit organizations, including volunteers with the arts-based Cultural Connections, the Manatee County Democratic Club, the Anna Maria Island Rotary Club and Underdog Rescue.

"Mom, can we take him home? Can we? Can we? Please, can we?" Jessica Tisdale, 7, pleaded with her mom while petting a rescued puppy.

Mom took a brochure but suggested, "Let's get some kettle corn and think about it."

Outside Roser Memorial Community Church, children worked on arts and crafts, and across the street in the church parking lot, they watched martial arts demonstrations, played mini-golf, tested their throwing arms at a dunk tank and chatted with clowns.

"It's a great place for the kids," said Henry Beck of Longboat Key. "It's just the right size."

Beck, too, enjoyed the Bayfest offerings.

"I'm kind of a gear-head," he said, admitting that he probably lingered longer than his children liked at the festival's classic car show.

The show, anchored on the west end of Pine Avenue, featured Model Ts, Mustangs and Beetles — and many other makes and models.

Conveniently located nearby, the crew at Corky's Hot Dogs fueled the car enthusiasts with Chicago-style offerings — hot dogs, Italian beef sandwiches and commentary on "da Bears."

"This festival is just bliss," said Jan Ruehlmann. "I come out in the morning to browse and everything. Then go home for a while. Then come back for the evening. It's fun, but relaxed and I love it."

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Our Opinion

Baby, it's cold outside

Stock up the firewood, 'cause there's nothing better than a fire in the hearth when the first cold snap comes to Anna Maria Island.

Or maybe you have an outdoor fire pit, or, if all else fails, you can just play a fireplace DVD on your TV.

But it's cold outside, and after five or so months of temps over 90 degrees, who wouldn't welcome the cool weather?

Two weeks ago, with just a little overnight chill, we could observe folks in winterwear, sweaters and shorts, sweats and flip-flops, but this weather really merits a dig into the winter clothing stash.

This chill may not last, but right now the only things heating up this week are politics, some hot popcorn and the news that Longboat Key has stirred up some anxieties over a proposed beach revetment.

Regretfully, we don't routinely keep up with the politics on LBK, since we have plenty on our plate on AMI.

And so it seems it goes for the Manatee County commission, although about half of LBK falls in this county and half in Sarasota County.

And the breakwater project planned for the north key waters clearly falls in Manatee County territory.

It's not your usual beach renourishment plan by any means. And we don't yet know if there's any success or failure to draw on, but we'll have an eye on it.

We think County Commissioner Joe McClash's intervention — a request for a public hearing — is a good thing. After it caught his attention, and that of the political bulldog responsible for launching the 1992 cycle of renourishment — former Bradenton Beach Mayor Katie Pierola — it was clearly on our radar.

Check out Paul Roat's "drift" this week in Sand-script and then tell us what you think, because there's just no inlet or pass on the west coast of Florida that isn't affected on one side by revetment on the other. It's the cause and effect of the littoral drift that moves sand north to south on the shore, and sometimes deposits sand, such as you see shoaling the area inside the pass and creating a navigational hazard at Longboat Pass east of the bridge to Jewfish Key.

What impact will the breakwater construction in the Gulf planned by LBK have on Coquina Beach?

That's the \$64 million question.

Stay tuned.



Slick

By Egan

Your Opinion

Then and now

It does not seem possible, but the town of Longboat Key has applied to construct four breakwaters approximately 210 feet from shore at the north end of Longboat Key. Their hope is that these breakwaters will reverse beach erosion and instead accumulate sand on the beach.

Long ago, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection determined no hard structures should be constructed on or near shorelines. Many studies have been made regarding the use of such structures.

It was ultimately determined this was not the best course of action for the tides and currents of the Gulf of Mexico in our particular area.

For many decades, The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has performed the routine maintenance of dredging Longboat Pass, and alternating the placement of sand on either Coquina Beach or Longboat Key.

Needless to say, this is a blessing for property owners as well as people using these popular beaches.

If Longboat Key gets its way, what will happen to the pass and future sand movement and deposits?

Manatee County Commissioner Joe McClash was correct to question and delay this project until the proper public input and studies can answer these important questions and determine the consequences of such a questionable and controversial breakwater.

I also find it ironic that McClash has been rebuked for writing about his justifiable concerns. He has written many letters about many issues on county stationery, yet suddenly he is criticized and distanced from his co-commissioners as though he has erred.

I do not agree on every issue with McClash, but he has proven to represent the people who voted

him into office, and to not represent special interest groups.

We need our commissioners to represent the people and stand up for our protection.

Katie Pierola, Bradenton, former mayor of Bradenton Beach

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The first annual Anna Maria Island Community Center Golf Outing exceeded expectations and the \$9,911 raised will provide support for at-risk Island children and families who are experiencing the challenges of difficult economic times.

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Restaurateur welcomes returning soldier

By Lisa Neff
Islander Reporter

When Joseph Raatz shipped off to Afghanistan three years ago, he left with a request from a near stranger that he return safe and sound.

Raatz fulfilled the request and recently celebrated his homecoming with the near stranger, Wolfgang Jahn, the owner of the Old Hamburg Schnitzelhaus in Holmes Beach.

Jahn is at the restaurant most nights. "I'm a working stiff," he says.

He encountered Raatz just before the servicemember was leaving for an assignment in Afghanistan, where, since October 2001, the United States has been at war.

"This guy walks in three years ago," Jahn remembers. "He was very depressed. He told me he was shipping out to Afghanistan."

Jahn listened to his customer. "I feel for him," the restaurant owner says, "And I take care of his bill."

And then Jahn gave Raatz a gift — a German beer mug, a family keepsake.

"I said, 'I wish you to bring this back,'" Jahn recalls of the conversation. It was his way of saying, "Come back."

The years passed for Jahn without word from the soldier.

Then, recently, Raatz walked into the Old Hamburg with his wife.

"He didn't forget," Jahn says.

Raatz, now a retired Army major living in Slidel, La., returned with a gift from Afghanistan for Jahn, as well as Jahn's gift to him three years ago — the beer mug.

"We had a great time in the restaurant. And I filled up the mug," Jahn says.



Wolfgang Jahn of the Old Hamburg Schnitzelhaus and retired Army officer Joseph Raatz at the restaurant in Holmes Beach.



In the Oct. 20, 1999, issue of *The Islander*, headlines announced:

- Holmes Beach City Commission Chairman Roger Lutz told commissioners that he wanted to determine if there is any interest among the three Island cities for consolidation into one Island city. Previous efforts dating back to 1960 had been unsuccessful.

- Island residents undertook preparations for Hurricane Irene after forecasters predicted the Category-1 hurricane would strike Anna Maria Island. The storm veered east of the Island just hours before landfall and went ashore near Naples.

- A red tide outbreak around Anna Maria Island had health and marine officials scrambling to determine if the algae would spread to Sarasota Bay. The algae levels were high enough for Manatee County health officials to issue a precaution for people with respiratory problems.

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Blog alleges city planner works for developer

By Rick Catlin
Islander Reporter

A Web blogger on ourannamaria.blogspot has alleged that Anna Maria city planner Alan Garrett works for Pine Avenue Restoration LLC, then bills his time to the city for another payment.

The blogger "Dune Hugger" alleges, "It's no secret that Garrett works for PAR, then bills his time through the city of Anna Maria."

"Dune Hugger" wrote that Garrett "assists a group that wants to deprive us, under the guise of performing his function for the city." Further, the blogger said Garrett has brought a number of ordinance change requests to the city commission and "keeps popping up with these ridiculous notices."

Blogger "NHunt" then wrote that the public needs to know "who has requested the constant changes that he (Garrett) has proposed."

On the same blog, "Sunshine" wrote that "Alan Garrett should only be working for one stakeholder in the city," and alleged further that it's a "conflict of interest" for Garrett to work for the "largest commercial interest in our city," while also working as the city planner.

Former Commissioner Duke Miller, who founded the blog after he left city office, wrote that he had e-mailed Garrett and "asked who is specifically instituting these requests for changes to our ordinances to accommodate PAR and the wedding business."

Miller wrote that if he did not get a response, he would make a public records request. He also alleged that "none of the issues before us today were issues until PAR brought outside investors to our city with

a plan to change things."

The blog site endorses candidates Harry Stoltzfus, Dale Woodland and John Quam for the three city commission seats up for election Nov. 3.

Woodland said he is not part of any coalition running together as a group for the city commission and did "not support at all" the allegations against Garrett.

Likewise, City Commissioner Quam said he was running an independent campaign, but said he could not comment on the allegations against Garrett because he has not read the blog — and he said he has no plans to read it.

Stoltzfus also said he is not running as part of any collective candidacy and he "could not endorse" the allegations against Garrett.

Stoltzfus did say that his "understanding" is that when Garrett meets with a builder or developer, he bills the city for his time and the city then charges the builder/developer/contractor for that service.

Blogger "RWall" entered the blog, saying that Garrett has introduced plans to modify the parking in the retail-office-residential district and the city's planning and zoning board is discussing the issue.

Anna Maria Mayor Fran Barford said that in her more than 30 years of public service she has never been in a community where such anonymous charges were leveled.

"It's absolutely not true and it's regrettable for a high-class, excellent and professional staff to be treated this way. It's inexcusable and vitriolic. I'm very disappointed about the blog," she said.

"I have full confidence in Alan Garrett and every-

one on the city staff. If I didn't, they wouldn't be here."

Garrett said he understood that public employees occasionally become political targets. He's been in government for more than 25 years.

There are "times when we are subject to this type of comment. The allegations are completely fabricated," Garrett said.

It's possible the bloggers do not understand the system in place for the city planner in his duties of advising contractors, builders and applicants for a permit.

"Any time I spend with a contractor or someone who wants advice on plans, the city pays me, then bills the applicant. I work for the city and only the city," he said. That applies to all applicants, not just PAR, Garrett emphasized.

However, Garrett said the Internet blog allows the accuser to remain anonymous, while he has to answer the allegations.

"I am a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and we have an ethics standard to uphold and I value that dearly," he said.

Barford clarified the city's procedure on payment to Garrett for consulting with developers, contractors and builders about projects and construction proposals.

Garrett bills the city for the amount of time he spends with a particular developer or builder. The city pays him at the rate agreed upon by the city commission, then bills the builder/contractor for that charge.

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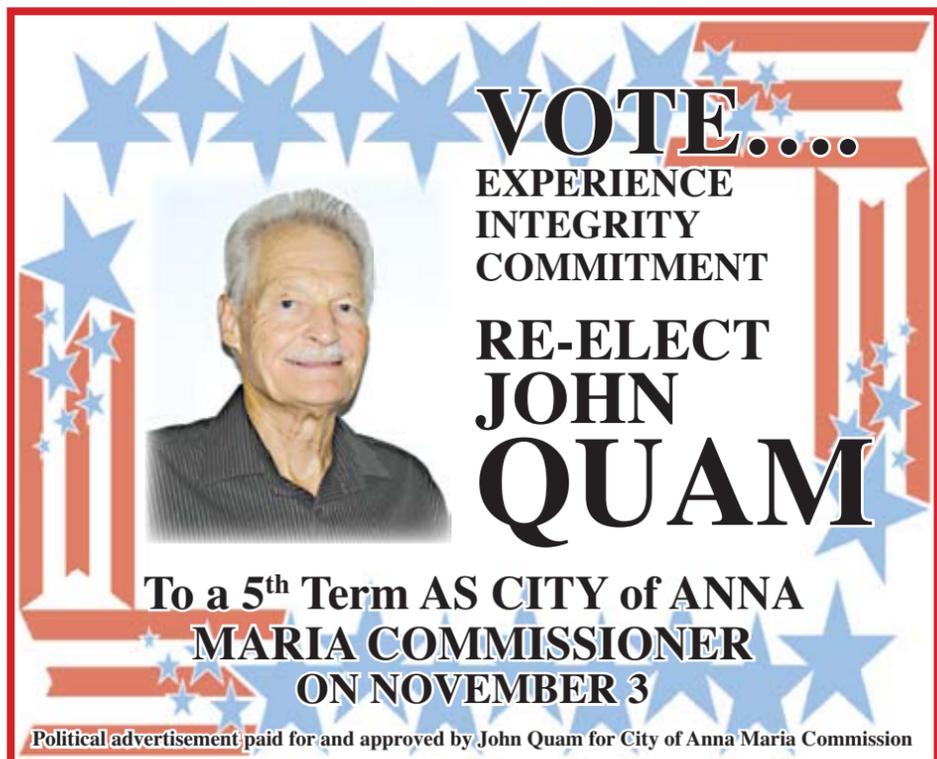


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Fall stone crab season slow to start

By Nick Walter
Islander Reporter

The stone crabs were lazy in the hot water temperatures during the first day of commercial stone crab season Oct. 15, leaving the crabbers with little weight in their traps.

So what is a stone crab restaurant such as Moore's Stone Crab Restaurant & Marina on Longboat Key

Blog dispute in Anna Maria

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The rules for payment are part of the city's site-plan review process that was adopted by the city commission several years ago.

Miller removes comments

Miller said opinions of blog subscribers such as "Dune Hugger" are their own opinions and he does not support them "any more than *The Islander* supports the statements of authors of its letters to the editor.

After reading the comments made about Garrett, however, Miller said he removed them from his blog.

"Frankly, I don't dissect every comment posted. Upon close examination of the controversial comments, I removed them," he said.

Miller confirmed that he supports Quam, Woodland and Stoltzfus for a seat on the city commission.

The former commissioner said he started the blog to "give a voice and forum to those interested in maintaining the character of our city."

Miller served three terms as a commissioner, from 2003 to 2008. He chose not to seek a fourth term and was replaced on the commission by Chuck Webb.

to do?

"Try not to panic," said co-owner Lynda Hicks on Oct. 16. "We're not serving large or jumbo dinners yet."

Hicks said Moore's pulled in a total of 250 pounds of stone crab claws from their traps the first day of season, a trifling amount compared to last year's opening day total of 700 pounds.

Moore's wasn't the only local seafood establishment reeling last week.

James Lee of Cortez Bait & Seafood, a retail store in the village of Cortez next door to the Cortez Kitchen restaurant, said his crabbers "didn't get many."

"Once the crabs get moving around and the water temperature drops, they'll make a move," Lee said. "The object is you get all the traps out as soon as the front is over, get them all cleaned up and baited because they'll crawl after a front."

And stone crabs, odd as it may sound, prefer a

tidy trap.

"It's amazing they like tidy houses," Lee said. "And they live in rocks."

Karen Bell of the A.P. Bell Fish Co. and Star Fish Restaurant reported 350 pounds of stone crab claws on the first day. "Which is a slow start," she said.

Bell said one of her bay crabbers, Bradenton resident Ben Reeder, pulled in 146 pounds of claws from Sarasota Bay.

Bell added that Wayde Campbell, a commercial crabber who helps supply Bell, predicted that the stone crab production will pick up in November.

The low crab claw catch made the prices start out higher. For example, medium claws began at \$16 per pound, instead of the average of \$12.95 or \$13.95.

"We're just telling people, customers, to be patient" when they come to Moore's, Hicks said on Oct. 16. "The first few days will be rough, but eventually we'll have them."



This file photo is of stone crabber Anthony Manali pulling some nice size crabs from his traps two years ago. The claws are removed and the crab is returned to the water to regenerate its claw. Fortunately, the crabs only forage for food and do not need the claws to survive.

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"We definitely need to fix our current flooding problems. Most voters I've spoken with feel things have gotten worse, not better. The mosquitos don't help. I am going to work to fix it.

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Sand pileup OK at Coquina

By Lisa Neff
Islander Reporter

A dredge operation near Jewfish Key will use land at Coquina Beach Bayside for the stockpiling of sand.

The Bradenton Beach City Commission authorized placement of the sand Oct. 15.

Manatee County officials already agreed to the retention of the sand at the bayside site, which has been used for dredge operations in the past.

Bradenton Beach building official Steve Gilbert said the sand would be stored just north of a playground and a fence would go up in advance of the operation.

Earlier this month, the county board of commissioners voted to request that the West Coast Inland

Navigation District move forward with excavating a severely restrictive shoal east and southeast of Jewfish Key.

The Army Corps of Engineers had notified the county that it planned a dredging project in the area next year, but commissioners agreed that a public-safety issue exists now.

About 10,000 cubic yards of sediment would be removed in the operation. The dredge material is expected to be beach-quality sand, but a recipient has not been designated.

Sam Johnston of Independent Environmental Consultants represented WCIND at the Bradenton Beach commission meeting last week.

"This," he said, "is a very high-priority issue, with winter conditions coming on us."

Herb Dolan project earns commission praise

By Lisa Neff
Islander Reporter

A proposed recreational boating project for Herb Dolan Park caught a swift current Oct. 15, passing city commission's preliminary review with much praise.

"I think it was brilliant," Commissioner Janie Robertson said of the effort to create a multi-faceted project to bring improvements to the city park at 25th Street and Avenue A. "The way it fit together."

The project involves a partnership between the city, the Sarasota Bay Estuary Project, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the consulting firm Scheda Ecological Associates.

SBEP announced earlier this year that federal money would fully fund the project, one of two major elements in the city's master recreational boating plan. The other element is the creation of a formal mooring field south of the Historic Bridge Street Pier.

The plan shows a kayak launch on the shoreline at the east end of 25th Street near Avenue A, a kayak rack nearby, parking along the south side of 25th Street and the west side of Avenue A and the removal of rip rap.

To shore up the area, the plan calls for geoweb netting, soil and spartina grass to create a softer, but stable shoreline.

The nutrient-absorbing plants near the intersection will be in a swale — a "vegetated bio swale" — so that, in addition to preventing people from parking, the swale will serve as a stormwater filter, according to city project/program manager Lisa Marie Phillips.

"It's a crafty project," Robertson said.

"The thing has really developed," said Commissioner John Shaughnessy. "I'm looking forward to seeing it."

Mayor Michael Pierce said, "It's a wonderful thing to have happen here."

City planning and zoning board members also will review the plans and submit comments.

The board had requested permission from the city commission to hold a formal hearing on the project, which was tentatively scheduled for Oct. 6.

Phillips showed the plans to the planning board during an Oct. 6 meeting, when members of the board agreed that they had some questions, specifically about parking and stormwater elements, and wanted to hold a formal review.

Earlier this year, the planning and zoning board had emphasized its interest in reviewing public projects in the city.

"We would like to be the planning agency for the city," said planning and zoning board chair Rick Bisio.

Referring to the kayak launch and restoration project, he said at the Oct. 6 meeting, "We would prefer to have a chance to review it in the same way that we did with the Bridge Street Pier project."

In a letter to the city commission and mayor, board member Joe Garbus wrote, "There was a general consensus that the planning and zoning board review the city's recreational access and shoreline restoration project ... and hold a separate hearing for the project."

Commissioners discussed the planning board's request with building official Steve Gilbert Oct. 15.

Gilbert said the commission had several options — to approve, deny or table the planning board's request to hold a hearing, or to have the planning board members review the plans and submit their comments.

"This is not a development permit application," Gilbert said. "Neither is it permanent infrastructure such as the city pier.... At this point, I don't know whether it would be appropriate to spend city dollars to have a hearing or not."

Robertson, noting that a number of meetings had taken place during the development of the Herb Dolan Plan, including several at the site, said, "I do not feel we need to spend the money to have a hearing."

And Robertson made a motion, which passed unanimously, for the planning board members to review the plan and submit their comments rather than hold a formal hearing or meeting.

Phillips said comments from the city on the plan will be submitted to the engineers.

"It's not exactly the final," she said of the current document.

Rosy again?

A sale is reported to be in the works for this former model home on Bay Boulevard in Anna Maria at the site of the defunct Villa Rosa project. Lakeland resident Steve Blanton purchased the house in March for \$850,000 after it was offered for sale at \$2.8 million. Efforts to confirm the contract were unsuccessful, but there has been recent activity observed at the house, a boat is at the dock and the grounds cleaned and maintained. Former NBA player Theo Ratliff at one time had a \$150,000 deposit to purchase the home. Islander Photo: Rick Catlin





Celebrating circa 1925

City officials, family and Anna Maria Island Historical Society members gather for AMIHS's presentation of a plaque to Jack and Betty Dietrich for the preservation of their home, built in 1925, in the 100 block of Mangrove Avenue in Anna Maria. Pictured are Betty Dietrich, seated, and, from left Commissioner Christine Tollette, AMIHS board member Betty Yanger, Commissioners John Quam and Dale Woodland, Jack Dietrich, Mayor Fran Barford, Amy and Jan Smith, AMIHS board member Carolyne Norwood, Beth and Art Conner and AMIHS president Thea Kelley. Islander Photo: Lisa Neff

City pursues get-tough policies on delinquents

By Lisa Neff
Islander Reporter

With delinquent accounts at the \$100,000 mark, Bradenton Beach commissioners are pursuing tougher policies to get pay offs.

Officials are concerned with three types of delinquent accounts — stormwater, sanitation and business tax receipts.

“The numbers have gotten so high,” city attorney Ricinda Perry said. “We see this trend increasing rather than decreasing.”

A balance sheet for the sanitation accounts shows more than \$55,000 is owed the city for general trash collection, rear-door pickup and cardboard pickup.

Some of the delinquent sanitation accounts involve single payers for single addresses, with

amounts owed ranging from \$11.70 to \$3,666.28. Some of the delinquent accounts involve local businesses, with amounts owed as high as \$8,502.

The properties with the largest amounts owed include 1501 Gulf Drive N., Smugglers Cove Resort Condo; 1501 Gulf Drive N., The Penthouses at Gulf Stream; 1501 Gulf Drive N., Gulf Stream Beach Resort; 101-106 Seventh St. N., Reba Ingram; 103 Gulf Drive N., Banana Cabana; 107 Eighth St. S., Island Gateway Condo Assoc. Inc.; and 107 Third St. N., Richard Carter, according to a balance sheet from city hall.

The amounts for past-due stormwater accounts range from \$50 to \$6,000 and together total nearly \$40,000.

The account-holders with the largest amounts owed include 1501 Gulf Drive N., Smugglers Cove Resort; 1000 Gulf Drive N., Island Vacation Properties; 107 Eighth St. S., Island Getaway Condo Assoc. Inc.; and 107 Third St. N., Richard Carter, according to a balance sheet from city hall.

“It’s not fair to the rest of the city,” Commissioner John Shaughnessy said of the past-due bills. He added that if the city had been able to collect the money, it might have avoided dipping into reserve funds to balance the 2009-10 budget.

Commissioners met Oct. 6 with Perry, city clerk Nora Idso, building official Steve Gilbert, project/program manager Lisa Marie Phillips and public works director Tom Woodard to discuss options for collecting money due — some of it owed from a couple of years ago, but mostly from this year and last.

Options the commission explored included bringing people with unpaid accounts before the city’s special master for a hearing, contracting with a collection agency, and doing both.

“They are going to see we are going to start playing hardball,” Commissioner Bob Bartelt said.

The votes last week, with Janie Robertson absent, were unanimous to authorize Perry to draft a request for proposals to hire an agency to collect overdue payments for sanitation and stormwater services and to use the code enforcement and special-master process to collect past-due business tax accounts.

“We think that will have enough teeth to get some results,” Perry said.

Petition against offshore drilling

An organization called Protect Florida’s Beaches is circulating a petition on Anna Maria Island and throughout Florida that asks people to sign if they are “against needless and harmful oil drilling.

“Please let your friends and family know about this opportunity to stand against ‘Big Oil’ and to stand with Florida’s environment and economy.”

Signing the petition states that one is opposed to legislation that would allow drilling in Florida waters. The Web site urges signers to contact their state and federal representatives to state their opposition to any drilling.

For more information, go on the Web to www.protectfloridasbeaches.org, or e-mail think.baby.think@protectfloridasbeaches.org.

Correction

Due to a reporter error, a police report in the Oct. 14 issue of *The Islander Newspaper* stated that an Oct. 4 alleged shoplifting at One-Stop Gift Shop in Bradenton Beach and subsequent charges including drug possession were made by a clerk of the establishment. The suspect was a customer. *The Islander* regrets the error.

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Island election season starts now!

Editor's note: Don Maloney was a columnist for The Islander from 1997 until his death in September 2007. He also served as a city commissioner in Holmes Beach. He was a man who encouraged and inspired civic participation, and we reprint his take on getting to the polls, voting and making a difference.

What difference would it make?

By Don Maloney

A hundred and some years ago, Abraham Lincoln called for the devotion of all Americans to see that our government of the people, by the people and for the people would not perish from the earth. Unfortunately, it appears to me that only "of the people" has survived.

If we are to have a government "by the people," then the people have to become more interested — and involved — in their government. Voting would be a good place to start.

In one past Holmes Beach election, only 18 percent of registered voters went to the polls. In another, 62.4 percent voted. Those who were elected by that 18 percent needed only a fraction over nine percent to sit on the commission. Still, 100 percent of the city's registered voters were governed by the votes of that 9 percent-plus group.

While I was far more than somewhat pleased to be one of the winners that year, I was disappointed that such a small portion of the electorate cared about who would run their city's government. I was anxious to find out why so many stayed from the polls, so I did a little polling of my own.

When I asked some stayed-aways why they stayed away, the same answer came up in one form or another every time: "What difference would it make?"

Believe me, it makes a lot of difference.

Florida is growing fast, and we're certainly involved in that growth. That's why our commission meets twice a month, for two working sessions to hear the problems, and two regular sessions to reach decisions regarding those problems.

While staying away from the polls endangers your chances of enjoying government "by the people", staying away from those commission meetings can help erase many chances of a government "for the people."

Over the years, I can recall only one Tuesday evening when the Holmes Beach chambers could provide standing room only.

But I do recall seeing more than one letter to the editor from citizens objecting to one commission action or other, actions that were taken at a meeting that the letter writers didn't take time to come and express their opinions on a Tuesday evening. Admission is free; absence can be costly.

It is difficult to give the folks what they want when you have no idea of what would please them. In my years on the commission, I assure you that not a single decision was made until public opinion was invited — invited, that is, to attend commission meetings, not to write letters to the editor.

Agendas of all city commission meetings everywhere are always available on the Friday ahead of meeting time. Join in. Like I said, skipping voting results in losing your chances of a government "by the people," ignoring commission meetings risks government "for the people." All that's left if both are ignored is a government "of the people." That wasn't enough for Lincoln, and it isn't enough now.

Elections are coming up in all three Anna Maria Island cities Nov. 3. Take time to look into the candidates and their propositions.

Those with that "What difference would it make?" attitude that keeps them away from the polls should reconsider the differences they could make if they stayed away.

So, vote.

And attend your city's meetings — especially those that will discuss topics in which you have an interest. Only then can you make that interest known. Only then can we make certain that government of the people, by the people and for the people does not perish — at least from our little piece of the Earth.

Five for three in Anna Maria city commission election

By Rick Catlin
Islander Reporter

In what is shaping up as a hotly contested election in Anna Maria Nov. 3, five candidates are vying for votes for three city commission seats.

Among the five candidates are challengers Harold "Harry" Stoltzfus and David Gryboski, along with incumbents John Quam, Christine Tollette and Dale Woodland.

Meet the candidates...

David Gryboski

David Gryboski, 29, is making his first-ever run for political office. He attended Emory University in Atlanta and studied finance and business, and has lived in Anna Maria for four years.



David Gryboski

He is employed in the commercial leasing business.

Gryboski said he has several issues that concern him and is running for office because he wants to contribute his business and finance experience to the city commission.

He is concerned that the vision of the city as described in the 2007 comprehensive plan is being pushed aside.

"We have a great comp plan," he said, but for years "policies have done the exact opposite" of the comp plan goals.

"We need a clear vision of what we want, and we need to work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to create a balance."

His concern is that homeowners can only expand upward because of FEMA and city constraints. He wants the city to have a policy that will allow homeowners more freedom to expand their structures.

Gryboski is very concerned about future budgets because of the decline in revenues. He believes his business and finance background will be an "extra set of eyes" on the commission during budget discussions, particularly concerning stormwater drainage.

"I really think we have been underserved and overcharged by the companies involved," Gryboski said.

He does not want to fix the master stormwater plan, just "fix the problem" of spending too much money for too little service.

"We spend a lot of money for nothing. We need a second opinion."

Gryboski said the city's retail-office-residential district is working well, as is the city's comprehensive plan. He does not favor a minimum rental period for residential rentals.

He also believes that beach renourishment is critical to the city and is a high-priority issue. Without beaches, there is no city. He credited Mayor Fran Barford for her efforts with beach renourishment.

Gryboski said he does not want to have more legislation in the city, but would "lead by example" if elected.

John Quam

John Quam has been a city commissioner since February 2002, and has served as commission chairman since the position was enacted by a charter revision in November 2002.



John Quam

Quam has lived in Anna Maria since 1997 and is a retired executive with BASF.

The No. 1 issue facing the next commission will be next year's budget, Quam said.

Property assessments will continue to decline, resulting in lower ad valorem tax revenues, he said. The city will have less money to work with for its 2010-11 budget, but the same need to provide for the health, safety and well-

fare of its residents.

And, in two more years, the situation will be even more challenging, he predicted.

"We will have to look for more ways to decrease spending," Quam said, and he is up to the challenge.

Quam believes his experience the past seven years in dealing with city budgets will serve him and the residents well in the upcoming budget cycles.

"I understand the need to provide for the residents using just the available funds," he said, describing himself as a fiscal conservative.

He believes in studying each item in the budget thoroughly to determine if it's needed and if the amount is necessary. "We have to continue to look for ways to decrease spending," Quam said.

His second major concern is development in the city.

"We have to preserve the residential character of the city and not allow any major change that would harm the residents," he said.

Quam said the city's retail-office-residential area is working well and helps maintain the character of the city.

He would not favor any minimum stay for renting a single-family home in the city and believes these rentals are serving the needs of the tourist industry.

Quam noted that many issues have been resolved since he became a commissioner, including parking, drainage, signs, road improvements and the 2007 comprehensive plan.

He credited his ability to examine issues, seek input from residents on both sides of an issue and act according to the wishes of the residents as assets for his re-election.

Quam said he believes in retaining the residential character of the city and his voting record and experience as a commissioner bear him out.

As a commissioner, he said he will continue to work to "make Anna Maria a more pleasing and aesthetic place."

Harold 'Harry' Stoltzfus

Harold Stoltzfus is seeking his first political office. He and his family have lived in Anna Maria for seven years, having owned property here since 1997. He owns a business that provides equipment for companies that maintain bridges.

He said he has two major concerns that prompted him to seek office.

The city has to have a balanced budget without sacrificing services, he said.

That's not going to be easy in the next budget cycle because residents also want lower taxes, Stoltzfus said.

The commission may have to pick out categories where spending can be reduced, he said. He believes his business experience is well suited for balancing a city budget and finding ways to trim excess spending.

Stoltzfus also is concerned with development in the city and the needs of the residents.

"There needs to be a balance between development and the residents' peace of mind," he said.

He said that the city commission has made a "lot of concessions" to business interests that should not have been made. In particular, the commission should not have allowed split ownership of an ROR structure, he said.

If elected, he would seek to change the ordinance allowing split ownership.

Stoltzfus also believes three or four commissioners who are "strongly pro-residential" are needed to prevent any change in the comprehensive plan that will adversely affect the residents.

He also is concerned with parking in the ROR district.

"There is a safety issue here and I'm very safety conscious," he said. As a commissioner, he would

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have the commission re-examine parking in the ROR.

Stoltzfus would also like the commission to discuss a minimum rental period for rentals in the residential zone. A 30-day minimum rental would be a suggestion, he said.

He said he has many friends who own rental property, and he is not trying to take away anyone's means of income or ability to pay taxes.

Stoltzfus also has a concern with bicycle safety in Anna Maria and with vehicles such as golf carts that do not have turn signals or brake lights on city streets.

He said people should vote for him because he has the ability to "analyze" and come up with a "fair working solution" to problems.

On some issues, however, there is no compromising, he concluded.

Christine Tollette

Christine Tollette is an incumbent commissioner seeking her third term in office. She is a retired professional from Tampa and she and her husband moved to Anna Maria seven years ago.

Her No. 1 concern for the city is future budgets.

There are less tax revenues coming to the city and the next commission is "going to have to look hard" to provide services without increasing taxes.

She would like the city to talk with other Island cities and determine if there are any services that are being duplicated that could be combined. One area is combined purchasing of office supplies, she said.

Balancing the budget is not going to be easy, and Tollette believes her experience on the commission in providing for the health, safety and welfare of residents in the budgets will be an asset.

Tollette believes that revising the city's land development regulations is critical.

The regulations have to match the comprehensive plan and Tollette and other commissioners have identified a number of regulations that must be revised. This is going to take someone with the knowledge and experience gained in developing the comp plan

and working with existing ordinances.

She is also concerned about development.

Tollette said she is "pleased that we have a well-defined business district" and, if re-elected, she pledged to keep the business district on Pine Avenue and prevent business from expanding into other areas of the city.

The ROR district is working well for the city, she said, as are the single-family rentals found in the residential district. She does not favor any minimum rental period for those rentals.

"They serve our visitors and winter residents very well. We have a good balance of rentals and businesses," she said.

She would like to see some of the older homes and buildings in the city designated for historical preservation, but she realizes that is an "expensive proposition."

Tollette said she is "committed to retaining the residential character of the city" by encouraging property owners to remodel their homes, rather than "tear down" to build three-story structures.

She also wants to review the city's parking plan if re-elected. The plan was adopted several years ago, but is supposed to be reviewed annually to get input from residents.

Tollette said she her strength is her ability to "listen to the people" and compromise when necessary for the public good.

"I want to hear from the people and know what their issues are before making a decision," she said.

Her experience as a commissioner will serve her well in another term, she said.

Dale Woodland

Dale Woodland is an incumbent commissioner seeking his fourth term in office. He has lived in Anna Maria since he was 6 years old and moved back to the city after 25 years as a computer systems developer in Sarasota. He operates a pool cleaning business on the Island.



Dale Woodland

Woodland said his No. 1 issue is making sure the city does not become over-developed, particularly the trend for former motels to convert to condominiums.

He said the Siam Garden is a good example of how this can have a negative effect on the city.

"It's an increase in intensity and density and I've

always looked at any proposed project to see how it affects intensity and density," he said.

Woodland does believe the city is "under pressure" to change its rules on ROR, but he firmly believes that the mixed use of ROR is working.

However, his concern is that the upstairs portion of some ROR units could become short-term rentals. This creates more density and is "something we need to keep an eye on," he said.

Woodland's No. 2 concern is the budget.

"The budget is the most important thing any commission has to do," he maintained. "The past few years, the budget has become more important because of declining revenues."

Woodland does not favor increasing taxes to balance a budget, but he does not want the city to draw upon its reserves as it has in the 2009-10 budget cycle.

"We have our work cut out for us" in the 2010-11 budget, he said.

Woodland acknowledged that a lot of governments are in a similar position and hard work and "rolling up our sleeves" are needed.

His six years experience in balancing budgets will help him serve his constituents, he said.

If re-elected, Woodland would like the next commission to examine the 2007 comprehensive plan just to make sure it's working. He has no major concerns, but the comp plan is the landmark of the city, he said.

Woodland does want the commission to look at the parking issue because tourism is "off the charts," but he admitted that he has not seen much of a parking problem when he bicycles around the city.

He does not favor establishment of a minimum rental period because it appears that many tourists are renting these properties, parking their vehicles at the rental and walking to the beach.

"I don't see a parking or tourist problem, I just want to keep on top of it. We get a very good quality of person in Anna Maria and on the Island. I talk to a lot of people and they just love it here. I want to keep it that way," he said.

Woodland said his candidacy is enhanced by his experience and dedication to the job.

"I spend nights and weekends looking at spreadsheets and notes about city issues and studying my commissioner material. I treat people fairly and I encourage fair debate."

He said he is willing to compromise on issues when he sees a majority opinion on a problem.

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"I will compromise and go with the public opinion," he said.

"It's my job and responsibility to make a decision and I don't take it lightly. It's an honor to be a commissioner," Woodland said.

Shearon challenges Pierce for mayor

By Lisa Neff
Islander Reporter

Two candidates who ran for Bradenton Beach's top elected office last time around are campaigning again, but this is not a déjà vu election.

In the Nov. 3 mayoral election, Michael Pierce is an incumbent and William "Bill" Shearon a challenger. Two years ago, both Shearon and Pierce were city commissioners hoping to succeed John Chapie.

Meet the candidates...

Michael Pierce

"My first howl came from Howell," Michael Pierce said of his birth in Howell, Mich.

He grew up in the state and, like many Michiganders, went to work in the auto industry.

Pierce worked for GM.

"I did a lot of different things at GM," Pierce said. His years with the automaker eventually made it possible for Pierce, before his retirement, to divide his time between home in Lansing, Mich., and on the Gulf Coast of Florida, which he got to know as a child.



Michael Pierce

Later, Pierce built a house in Sarasota and then purchased and renovated a home in Bradenton Beach.

He settled into life in Bradenton Beach, but not into no-work retirement.

Instead Pierce became involved in city activities, including the scenic highway group that became ScenicWAVES. He was appointed to the city commission in 2006 and, the next year, ran a successful campaign for mayor.

"I felt like I could help," Pierce said of his decision to enter local politics. "I wanted to do something for the greater good of the city and to do good for everyone in the city, whether they have a \$1 million or are just paying the rent."

Pierce said he is proud of the projects the city has tackled in recent years, when he served as commissioner and also as mayor, including the reconstruction of the Historic Bridge Street Pier, the approval of new solar-powered streetlights for the commercial district and the installation of new sidewalks along Cortez Road and Gulf Drive coming off the bridge.

"It took two years to get that job done. I've got Stan Cann on speed dial," Pierce said of the sidewalk project and the Florida Department of Transportation's district secretary.

The city recently adopted its 2009-10 budget and, to balance the spending plan, tapped its reserves. That

was the appropriate action to keep taxes down, Pierce said.

"We kept that money there so we would be in a position to balance the budget," he said. "We are in good budget times because we've planned ahead. And we're doing well."

Still, having had to dip into reserves, Pierce said the city must focus on its expenses and revenues and bring delinquent accounts — especially for stormwater and sanitation services — current.

"I just want what's good for the city," he said.

William 'Bill' Shearon

When Shearon campaigned for mayor two years ago, he ran what he has come to call a "low-key campaign."

This time around, Shearon said he is conducting a more aggressive campaign because he wants to make sure voters know he wants the job.

"I'm not a very good politician," Shearon said. "I'm more of a doer. I want to get in there and do the job. Let's get it done."

Shearon and partner Tjet Martin operate the Linger Longer Resort on Gulf Drive, where they also live.

He moved to the Island full-time about seven years ago from Illinois, where he ran his own business. Fifteen years ago he bought property in Bradenton Beach.



Bill Shearon

Soon after moving to the city, Shearon became involved in local government, first as an advocate for sidewalks along Gulf Drive, which soon will be built with federal stimulus

money.

"My focus really has been the city," said Shearon, who currently serves on the planning and zoning board and mooring field committee and who also served three years as a city commissioner.

Prior to his commission run, Shearon said he spent a year attending Bradenton Beach public meetings — at the commission and committee levels.

Shearon, campaigning with the slogan "new mayor, new direction," has a six-point platform:

- Eliminate deficit spending, which involves stopping the use of reserves to balance the budget, reducing waste and avoiding raising taxes.

"We have to live within our budget," Shearon said, stating his No. 1 concern. "We can't keep taking out of the reserves.

- Improve efficiencies by replacing an "antiquated budget system" and updating information systems and business procedures.

- Review budget line items, which involves establishing a five-year priorities plan.

- Ensure the best price, which involves eliminating no-bid contracts.

- Listen to citizens and volunteers.

Shearon, who often talks with people during daily walks, which total three hours a day, said, "People on the committees, and even the public when they show up for meetings, they feel that they are not given the opportunity to have their recommendations heard."

- Complete projects, which involves creating timelines for completing efforts and requiring recommendations from volunteer committees.

"We do a hell of a job starting the project,"

Shearon said. "We just have a hard time getting it finished. Or we do it in a hurry. We need balance."

Five seek three commission seats

By Lisa Neff
Islander Reporter

Casting ballots from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 3, Holmes Beach voters will elect three people to serve two-year terms on the city commission.

The field of five candidates campaigning for election includes three incumbents — Pat Geyer, Pat Morton and David Zaccagnino — and two challengers — Andy Sheridan and Al Robinson.

Meet the candidates...

Pat Geyer

Geyer paused to calculate the number.

"Over 25 years," she said, referring to her time as city commissioner and mayor in Holmes Beach.

The past year has been a difficult problem for Geyer, who lost her husband, Ed, of many years and also dealt with health problems associated with knee-replacement surgery.

But, Geyer said, she didn't hesitate in her decision to run for re-election.

"I still enjoy it," she said. "The Island has really come forward in 25 years, most of it I like, and some of it I hope I was involved in. You can't stop progress, but you can help it come gracefully."



Pat Geyer

To residents who ask why she should get their vote, Geyer said she replies, "I want to keep the Island the little paradise that it is."

To accomplish that, she said, the commission must be vigilant "in keeping density down."

When Geyer first visited five decades ago, Anna Maria Island looked dramatically different.

"I built a house here in 1954 and, when I moved here in the 1960s, it was all gravel roads," Geyer said. "It's a lot different than it was then. In the summer, the kids could play nine innings of baseball on Gulf Drive and a car wouldn't bother them.

"But it's still the paradise I was looking for."

Geyer moved to Anna Maria Island from Cincinnati.

She and Ed raised their family on the Island, rented some apartments and, in 1971, became the owners of Duffy's Tavern, where regulars still repeat variations of the story that Geyer went into the business to keep her daughters out of trouble.

She pulled back from work at Duffy's over the past year, but said recently, "I still give the orders and right the checks. And I'm going there more now since my leg is better. I'm feeling pretty good."

By 1978, Geyer was holding elected office in Holmes Beach. She served repeated terms on the city commission and as mayor from 1990-94.

In the coming years, Geyer said, key issues the commission will face include:

- Budget constraints. "Next year revenues will be down and things keep going up," she said.

- Stormwater drainage. "This is an island and

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stormwater will always be a problem,” Geyer said. “But we can keep working on it.”

Though an issue that the commission cannot directly control, Geyer also said, “Someday I’d like to see the big new bridge. I’d like to see that in my time. It isn’t going to bring more traffic. It’s not dangerous, like some say.”

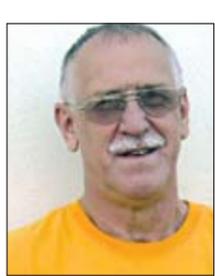
Pat Morton

“I had a thing with politicians,” Morton said.

The thing was he didn’t care much for politicians or playing politics.

Still, when he read in a newspaper that Holmes Beach was to hold an election for city commission, he read with interest.

“I read it,” he said. “Then I put it aside. But it kept coming back to me, all day long.”



Pat Morton

Morton talked with his wife about the election. “She goes, ‘Are you crazy?’”

But the two, who attend Crosspointe Fellowship, which is where Morton works, prayed for guidance. They also listed the negatives and positives associated with a run for office, as well as a win.

“Two and a half days later all my negatives were gone,” Morton said. “And I ran.”

He is now seeking a fourth term on the commission, campaigning as a good guy who tries to do right by constituents and by the Island.

“When I first came to this Island, I thought it was one of the most precious places I’d ever seen,” Morton said. “And I felt that we have something here that we should keep.”

Morton’s top concerns are protecting Holmes Beach from being overbuilt and protecting the resi-

dential neighborhoods from being over-rented.

Although the city has restrictions on the heights of buildings, he said the limits must be safeguarded.

“I’m hoping that we don’t see it,” Morton said of the idea of another six-storied condominium complex being built.

Commissioners, in addition to adopting rules and regulations and setting priorities, share liaison duties.

Morton has one that, over the years, has put him into close contact with citizens. He is the liaison with Waste Management, the company that contracts to haul trash, yard waste and recycling from Holmes Beach.

A top concern of voters, said Morton, is that the city maintain its rule prohibiting seven-day rentals in R-1 districts, but he also gets the dirt on trash collection, specifically why Waste Management has so many pickup days.

“I’d like to go to one-day pickup,” he said.

He also wants to continue to promote a statewide recycling program, which probably would involve a legislative act but also could involve a referendum.

“Recycling has been my pet peeve for a long time. Some people call me Al Gore,” Morton joked. “I’ve been called worse.”

Looking back at his years on the commission, Morton said he is proudest of his votes on a trespassing ordinance that provided police with tools needed to better monitor after-hours activity at businesses and an ordinance restricting adult-entertainment operations.

“Those were both very important to the city,” he said.

David Zaccagnino

“I visited as a child during the summer from Tampa and was lucky enough to relocate here after grad school,” Zaccagnino, a financial advisor with MorganStanley SmithBarney, said of his move to Anna Maria Island nine years ago.

“We are a small-town community in a unique paradise,” he said, adding, “I wish to live here another



Zaccagnino

40 years with my family.”

Preserving and protecting the “small-town community” and the “unique paradise” are Zaccagnino’s goals as a commissioner.

His campaign slogan is “Save the beach shrew.”

“The beach shrew is a metaphorical animal that represents an endangered way of life which we enjoy,” Zaccagnino said. “We have saved the whales. We have saved the manatees. We have saved the turtles. Now it is time to save the beach shrew.”

Save from what?

“Change because of growth, tax and insurance premium increases, lifestyle threats” are the primary issues facing Holmes Beach, said Zaccagnino, the lone vote in September against the 2009-10 budget and tax rate.

“Throughout my four years [on the commission], I have battled these issues by trying to limit needless legislation and over-governing, promoting fiscal responsibility without raising taxes and participating on over 10 boards and organizations while vocalizing our need for representation on the mainland as well.”

Seeking his third term on the commission, Zaccagnino has talked with a lot of constituents.

“Many people have asked me to run again,” he said. “That is usually a good sign.”

Although it meant a contest on Nov. 3, Zaccagnino encouraged others to qualify for the commission race.

“Competition and discussion are good,” he said. “It brings new ideas and energy to issues that are important. It is what our democratic process is all about. Without it, we are nothing as a nation. I encourage [competition] and like it.”

During his two terms as a commissioner, Zaccagnino encouraged others to qualify for the commission race.

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Election profiles

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gnino has missed one meeting, and he often protests the cancellation of meetings.

“Being a commissioner,” he said, “does take quite a commitment.”

Still, Zaccagnino works full-time, is raising a young daughter, and is involved in many organizations, including serving on the boards of the Anna Maria Island Rotary Club, the Florida Institute for Saltwater Heritage, Island Democratic Club and Meals on Wheels.

“Time management is a discipline. So instead of watching ‘Dancing with the Stars’ or going on extensive vacations, I have been a tee-ball coach for two years. I have been an active Brownie parent and I regularly attend the PTO events.”

Andy Sheridan

Sheridan and wife Lisa moved to Holmes Beach more than six years ago, and live on Key Royale Drive with their four-legged “kids.”

Lisa Sheridan’s parents discovered Anna Maria Island while vacationing about 16 years ago, then moved to the Island in 1996.

“Lisa and I started vacationing here and spending more time here,” Sheridan said. “In 2003, after I commuted to and from New Jersey all winter and spring while occupying a seasonal rental here, we decided to leave ‘up north’ behind and move here permanently.”

Holmes Beach, Sheridan said, “is a wonderful place to raise a family,” and has good balance between residences and tourist/rental properties.

Before leaving “up north” behind, Sheridan managed a bank branch, managed an auto dealership and ran a limo company.



Andy Sheridan

Locally he has worked for Publix, Waste Management, Pool America and AFLAC Insurance Products, where he currently is in a training program.

“My wife and I intend to live here for the rest of our lives,” said Sheridan, president of the Key Royale Resident Owners Association. “We want Holmes Beach to stay family-friendly.”

That, he said, is the reason he decided to campaign for commissioner.

“I decided at the beginning of this year that I would get involved, attend meetings, listen to what others are concerned about and speak up on issues as they came up instead of grumbling about them after they were decided,” Sheridan said. “Since February, I have attended all commission meetings with the exception of two I missed while my late father was in hospice care.”

Key issues Sheridan said he wants to address if elected are quality of life, budgeting and taxation and stormwater.

“Were they adequately designed and engineered?” Sheridan said, referring to stormwater features in the city. “I know we live on an island. I know we have high and low tides that affect water drainage. I know there are regulations. Have we pursued all options and applied for all grants?”

Sheridan was among a handful of citizens who attended the city’s recent budget hearings to question expenses and the millage rate, and his campaign slogan is “cut wasteful spending.”

He said, if elected, he would work with the commission and mayor to thoroughly review the budget to determine “where and how expenditures may need to be adjusted.”

Al Robinson

“When I do something, I do it right,” Robinson said, arriving to *The Islander* office for a candidate photograph wearing a button-down business shirt and a tie, albeit with shorts.

Robinson, who lives on Avenue F, moved to Anna Maria Island 16 years ago.

He and his family had come to the Island to vacation and, Robinson said, he “found paradise.”

His late wife had ALS, Lou Gehrig’s disease, but, Robinson said, she “could enjoy being outside



Al Robinson

year ’round on this beautiful Island. So, we bought a condo in Westbay Cove in 1991.”

In his pre-Island life, Robinson earned a master’s degree in safety from West Virginia University and was a coal mine owner/operator in West Virginia.

On the Island, he operated D. Coy Ducks Bar and Grill for four years, and now, though he classifies himself as retired, he works in the real estate/investment market.

“Investor, mini-developer” is how Robinson described his occupation.

“I work 12-15 hours a day,” Robinson said. “I’m always doing something. I don’t sit around eating bonbons.”

In 2008, Robinson unsuccessfully ran for a seat on the West Manatee Fire Rescue District Commission. He was concerned then, as he is now, about government expenses.

“We have good service,” Robinson said. “But is it the most efficient service?”

Ask him for the three primary issues facing Holmes Beach and he will reply, “No. 1, we are following our nation with out-of-control spending. Change must start at home. No. 2, ditto. No. 3, ditto.”

Robinson’s slogan? “Let our spending habits be an example for our nation.”

Robinson has criticized city commissioners for not doing enough to cut expenses in the 2009-10 budget to reduce property tax payments.

He also has questioned the city’s set-aside reserve funds.

“They don’t realize how much money they have, and that’s taxpayer money,” Robinson said. “The nest egg keeps building and building and building.”

The candidate said family and friends are “very positive” about his campaign.

He said he’s also getting good responses from voters.

“Very good,” Robinson said of voter interest. “However, I only associate and work with people that have a ‘let’s-make-it-happen’ attitude.”

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Holmes Beach man, juvenile arrested for burglaries

By Mike Quinn
Special to *The Islander*

Holmes Beach Police have arrested Mark S. Krauss, 19, of Holmes Beach and an unnamed juvenile on charges connected to four burglaries in the city.



Krauss

According to reports, Krauss entered a vehicle in the 3800 block of East Bay Drive, Holmes Beach, Sept. 27, and removed a Garmin GPS unit, a radar detector and \$8. The GPS unit, valued at \$300, was later located at Pawn Star in Bradenton. Krauss was charged with burglary and grand theft in that incident.

On Oct. 13, Krauss entered a vehicle that was unlocked in the 500 block of 69th Street in Holmes Beach, according to reports. He allegedly removed \$1 from the ashtray. He was charged with burglary and petit theft in that incident.

Also on Oct. 13, Krauss entered two vehicles in the 500 block of 68th Street in Holmes Beach. Nothing was taken from either vehicle. Krauss was charged with Burglary for each of those two incidents.

Krauss has allegedly admitted to all four burglaries.

According to the Manatee Count Sheriff's Office Web site, there was another burglary for which Krauss was also charged.

Krauss was arrested on Oct. 14 and transported to the Manatee County jail.

Mike Quinn is publisher of *NewsManatee.Com*, a news partner of *The Islander* newspaper.

Library mural to be unveiled

The Friends of the Island Library will host a reception at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, to unveil a mural in the children's department at the Island Branch Library, 5701 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach.

Local artist Pam Fortenberry created the mural, "Gifts from the Sea," that was made possible by donations in memory of Holmes Beach resident Carol Kerr.



Pumping and lifting

A crew works on the sanitation lift station in the 800 block of South Bay Boulevard in Anna Maria Oct. 15. The work, contracted by the Manatee County Utilities Department, will continue until late November, requires a lane closure for traffic. *Islander* Photo: Lisa Neff

St. Bernard to celebrate World Priest Day

St. Bernard Catholic Church, 248 S. Harbor Drive, Holmes Beach, will celebrate World Priest Day Sunday, Oct. 25.

That day, the church will honor the Rev. Aloysius Hribsek and celebrate his 60 years in the priesthood with a complimentary brunch after the 10 a.m. Mass.

For more information and to reserve a seat, call 941-778-4769.

Gloria Dei to host gospel choir

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 6608 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach, will host the Vision of Tomorrow Gospel Tour at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25.

The tour features the Bukoba Choir from Tanzania.

Donations will be accepted.

For more information, call the church at 941-778-1813.

Sewer line testing set

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The work will occur between Oct. 26 and Nov. 9.

For more information, call the utilities department at 941-795-3411.

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The Islander welcomes photographs and notices of the milestones in readers' lives — weddings, anniversaries, travels and other events. Please send notices and photographs with detailed captions — along with complete contact information — to news@islander.org or 5404 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach FL 34217.

Chamber to host annual dinner Nov. 9

The Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce installation dinner is at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9, at the Key Royale Club.

During the dinner, officials will announce the Rotary Business Person of the Year Award, as well as the Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Aard.

Registration is required by Oct. 23.

For more information, e-mail chamber administrative assistant Deb Wing at debbie@amichamber.org.

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Obituaries

Christine Ann Davis Bowman

Christine Ann Davis Bowman, 51, of Longboat Key, died Oct. 13.

Born in Gary, Ind., Ms. Bowman moved to Manatee County in 1981 from Crown Point, Ind. She was a graduate of Crown Point High School and attended Indiana University. She was owner/operator of Helping Hands Staffing Services for 21 years, and a member of St. Mary Star of the Sea Church. She battled breast cancer for four and a half years.

Visitation was Oct. 16 at Brown & Sons Funeral Homes and Crematory, 26th Street Chapel, Bradenton. Burial will be at Calumet Cemetery in Merrillville, Ind. Online Condolences may be made to www.brownsandsonsfuneral.com.

She is survived by her mother, Sophia Davis of Bradenton; brothers Edward H. Davis of Hebron, Ind., and Donald W. Davis of St. Paul, Mo.; and sister Diane M. Davis of Parrish.

Nancy Anne (McSween) Dunne

Nancy Anne (McSween) Dunne, 80, of Holmes Beach, died Oct. 11.

Born in Ionia, Mich., Mrs. Dunne was an educator and professional volunteer. She was a graduate of East Grand Rapids High School. She attended Albion College, Albion, Mich., and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in education in 1951. She taught briefly in both the Grand Rapids and East Grand Rapids school systems. She was an officer in the Schenectady Junior League in New York, president of the Schenectady Symphony Orchestra Association and was named Volunteer of the Year in Schenectady. She also served on the city's volunteer bureau staff. She was commissioned by Bishop Edwin Broderick of the Albany Diocese to establish a Ladies of Charity Catholic Service Organization, beginning a 50-year association with the organization. She served as that organization's national president and was elected as

a representative from the United States to the Association of International Charities, the organization's international group based in Brussels, Belgium. She also founded a Ladies of Charity group in Orlando, FL. She served as the LCUSA representative on the U.S. Catholic Charities Board, and she was affiliated with local Catholic charities office in Albany, N.Y., and Orlando.

Since moving to Anna Maria Island in 1999, she served as a director and president the American Association of University Women, Manatee County Branch; as a director for the Manatee Symphony Association; and was a past president of the Anna Maria Women's Club. She was a tutor for students at both the Anna Maria Island Community Center and the Anna Maria Island Elementary School. She was an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist at the Church of the Annunciation, Altamonte Springs, and St. Bernard Catholic Church, Holmes Beach. She was a member of the Key Royale Golf Club and the "Order of the Rose" for her 50-year affiliation with the Alpha Xi Delta National Sorority.

Memorial Mass was Oct. 17 at St. Bernard Catholic Church, Holmes Beach. Memorial contributions may be made to the Diane Downey Reading Enrichment Project, in care of LCUSA, 13663 Rider Trail N., Earth City MO 63045.

She is survived by husband James; sons James and his wife Cindy of Lakeland and Stephen and his wife Patricia of Orlando; and grandson Ryan of Murrells Inlet, S.C.

Robert 'Bob' Stephen Oste

Robert "Bob" Stephen Oste, 60, of Longboat Key, Sarasota and Bradenton Beach, died Sept. 19.

Mr. Oste was a liveaboard boater on his Morgan Heritage ketch, the "Sidney G." Born in Hartford, Conn., he served 10 years in the U.S. Coast Guard in New England before relocating to Florida. As proprietor of Green Street's Waterfront Restaurant in Indian Rocks Beach, his love for being on the water set him sailing the Florida coast and lead him to Anna Maria



Robert Oste

Island. With a passion for classic food and wine, he knew all of the local dining establishments and worked at many, including the Bridge Tender Inn, the Pub at Mar Vista, Turtle's in Holmes Beach, the Mutiny Inn, the Chart House on Longboat Key, and O'Leary's at Marina Jack.

Interment and memorial services will be held at 2:15 p.m. Monday, Oct. 26, at Bay Pines National Cemetery in St. Petersburg.

He is survived by aunt Jeanne Ostapkevich of Cromwell, Conn.; brother-in-law Andrew Kasper of New Jersey; nephew Christian Kasper of Massachusetts; niece Emily Kasper of Washington, D.C.; and his greatly loved cat of 19 years, Stink(er).

Edward James 'Jim' Schneiders,

Edward James "Jim" Schneiders, 72, of Longboat Key, died Oct. 14.

Born in Madison, Wis., Mr. Schneiders was a winter visitor of Longboat Key since 1999. He was a past Flotilla Commander of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and a member of the Longboat Key Club.

He is survived by companion Mary Alice Wimmer of Madison and Longboat Key; sons Jay of Denver, Jeff of Winnetka, Ill., Bob of Ipswich, Mass.; daughters, Cindy Shea of Bainbridge Island, Wash., Jenny Boit of Sammamish, Wash.; stepdaughter Diane Redding of Short Hills, N.J.; and 21 grandchildren.

Memorial Service will be 10 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 7, at Longboat Island Chapel, 6200 Gulf of Mexico Drive, Longboat Key. Memorial contributions may be made to TideWell Hospice & Palliative Care, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota FL 34238, or the American Cancer Society, 4955 State Road 64 E., Bradenton FL 34208. Online condolences may be made to www.brownsandsonsfuneral.com. Brown & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, 26th Street Chapel, Bradenton, was in chare of arrangements.

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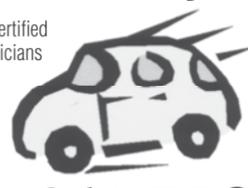
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Holmes Beach

Sept. 28, 3800 East Bay Drive, burglary. The complainant said someone broke into her car and took electronic devices valued at \$448. Officers, in conjunction with Manatee County Sheriff's Office deputies, located some of the items at a pawn shop in Bradenton. Mark. S. Krauss, 19, of Holmes Beach, admitted to the theft and pawning the merchandise and was arrested along with an unnamed juvenile.

Oct. 10, 500 block 74th Street, burglary. The caretaker of the home said someone apparently gained access to the house through a back door. Homeowners were out of town and could not assess any missing items until their return. The house was secured.

Oct. 12, 500 block 74th Street, criminal mischief. The complainant said someone entered the house and turned on the water in the bathroom, causing the house to flood and resulting in \$1,500 in damages.

Oct. 12, 500 block 68th Street, burglary. The complainant said someone took \$100 worth of CDs from her unlocked vehicle.

Oct. 13, 500 block 69th Street, theft. The complainant said someone broke into his car and took prescription drugs and \$5. Krauss, admitted to this theft.

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Islander honors veterans Nov. 10 — all invited

Attention all veterans.

The Islander newspaper will hosts its fourth annual Veterans Day ceremony at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, at the Holmes Beach City Hall Butterfly Park and Veterans Memorial.

The ceremony is to honor all veterans and, in particular, to recognize those veterans whose stories have appeared in *The Islander's* "Greatest Generation" and "Forgotten Generation" columns about World War II and Korean War veterans.

All veterans and their spouses and families are invited to attend the ceremony. The invitation also extends to veterans of the Merchant Marine during World War II and veterans of any of the Allied services during WWII.

An honor guard from the Kirby Stewart American Legion Post No. 24 in Palma Sola will present the colors followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the playing of the national anthem.

Guest speakers will be U.S. Marine Corps veteran Ralph Bassett of Perico Island and *Islander* reporter Rick Catlin, who writes the "Greatest Generation" and "Forgotten Generation" columns. Other Island veterans will make brief remarks.

Holmes Beach City Commissioner Pat Morton, a veteran of the Vietnam War, will read the city's Veterans Day proclamation.

Dress will be Island-style casual, although vet-

erans are encouraged to wear their service caps or hats. Veterans are reminded that, under new Veterans Administration regulations, they may salute the colors when presented or during the national anthem, even if not in uniform.

The honor guard will fire a 21-gun salute and conclude with Taps. The ceremony is expected to finish by 10 a.m.

Veterans whose stories have appeared in *The Islander* are asked to arrive a few minutes early to obtain a name tag and to mingle with other guests.

A complimentary continental breakfast will be offered to the attendees and hungry veterans should get to the ceremony early to share coffee and stories.

Veterans Day officially is celebrated nationwide on Nov.11.

For more information on the ceremony, call Rick Catlin at 941-778-7978, or e-mail him at rick@islander.org.

"*The Greatest Generation*" and "*Forgotten Generation*" columns are for Island, Longboat Key, Perico Island, Palma Sola, Village Green, west Bradenton and Cortez veterans, man or woman, who served in the armed forces of any allied country (U.S., Canada, Britain, Holland, Norway, France, Poland, Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, etc.) during World War II or the Korean War. We'd like to hear from you. Please call Rick Catlin at 941-778-7978.

Oct. 13, 500 block 68th Street, theft. Krauss once again admitted to a burglary of another vehicle, this time accompanied by a juvenile.

Oct. 14, 500 block 69th Street, burglary. The complainant said someone entered their son's unlocked vehicle and took his cell phone, valued at \$700.

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Island Kiwanis support AME students

By Kimberly Kuizon
Islander Reporter

They may get noticed by the bright orange color of their shirts, but at Anna Maria Elementary School members of the Anna Maria Island Kiwanis Club catch the attention of students not by their shirts, but by their one-on-one interaction with students.

Each year the Anna Maria Island Kiwanis Club helps support various programs that in turn help students excel in learning and interaction with their peers.

The Kiwanis mission statement is to better the world by changing the community one child at a time.

Two programs the Kiwanis have devoted time and money to at AME are BUGs, otherwise known as Bring Up Grades, and Kelso's Choices.

The baseline for BUGs is started when a student receives his or her first report card. Students are recognized if they bring up one grade and no other grades go down on their next report card.

"BUGs is becoming a part of the culture of AME," said guidance counselor Cindi Harrison.

Island Kiwanis member Stretch Fretwell introduced Harrison to this program more than eight years ago. "It's good for the kids, they get recognition. The recognition is for them to know that someone knows they are doing good," Fretwell said.

Kiwanis honor students with a certificate and a day of recognition by their peers and club members.

At last year's awards ceremony the Kiwanis presented the two most improved BUGs, both fifth-grade students, with digital cameras.

"For future years this gives students a foundation on how to study, how to apply themselves and to add goals," Fretwell said.

Another program the Kiwanis helps out with is Kelso's Choices, which teaches kindergartners conflict management and problem identification. The program uses a green frog to teach students the difference between minor and major problems. Once a problem is identified, students are taught different ways to deal with the situation.

"The Kiwanis donated money to AME for posters and other items to be used with Kelso's Choices. We try to help with all phases of students at AME," said Kiwanis president Sandy Haas-Martens, also a Holmes Beach city commissioner.

"AME students know something good is going to happen when they see the Kiwanis in their orange shirts walking down the hallways," Harrison said.



BUGs program
Anna Maria Elementary School guidance counselor Cindi Harrison, left, stands with Anna Maria Island Kiwanis Club members Stretch Fretwell and Sandy Haas-Martens. BUGs is one program through which the Kiwanis support AME. Islander Photos: Kimberly Kuizon

Cookie coupons to benefit AME

By Kimberly Kuizon
Islander Reporter

Fall is in the air, and that means the Anna Maria Elementary School Fall Festival is around the corner.

In advance of this year's festival, the Parent-Teacher Organization is spreading the news of an annual cookie-coupon fundraiser.

Cookie coupons can be purchased for \$1 and are redeemable for a cookie at Subway, as well a chance to win prizes in a drawing at the fall festival.

"Last year we raised over \$3,600, and this year we hope to raise more," said PTO member Caroline Pardue.

PTO members are encouraging each student to sell at least one coupon but they are hoping students sell more.

"Some kids figure they can't sell more than 100, so they get discouraged, but \$1 or \$2 really helps out a lot," Pardue said.

Also, the classroom that sells the most Cookie coupons will receive a costume party.

This year's cookie contest prizes include gift certificates for boat charters, spa certificates, an iPod and a valuable carpet-cleaning certificate.

"We couldn't do this fundraiser without the support of both Subway and the community," Pardue said.

Students sold cookie coupons at BayFest Oct. 17 on Pine Avenue in Anna Maria.

Fall festival, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 31, will include a bake sale, carnival games, a haunted house, food and beverage sales and more.

A silent auction during the festival will benefit



AME cookie coupon
Debbie Gomes holds up cookie coupons, which are available for \$1 at the front office of Anna Maria Elementary School. Islander Photo: Kimberly Kuizon

the school's annual budget. Teachers are preparing dinners for the auction, as well as planning to auction tutoring time. Students, meanwhile, are making scarecrows to be auctioned.

For more information or to donate items for the fall festival, call Pardue at 941-580-5820.

AME school calendar

- Oct. 23, blood drive.
- Oct. 26, no school.
- Oct. 29, report cards and teacher conferences.
- Oct. 31, annual AME-PTO Fall Festival 10 a.m. costume contest; 10:30 a.m. parade; 11 a.m. festival.
- Nov. 11, no school.
- Nov. 13, PTO meeting.
- Nov. 17, PTO dinner and second-grade performance.
- Nov. 25-27, no school.

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

AME MENU

Monday, Oct. 26

No School.

Tuesday, Oct. 27

Breakfast: Egg and Cheese Biscuit, Bagel, Cereal, Toast.

Lunch: Homemade Mac and Cheese, Riblets, Roll, Fresh Broccoli with Dip, Mandarin Oranges.

Wednesday, Oct. 28

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

Lunch: Breaded Chicken on Bun, Green Beans, Peaches, Sherbert, Assorted Sandwiches, and Salads. **Thursday, Oct. 29**

Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza, Yogurt, Cereal, Toast.

Lunch: Nachos with Meat and Cheese, Corn Dog, Lettuce and Tomato Cup, Spanish Rice, Cinnamon Applesauce.

Friday, Oct. 30

Breakfast: Pancakes with Sausage Patty, Grits, Cereal, Toast.

Lunch: Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Beef Ravioli, Garden Salad, Corn, Chilled Pears.

Juice and milk are served with every meal.



AME goes digital
Fifth-grader Angelique Ayoade works on an iMovie in Gary Wooten's class. As an assignment, students put together digital book reports. "It's better than writing a paper," Angelique said. Islander Photo: Kimberly Kuizon

ISLANDER CALENDAR

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.

5 p.m. — Friends of the Island Library unveil "Gifts of the Sea" mural with artist Pam Fortenberry at the Island Branch Library, 5701 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach. Information: 941-778-6341.

Friday, Oct. 23

6:30 p.m. — "Hannah Montana the Movie" at the Anna Maria Island Community Center, 407 Magnolia Ave., Anna Maria. Information: 941-778-1908.

Sunday, Oct. 25

10 a.m. — Celebrate World Priest Day with Mass and brunch at St. Bernard Catholic Church, 248 S. Harbor Drive, Holmes Beach. Information: 941-778-4769.

4 p.m. — Bukoba East African Gospel Choir performs at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 6608 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach. Information: 941-778-1813.

Tuesday, Oct. 27

8 to 9 a.m. — "Business @ Breakfast" at the Longboat Key, Lido Key, St. Armands Key Chamber of Commerce, 5570 Gulf of Mexico Drive, Longboat Key. Information: 941-383-2466.

Wednesday, Oct. 28

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

5 to 7 p.m. — Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce Business Card Exchange at Anna Maria Beach Cottages, 112 Oak Ave., Anna Maria. Information: 941-778-1541. Fee applies.

Ongoing:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Off Island Events

Wednesday, Oct. 21

11 a.m. — Einstein's Circle group discussion on the rising powers of China and India at the Studio at Gulf and Pine, 10101 Gulf Drive, Anna Maria. Information: 941-359-4296.

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.

Thursday, Oct. 22

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

Friday, Oct. 23

6:30 to 9:30 p.m. — Goblin gathering at G.T. Bray Park, 5504 33rd Ave. Drive W., Bradenton. Information: 941-742-5974.

Tuesday, Oct. 27

6 to 9:30 p.m. — The Cinema Experience: Films of the 1950s featuring "Rebel Without a Cause" at the South Florida Museum, 201 10th St. W., Bradenton. Information: 941-746-4131. Fee applies.

Coming Up:

- Oct. 29, "Nonsense" opens at Manatee Players.
- Oct. 29, "Eat, Drink + Be Merry Film Series" presents "Eat Drink Man Woman" at the South Florida Museum.

- Oct. 30, Oktoberfest at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.
- Oct. 30, Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce Trail of Treats and kids' costume contest.

- Oct. 30, *The Islander* Canine Costume Contest.
- Oct. 30, Halloween outing at De Soto National Memorial.
- Oct. 30, Clyde Butcher and Jeff Ripple artist reception at South Florida Museum.

- Oct. 31, Zombiefest at the South Florida Museum.
- Oct. 31, Haunted Barn on Palma Sola Boulevard.
- Nov. 3, "A Face in the Crowd" 1950s Film series presentation at South Florida Museum.

Save the date:

- Nov. 7, Bridge Street Market.
- Nov. 7, Snooty's Gala at South Florida Museum.
- Nov. 7, SunCoast Food & Wine Festival.
- Nov. 7-8, Taste of Manatee.
- Nov. 9, Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce installation



The Anna Maria Island Privateers sell smoked mullet during Bayfest Oct. 17. Another mullet smoke will take place Nov. 14 at Coquina Beach. *Islander Photo: Lisa Neff*

Privateers to hold market, mullet smoke

The Anna Maria Island Privateers will host a Thieves Market and Mullet Smoke from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at Coquina Beach in Bradenton Beach.

In the past, the nonprofit group has held the markets and smokes separately.

The organization is lining up vendors for the event, as well as other markets on Jan. 9, Feb. 13, March 13 and April 10.

To reserve a booth, call Jackie "Bandit" Waldron at 941-323-4075.

dinner at Key Royale Club.

- Nov. 14, Longboat Key/St. Jude fundraising lunch.
- Nov. 14-15, Discover Egmont Key.
- Nov. 21, Folk Arts Festival at the Florida Maritime Museum.

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

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Sandbar ties Panoramic to top off perfect season

By Kevin Cassidy
Islander Reporter

The Anna Maria Island Community Center Soccer League Division II game on Oct. 16 between undefeated Sandbar and second-place Panoramic was an epic battle that surely gave the fans in attendance their money's worth — if there were an admission fee.

Panoramic was the better team on this night, but Sandbar was undefeated for a reason and they found a way to stay that way.

Panoramic got on the scoreboard early in the first half thanks to some nifty passing. Tyler Pearson won the ball in the midfield and passed ahead to Dylan Joseph, who was stationed on the right wing. Joseph crossed the ball to Morgan Burns, who finished for a 1-0 lead.

Both teams had ample scoring chances, but the defenses for both teams came up huge when they had to. Brooke Capparelli and Maya Sapienza constantly thwarted promising offensive runs by Christian Daniels and Jason Partridge and, if they got past them, goalie Joey Altuchoff came through with a save.

Joseph and Burns provided most of the offensive opportunities for Panoramic, but defenders Rory Welch, Olivia Glavan and Joe Joe Rodgers were stout for the Sandbar.

Sandbar had a little luck in tying the score late in the first half. With the Sandbar pressuring the Panoramic defense, the ball pin-balled around the area before popping up where it was inadvertently handed by a Panoramic defender, giving the Sandbar a penalty kick. Jean Paul Russo blasted the free kick past the goalie to tie the score at 1-1 with the half-time whistle blowing a few minutes later.

The second half was mostly a battle between the 18-yard lines as the aforementioned defenses kept the opposing offenses at bay until late in the game when it appeared the Sandbar would score the game-winner.

Leo Tilleli threw the ball in, and it was kicked directly back to him. He launched a high, looping shot that bounced over goalie Altuchoff's head,



Travis Belsito shows off his prize money for winning the DNA Energy Drink-sponsored Wakeskate competition in Fort Myers, Fla.

but just wide of the goal. Panoramic had trouble clearing the ensuing goal kick and a mad scramble erupted inside the box for the bouncing ball, which Altuchoff somehow got his hands on to preserve the tie.

In other Division II action last week, Sandbar maintained its record with a 7-0 pasting of Sparks Steel Art on Oct. 14 behind three goals from Christian Daniels. Jason Partridge and Joe Joe Rodgers each notched a pair of goals for Sandbar in the victory.

Panoramic climbed past West Coast Surf Shop in the standings thanks to a 5-2 victory on Oct. 14. Dylan Joseph led Panoramic with three goals, while Tyler Pearson added two in the victory. West Coast Surf Shop was led by a goal apiece from

Ethan Bertrand and Aiden Grumley in the loss.

In Premier Division action last week, Harcon defeated Wash Family Construction 5-2 on Oct. 15 behind three Trevor Bystrom goals. Michael Duffman added two goals as Harcon extended its division lead to six points with the victory. Austin Wash led Wash Family Construction with two goals.

Mike Norman Realty defeated Wash Family Construction 6-1 on Oct. 12. Chandler Hardy scored four goals, including three in the first half, while Hunter Parrish added two-second half goals in the win. Austin Wash notched the lone goal for Wash in the loss.

In Division I action last week, Ross Built rolled past Wash Family Construction 6-1 on Oct. 16 to improve to 7-0 on the season. Jake Ross led the

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way with two goals, while Andrew Ross, Emma Peery, Sydney Cornell and Jack Walter each notched single goals for Ross Built. Wash was led by Blaine Jenefsky's single goal in the loss.

Autoway Ford blanked Wash 3-0 on Oct. 13 behind single goals from Michael Latimer, Mikayla Kane and Mikey Ellsworth.

The second Division I game of the night saw Ross Built edge Mr. Bones 3-2. Sydney Cornell, Andrew Ross and Jake Ross each notched single goals in the victory. Ben Connors and Bradley Duffman scored for Mr. Bones in the loss.

Key Royale golf news

The women of the Key Royale Club played a nine-hole, individual-low-net game on Oct. 13. Joyce Brown took the top spot in Flight A with an even-par 32, two shots ahead of second-place finisher Diane Miller. Nancy King and Joy Phelan were tied for third at 3-over-par 35.

Flight B winner was Terry Westby with a 3-under 29, three shots ahead of second-place finisher Sue Wheeler. Sally Keyes took third place with a 1-over 34, while Penny Williams and Westby shared the chip-in prize and Williams added a birdie.

Horseshoe news

The Oct. 17 horseshoe games at the Anna Maria City Hall pits saw Jeff Moore "walk" his way to the top spot after putting together a perfect 3-0 record in pool play. Moore ended his day with a six-pack, double ringer to finish off Hank Huyghe and Norm Langland 21-2.

The Oct. 14 games saw Norm Good take first



Islander Travis Belsito rides his way to top prize for his division in the DNA Energy Drink-sponsored Wakeskate competition in Fort Myers. Belsito, 14, received \$250, a case of DNA and a T-shirt for his winning effort.

place outright with the only 3-0 pool play record. Play gets under way at 9 a.m. every Wednesday and Saturday at the Anna Maria City Hall pits. Warm ups begin at 8:45 a.m. followed by random team selection. There is no charge to play and everyone is welcome.

AMICC Soccer League standings

	Won	Lost	Tie	Points
Division II (Ages 8-9)				
Sandbar	7	0	1	22
Panoramic	3	3	1	10
Surf Shop	2	5	0	6
Sparks	2	6	0	6
(3 points per win, 1 point per tie)				
Division I (Ages 10-11)				
Ross Built	7	0	0	21
Autoway	4	2	1	13
Bones	1	5	1	4
Wash	1	6	0	3
Premier Division (Ages 12-15)				
Harcon	5	1	1	16
Norman	3	4	1	10
Wash	1	4	2	5

AMICC Soccer League schedule

Instructional Division: (Ages 4-5)		
Date	Time	Teams
Oct. 21	6 p.m.	Ortho. vs. Oyster Bar
Oct. 21	6:30 p.m.	IRE vs. A&E
Oct. 23	6 p.m.	Panoramic vs. Oyster Bar
Oct. 23	6:30 p.m.	IRE vs. Dental Spa
Oct. 28	6 p.m.	Dental Spa vs. Ortho.
Division III (Ages 6-7)		
Oct. 21	7 p.m.	Isl. Pest vs. Jessie's
Oct. 22	6 p.m.	WCAC vs. LaPensee
Oct. 22	7 p.m.	Isl. Pest vs. Bistro
Oct. 23	7 p.m.	Jessie's vs. WCAC
Division II (Ages 8-9)		
Oct. 21	5:30 p.m.	Surf Shop vs. Sandbar
Oct. 21	6:30 p.m.	Sparks vs. Panoramic
Oct. 23	6 p.m.	Sandbar vs. Sparks
Oct. 23	7 p.m.	Surf Shop vs. Panoramic
Division I (Ages 10-11)		
Oct. 22	6 p.m.	Wash vs. Autoway
Oct. 23	8 p.m.	Ross vs. Autoway
Oct. 27	6 p.m.	Bones vs. Ross
Oct. 27	7 p.m.	Autoway vs. Wash
Premier Division (Ages 12-15)		
Oct. 21	7:45 p.m.	Norman vs. Harcon
Oct. 22	7:15 p.m.	Wash vs. Harcon

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Water flows into our canals and bayous. It's a happy, healthful thing for the wetlands. Water from the surrounding waters can sometimes also be a harmful thing.

But one of the least-acknowledged elements of water flow is what goes on offshore in the Gulf.

There's a current called the littoral current, littoral drift, littoral stream or longshore drift that generally flows north-south offshore of all of Southwest Florida.

Although sometimes it flows south-north. Those pesky currents!

The general consensus is north to south. It's a water flow that is nearshore and carries and leaves sediments in its wake.

Sediment, sand, can be good or bad. Good is when it deposits additional acreage to our beaches. Bad is when it flows into the bays and covers vital seagrass beds, home to most marine life at some point in their lives.

Our Longboat Key neighbors have proposed something that is basically a "sand sausage" off the northern tip of the key as a sand attractor. Coastal engineers have said the measure could keep the littoral current's sand on the key's shore. For them, that's a good thing.

At least one Manatee County official, Commissioner Joe McClash, has suggested there are other environmental issues and he is challenging the proposal.

Putting sand-sausage revetments in the near-shore waters at Longboat's north end will create public safety and boating hazards, he has said, and the use of man-made materials would "set a precedent" among Florida west coast erosion-control efforts.

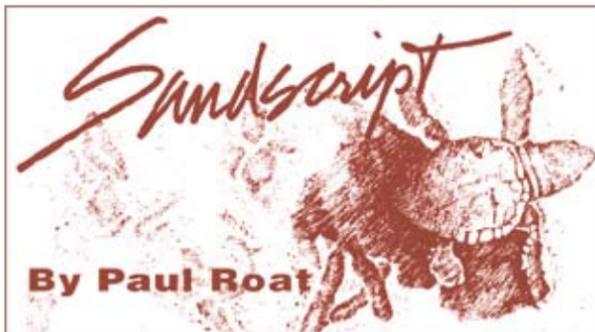
How about some pass history about all this stuff, from the late Dr. Gustavo A. Antonini, David A. Fann and Paul Roat in a publication, "A Historical Geography of Southwest Florida Waterways, Volume One."

Here's a guide to the below: ebb = outside the pass; flood = inside the inlets.

Everything you ever wanted to know ...

"Tidal inlets — Floridians sometimes call them passes — are highly dynamic and visible features of Southwest Florida's boating geography," according to the book. "Inlets provide strategic points of entry and egress between the Gulf of Mexico and the inland waterways, but can be intimidating to navigate because of their shifting nature, strong ebb and flood currents, and wave action — including breakers, which may extend across the inlet mouth even in a buoyed channel.

"Waves propagating into an opposing current experience an increase in height and decrease in length resulting in steeper waves that are more difficult to navigate. Offshore shoals continually shift because of the moving beach sand, and it is sometimes not feasible to keep buoys in the best water. Local watermen, under such conditions, often leave the buoyed channel guided by their knowledge of local conditions and of the dynamic history of inlet



development, which enables them to pick the best depth and avoid uncharted obstructions.

"Longboat Pass, New Pass and Venice Inlet are federally maintained waterways between the Sarasota Bay system and the Gulf. They are periodically surveyed and, when shoaling occurs to a point where actual depths are less than the designed project depths, as dredged by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under the auspices of the West Coast Inland Navigation District.

"Inlets may close, open, migrate or stabilize in response to changes in sediment supply, wave climate, tidal regime, and back-bay filling or dredging. Changes in inlets occurring at different time scales ranging from hours during severe storm events to decades or even centuries.

"Sand is deposited as shoals just inside and outside the inlet due to the reduction in current speed in these areas. Ebb-tidal deltas occur at the seaward margin — outside — of the inlet and retreat or bend in response to the interaction between incoming waves and ebb tides. Large inlets, like Big Sarasota Pass, build extensive, visible ebb-tidal deltas. The sediment sources include material washed out from the bay, material eroded from the main ebb channel, and longshore drift.

"Longshore drift is sand that moves up and down the coast between the beach and the outer edge of the breaker zone due to waves approaching the shore at an angle.

"Material brought out on the ebb tide is deposited on the swash platform. The breaking waves that the mariner experiences at the inlet entrance are a dominant feature of swash platforms and help to create swash bars. Marginal channels may develop along the ends of barrier islands where incoming (flood) tidal flow is reinforced by wave-generated currents. "Migration of barrier island spits along this reach of the Florida coast is southward, in the direction of net longshore transport.

"Flood (incoming) tide transports sediment landward through the inlet via the main channel, producing a similar shallow water, delta-like feature on the bay side of the pass. The interplay of ebb and flood tides on this bayside delta creates spits and spill-over lobes where ebb currents run strong. However, flood tidal deltas are less prone to change than ebb tidal deltas along this reach of the coast. Over time, they become stabilized by seagrasses and mangroves. They serve as nurseries for juvenile fish and are important fishing grounds.

"Tidal and wave energies shape the form of seaward flowing ebb-tidal deltas. The varying mix of these two forces determines the movement and deposition of sediments. The character of an inlet — its shape, dynamics, navigability — may change over time as the inlet adjusts to changes in the way tides and waves interact. Since Southwest Florida is a low wave energy coastline and the mean tidal range is relatively small (2 feet), a delicate balance exists between tide and wave dominated conditions. A slight decrease in tidal prism (e.g., due to bayside filling)

may cause a change from tide-dominated to wave-dominated conditions in inlets. Likewise, a change in wave energy due to sediment accumulation and spit development along the beach face may cause development of an offset alignment to the ebb delta."

If you've dozed off, the next part is kind of important in relationship to what's going on at Longboat Pass.

"In addition to these natural forces, shoreline engineering through the construction of groins, jetties and bulkheads — features designed to stabilize the shoreline by holding beach sand in one place — can dramatically alter the supply of sediment and the course of development and shape of an inlet."

Gus came up with four examples of inlets: tide-dominated, wave-dominated, mixed energy with straight shape, and mixed energy with offset shape. Gus determined that Longboat Pass was a tide-dominated inlet with a well-defined ebb channel.

"These types of inlets have relatively stable ebb-tidal deltas. Mariners should exercise caution in approaching tide-dominated inlets from the Gulf under ebb-tidal conditions because maximum ebb-current velocities are considerably higher than currents at flood stage at these locations. A combination of strong onshore winds and peak ebb tide can be especially hazardous due to the amplitude and steepness of the waves. Furthermore, Longboat Pass entrance channel is over one statute mile long and a lift bridge must be negotiated within the throat of the main ebb channel, an area where currents are particularly strong."

Is the key's position for some form of jetty or sand sausages at the southwest of Longboat Pass right or wrong? Dunno.

Is any placement of any form or hardening of anything in Gulf waters right or wrong?

Most coastal engineers say don't do it.

Will the proposed sand sausages help or hurt beaches on Longboat Key or, more to our interest, hurt or help the shore of Anna Maria Island? Again, dunno.

But the continuing theme of Sandscript has been to not mess with Mother Nature, and I don't remember sand sausages being a natural aspect of our offshore shores.

Sandscript factoid

Buttonwood Harbor is at the Manatee/Sarasota county line of Longboat Key.

Gus wrote:

"Buttonwood Harbor retains many bayside features of an historic antecedent inlet. The flood-tidal delta is one of the largest of all the inlets along the Gulf Coast Heritage Trail. Extensive beds of seagrass cover this feature and it is a prime recreational fishing area in Big Sarasota Bay. The access channel from the Bay to Buttonwood Harbor follows the relict flood channel. The barrier island at this location is prone to beach erosion, storm-wave attack, and potential breaching, and is one of the narrowest points on the key."

Another historical inlet is just north of Coquina Beach, a skinny part of our own barrier island.

And if you want to read more about all this inlet/barrier island stuff, Google "A Historical Geography of Southwest Florida." There are two volumes. A third was to be Tampa Bay north, but the project was halted when Gus was killed by a drunk driver while on a bike trip on his 67th birthday. The drunk truck driver also took the life of Gus' stepson.

You can find the book links on *The Islander* Web site in the community links section.

Anna Maria Island Tides						
Date	AM HIGH	PM HIGH	AM LOW	PM LOW		
Oct 21	12:45 2.8	4:16 1.6	8:40 0.0	6:36 1.5		
Oct 22	1:19 2.8	— —	9:28 0.1	— —		
Oct 23	1:58 2.6	— —	10:23 0.2	— —		
Oct 24	2:46 2.5	— —	11:26 0.3	— —		
Oct 25	3:49 2.3	9:07 1.7	12:31 0.4	11:23 1.6		
Oct 26	5:21 2.1	9:13 1.8	1:31 0.4	— —		
Oct 27	7:11 2.0	9:27 1.9	1:29 1.5	2:21 0.5		
Oct 28	8:41 1.9	9:41 2.0	2:44 1.2	2:44 1.2		

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Temperature change brings fishing change to the good

By Paul Roat

Burr! It's cold outside!

Fall has finally fallen upon us. Low Sunday was 55-ish, and water temperatures are dropping. Fishing has gone from the forever-summer trend to winter.

Look for grouper and snapper to move closer to shore from their usual deepwater Gulf of Mexico haunts to nearshore artificial reefs.

Bluefish, ladyfish and jacks are in the passes.

Snook are lurking in the bays, and redfish are schooling in around the seagrass flats.

Go fish!

Capt. Zach Zacharias on the Dee Jay II out of Parrot Cove Marina in Cortez said "the long-awaited cold front is knocking on the door as I write this report. The heat wave of the past couple weeks did not do much for the overall action in these parts. In fact, things were downright tough. If the front lives up to its advance billing it should start the cooling trend with water temperatures that really kickstart the fall fishing bonanza." He took a charter offshore and caught fat mangrove snapper, Spanish mackerel, red and gag grouper "and a pair of the largest flounder I have seen in some time came aboard." Zach said trout fishing has been pretty good, but mostly early or late in the day. "For those looking for a fish fry," he said, "mangrove snapper continue real strong as they have been all summer and should still be available for at least another month until some migrate offshore and others head to deeper, highly structured areas in the backwater for the winter."

Danny Stasny at Island Discount Tackle at Catchers Marina in Holmes Beach said inshore fishing continues to be great for redfish. Catch size ranges from itty-bitty to huge: under-slot limit to up to 45-inch monsters, and the fish are in either schools on the seagrass beds to lurking under the piers and around the canals. Gold spoons and top-water plugs work the best for the best catches, Danny said. The snook bite is so-so, he said, with best bet at potholes in the seagrass meadows. Mackerel, bluefish, ladyfish and jacks are thick around the passes — fun to catch, not so fun to eat. Gag grouper are starting to move closer to shore, with some catches reported even in the shipping channels at the mouth of Tampa Bay and within the 80-foot depths in the Gulf. He added that the kingfish run may or may not have happened: the mini-cold front a couple weeks ago spurred a catch, last weekend's front may have started it again, king mackerel are still out there, somewhere, but the real "run" hasn't hit so far this season ... yet.

Capt. Mark Howard of SumoTime Charters said he's finding fishing to be "excellent right now, with many opportunities and species available. The snook bite has picked up as linesiders are moving off the beach and into the mangroves. Speckled trout are chewing hard, with 30 fish per trip, with many keepers. Redfish are schooling. The Spanish mackerel are off the beach and a lot of big fish up to 24-inches common. Sharks are all over and easy to catch."

At the Rod & Reel Pier in Anna Maria, Carl



Tarpon? In October?

Dean Franklin, on vacation from London, England, caught this nice-size tarpon while fishing at the Rod & Reel Pier last week. He also caught what he said was a 100-pound ray and a spinner shark that topped the scales at 130 pounds.

Carter reports good catches of snook, redfish, lots of mangrove snapper, plus those tasty flounder.

At the Anna Maria City Pier, Rocky Corby said fishers there were dealing with the wind but still catch-

ing big mackerel, redfish, snapper and flounder.

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.

County seeks slower speed zone near Sister Keys

County commissioners are asking the U.S. Coast Guard to establish a slow speed zone on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway near Jewfish Key and Sister Keys, off northern Longboat Key.

The county board had discussed a lower speed in the area during a work meeting Sept. 29 and agreed Oct. 6 to authorize a letter to the Coast Guard.

The letter from the county states, "It has come to the attention of the Manatee Board of County Commissioners that a dangerous situation exists within the Gulf Intercoastal Waterway in an area extending from the northernmost point of Sister Keys to the southernmost point of Jewfish Key.

"The permissible vessel speed in this area is currently unlimited. The fact that the GIW takes a curve near this area, together with the presence of a secondary cross channel, heavy vessel traffic, and a tendency for the channel to shift and shoal here, contribute to this existing public-safety hazard."

The GIW refers specifically to the Florida portions of the Intracoastal Waterway, which is a national inland route through protected waters, bays and inlets.

Environmentalists to hold summit

The annual Conservation-Environmental Summit will take place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, at the Palma Sola Botanical Park, 9800 17th Ave. W., Bradenton.

Sponsoring organizations include the Manatee/Sarasota Sierra Club, the Audubon Society and the Manatee Sarasota Fish and Game Association Inc.

The event will include a potluck supper, with participants encouraged to bring a dish to share.

The event also will feature Craig Pittman and Matthew Waite, authors of "Paving Paradise: Florida's Vanishing Wetlands and the Failure of No Net Loss."

For more information, call 941-792-8314.

Mote seeks artists

Mote Marine Laboratory is accepting applications for art representing Mote's 55 years of operation for an exhibition March 11-19, 2010.

Selected artworks will be shown in the Mote Marine Laboratory and Aquarium 55th Anniversary Celebration Juried Art Exhibition, part of a year-long celebration of Mote's anniversary.

The exhibition will include opening and closing receptions and a silent auction. All sales of artwork will benefit the programs and projects of Mote Marine Laboratory and Aquarium.

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Island Biz

By Rick Catlin



From left, Chris McNamara, Judy Titsworth and husband Steve Titsworth are the Shoreline Builders of Southwest Florida team that recently opened in the Holmes Business Center, 5345 Gulf Drive, Holmes Beach.

Island builders staying home

For Island residents **Steve and Judy Titsworth**, opening an office for **Shoreline Builders of Southwest Florida** in the Holmes Business Center, 5345 Gulf Drive, Holmes Beach, is not like coming home. It is home.

Steve has been in the construction industry for more than 25 years and started out on the Island as T&T Contractors. He and Judy moved their office to the mainland some years ago as the business expanded.

But Steve and Judy, a member of the Island Holmes family, still lived in

Holmes Beach. The daily drive was worth it as the business grew, but the past few years, Steve and Judy began considering an Island office.

"We always wanted to have our business on the Island. When we started to see that the majority of our clients were on the Island or nearby, we decided it was time to come 'home,' and I couldn't wait to get back," said Judy with a laugh.

"I've spent my entire life on the Island. Now, I don't have to leave every day," she said.

Partnering with Steve's 25 years as a contractor, Judy has worked as a design consultant for the same number of years. Their combined experience is proving a bonus for clients.

"We have an on-site showroom for our clients. We can design the interior, then take them to the showroom for the right colors and styles," Judy said.

She recently completed the interior design of the new Beach Inn at 66th Street on the Gulf.

But Shoreline is more than a contractor and design service.

"We also do a lot of remodeling, repair and renovation work, as well as commercial construction," said Judy, noting the company recently did some remodeling at the AMI Plaza. "We're set up for just about any type of construction and renovation."

Shoreline's services are geared to help a buyer who has purchased a house as an investment and wants to remodel the property.

"We can do everything for them right here in one stop," said Judy. "And, we know the Island and what

fits with the Island style."

For more information on Shoreline, call 941-778-1015 or e-mail Judy at judyt@shorelinebuildersswf.com.

The beach in style

The Beach-Style Recycled boutique recently opened at 5500 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach, Suite No. 3.

According to co-owner and long-time Islander and businessman **Joe Hutchinson**, Beach-Style Recycled is a "juxtaposition of old and new, recycled and reinvented."

Hutchinson, who has partnered with **Nancy Cripe** and **Jenny Moore** in Beach-Style Recycled, said the store has a number of unique "Island-type" items, ranging from "nautical chic furnishings to funky jewelry and beach-style accessories."

Other fashionable recyclables include handmade jewelry, baby clothes, linens, collectibles and beach-style furniture that has been refinished by Joe.

"Beach-Style is back and better than ever. Stop in and see," Joe said, referring to the business he formerly owned at the corner of Gulf Drive and Pine Avenue by a similar name.

Beach Style Recycled is open Monday through Saturday.

Euphemia Haye cooking classes

Euphemia Haye Restaurant at 5540 Gulf of Mexico Drive, Longboat Key, will begin its fall cooking classes on Oct. 21 with a five-lesson

series that includes culinary art from Thailand, Greece, Germany, Spain and other European locations.

Each lesson includes a three-course luncheon and hands-on cooking tips from chef and owner **Raymond Arpke**. The Oct. 21 lesson will include Chicken Larb, Shrimp Pad Thai, Panko and coconut-crusted fried bananas.

All classes are from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the main dining room.

Space is limited and reservations are required.

The cost is \$60 per person per class and reservations may be made by calling 941-383-3633, or going to the restaurant Web site at www.EuphemiaHaye.com.

Chamber elects board

The **Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce** held elections recently for its board of directors for 2009-10.

Cindy Thompson is the new chairperson of the board, while chair-elect is Karen LaPensee. Wendy Webb is secretary and Lois Gift is treasurer.

Directors on the new board are Judy Giovanelli, Barbara Murphy, Chuck Webb, Larry Chatt, Joe Landolfi, Kim Ibasfaelan, Michael Vejins, Amy Van Dell, Ellen Aquilina and David Teitelbaum. Past director Mark Davis also is a board member.

The new officers and board will be installed at the Chamber's banquet Nov. 9 at the Key Royale Club.

For more information, call 941-778-1541.

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.



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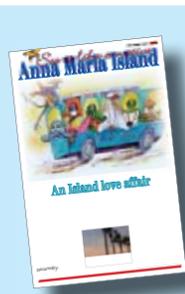
Ten percent of all ad sales will go to Nancy Ambrose's American Cancer Society Relay for Life team.

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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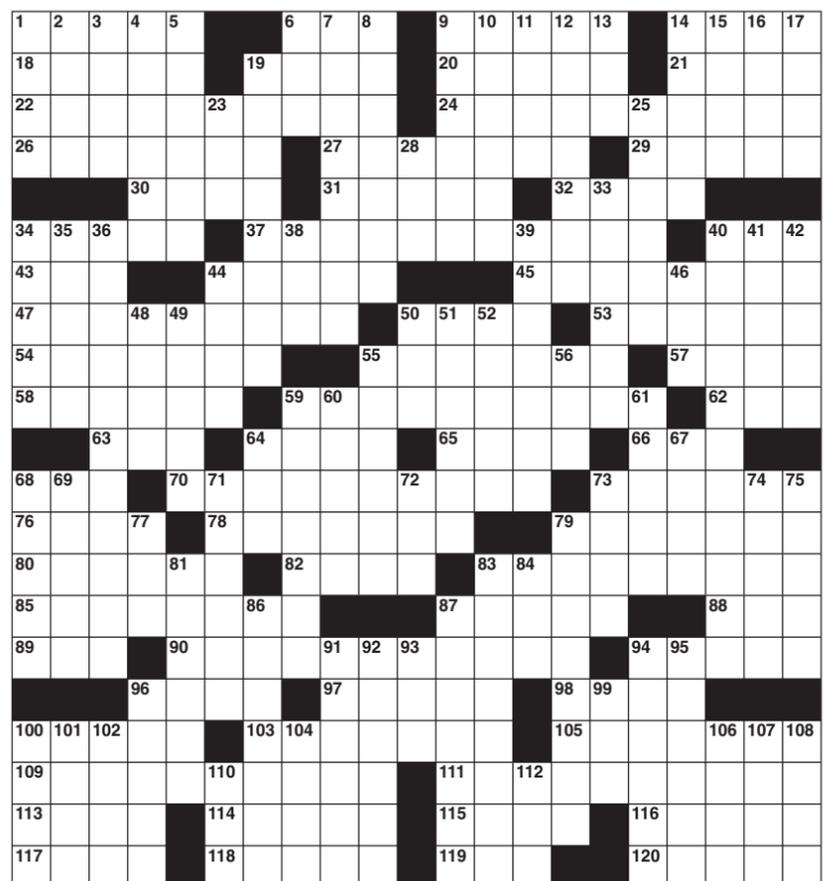
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New York Times Sunday Magazine Crossword

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| Across | 50 South Dakota, to Pierre | 96 Abbr. before a date | 11 Former stock regulating org. |
| 1 Fish | 53 Admission of ineptitude | 97 Hindu soul | 12 Removes from a bulletin board |
| 6 Walk away with | 54 Apportion | 98 He was born Lucius Domitius Ahenobarbus | 13 Part of R.S.V.P. |
| 9 ___ Wagner, player on an ultrarare baseball card | 55 "Come on, help me out" | 100 See 89-Across | 14 For whom Safire wrote the words "nattering nabobs of negativism" |
| 14 Fictional inspector Dalglish | 57 Nightmare figure | 103 Big newspaper company, informally | 15 Early vocabulary word |
| 18 Sounded soft and sweet | 58 ___ Treaty, establishing the 49th parallel as a U.S. border | 105 Stuck | 16 Madly |
| 19 Name after "you" | 59 Caleb and Robert B.'s novel about valet service? | 109 Dan and Virginia's story of a dark-colored predator? | 17 Department store department |
| 20 Gulf Stater | 62 Went undercover | 111 Ezra and Irving's memoir of a stand-up comic? | 19 One-piece outfit |
| 21 Willing | 63 Hunk's pride | 113 Italian isle | 23 Emmy-winning Arthur |
| 22 Bret and Robert's treatise on acid reflux? | 64 Flag holder | 114 ___ ligation | 25 They're on the Met schedule |
| 24 Nathanael and Jack's travel guide about Heathrow's environs? | 65 Drop ___ (start to strip) | 115 Breather | 28 Co. that dances at the Met |
| 26 Prove it | 66 Small island | 116 Plays the banjo, e.g. | 33 Go to bed |
| 27 It includes the line "The True North strong and free!" | 68 Six-footer from Australia | 117 Looking good | 34 Gadget |
| 29 Maxima | 70 Richard and Thomas's book about a robot? | 118 Coordinate geometry calculation | 35 "Fort Apache, The Bronx" actor |
| 30 To-do | 73 Golf ball feature | 119 Sentence shortener, for short | 36 Horton and John's podiatry journal article? |
| 31 Diminutive drum | 76 Advance | 120 Stations | 38 Sweaty |
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