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Pier gone, bids in for beach concessions

By Nick Walter
Islander Reporter

The remaining debris of the Manatee Public Beach Pier, as well as demolition equipment, vehicles and a fence were removed Jan. 28.

For about a month, crews worked to remove all signs of the pier.

Charlie Hunsicker, director of the Manatee County Natural Resources Department, said the demolition crew had until mid-January to complete its work.

“They were to remove all material above the water line to approximately a foot and a half below the water line,” Hunsicker said in December.

Some snowbirds and vacationers complained about the work, saying it was bad timing to remove the pier during tourist season because high numbers of visitors frequent the beach.

The former 300-foot pier will be replaced by a new one, but Hunsicker said there is no a timetable for its completion.

A majority of Holmes Beach city commissioners are in favor of a 312-foot T-end pier, which could be favorable for fishers, who would have more area to cast their baits out of the way of walkers.

There also is an option for a 700-foot-long pier. Some proponents of the longer pier said it would be good for tourism and would improve fishing, enabling anglers to



Crews finished up the Manatee Public Beach Pier removal last week and reopened the area for beachgoers. *Islander Photo: Jack Elka*

fish at a deeper water depth.

But some against the 700-foot pier, such as Manatee County Commissioner Carol Whitmore, said a longer pier would make the Manatee Public Beach just like any other beach in Florida.

A 700-foot pier remains possible, however, with possible funding from public beach concession fees, Whitmore said. The county

could take a long-term loan and pay it off with concession fees.

The concession operations at Coquina and Manatee beaches are presently up for bid with
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Amended offer made in Bradenton Beach land dispute

By Lisa Neff
Islander Reporter

Bradenton Beach city commissioners balked at a recent deal offered by the owners of waterfront property that the city wants for a park.

So the property owners amended the offer.

Island Inc.-Beach Development Inc. wants the city to buy the property in the 1400 Gulf Drive for \$600,000, with the amount payable over 20 years. In a previous offer, the property owners were willing to sell the land for \$600,000 payable over five years.

The deal, in addition to resulting in the waterfront property going from private to public ownership, possibly for a park, also would settle a lawsuit between Island Inc.-Beach Development and the city.

“Please see if this resolves the ‘funds available’ issue you spoke to me about,” attorney S. William Moore wrote to attorney Greg Hootman. Moore is representing Island Inc.-Beach Development and Hootman is representing the city in the suit.

Commissioners discussed the initial offer at a commission meeting in January, but shared a concern about the price attached to the property.

How much is the land worth? commissioners asked, before voting to have the property professionally appraised.

Commissioners, who have not acted upon the amended offer, also said they wanted to hold a public meeting on the



The privately owned property in the 1400 block of Gulf Drive in Bradenton Beach may become a city park. *Islander Photo: Lisa Neff*

matter, which, as of *Islander* press time, had not been scheduled.

The legal dispute between the city and the property owners dates back years. The developers had sought to build residences on property that the city deemed preservation land.

The dispute went to court, where the city won the first round, the developers won a second round and a judge eventually pushed both sides into mediation.

In mediation, the focus turned to the city’s acquisition of the property. Bradenton Beach applied for a state grant to help purchase the land in 2007, but did not secure the money.



John and Barb Hinners of Cincinnati view the Gulf of Mexico while dining at Cafe on the Beach at the Manatee Public Beach Jan. 28. *Islander Photo: Nick Walter*

Anti-drilling demonstration planned

By Lisa Neff
Islander Reporter

Opponents of drilling in the Gulf — many of them dressed in black — will gather from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at Manatee Public Beach for a protest.

The Sierra Conservation Committee of Manatee County is coordinating the event, part of the statewide Hands Across the Sands project.

The rain-or-shine event was coordinated in part to send a message to Florida lawmakers, who will be gathering in Tallahassee in March for the 2010 legislative session.

“This is a simple, nonpartisan way for Floridians to join hands in an effort to protect
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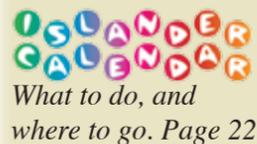
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Gulf Drive landscaping to begin

By Lisa Neff
Islander Reporter

The crews driving the Gulf Drive enhancement project will shift from “hardscaping” to landscaping this week.

Under the supervision of the Florida Department of Transportation, native plants will be used to dress up State Road 789/Gulf Drive from Cortez Road south to Fifth Street South in Bradenton Beach.

The landscaping will begin this week, said Darren Alfonso of the DOT.

The work is part of an \$800,000 project administered by the DOT, lobbied for by Bradenton Beach and the Sarasota-Metropolitan Planning Organization

and paid for with federal stimulus dollars under the U.S. American Reinvestment and Recovery Act.

The first stage of the project involved building sidewalks to create a contiguous walking path on the west side of Gulf Drive from Cortez Road to Fifth Street South.

Additionally, work crews improved some beach access locations.

“The hardscaping is done,” said Alfonso, who also said the project is ahead of schedule.

He expected the project to be completed by the middle of the month.

SR 789/Gulf Drive in Bradenton Beach is a scenic highway.

In a separate project, the DOT plans to resurface Gulf Drive from the Longboat Key Bridge through Bradenton Beach to State Road 64/Manatee Avenue in Holmes Beach.

The resurfacing is expected to take place this year.

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our state’s most important asset — our waterways and beaches,” said organizer Dave Rauschkolb.

Already a coalition of local officials has called on the governor, state legislators and U.S. congressional members to respect the coast and keep oil and gas drilling operations out of state waters.

The coalition includes Manatee County’s board of commissioners, as well as representatives from every municipality in the county.

A letter to state and federal officials included the signatures of all seven county commissioners, as well as signatures of elected officials in Anna Maria, Bradenton Beach, Holmes Beach, Longboat Key and Palmetto. Bradenton officials joined in the campaign, but signed a separate resolution.

The letter states, “There is a consensus among elected local officials to urge the Legislature to prohibit offshore oil and gas drilling in the territorial waters of the state. We ask you to join us in opposing initiatives to allow offshore drilling off the coast of Florida and to retain the current statutory ban on such drilling.”

With state budget forecasters predicting a \$2.6 billion reduction in revenues going into the 2010-11

fiscal year, some lawmakers are suggesting that lifting a ban on drilling could fuel revenues.

In the 2009 session, the House passed a bill that would have opened state waters to natural gas and oil drilling within 3 miles of shore. The Senate, however, did not take up the bill.

The mission of Hands Across the Sand includes several goals, according to the organization’s Web site at www.handsacrossthesand.com:

- To raise awareness about pending Florida legislation to drill for oil in our coastal waters.
- To organize a statewide coastal movement to “bring thousands of Florida’s citizens to our beaches and ... draw metaphorical and actual lines in the sand; human lines in the sand against near shore oil drilling in our waters.”
- To convince legislators and the governor to drop any and all legislation that would “allow this folly” of drilling in state waters.

The campaign is sponsored by the Sierra Club, Protect Florida’s Beaches, Progress Florida, Audubon of Florida, Defenders of Wildlife, SoWal and Walton Outdoors.



Hardscaping, financed with federal stimulus money, is complete along Gulf Drive in Bradenton Beach. The next stage in the scenic highway improvement project is to landscape. Islander Photo: Lisa Neff

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PAR, Thrashers part ways

By Rick Catlin
Islander Reporter

Mike and Lizzie Thrasher, residents of Anna Maria and the United Kingdom, are no longer partners in Pine Avenue Restoration LLC and its Pine Avenue projects.

In the parting of ways, the Thrashers purchased 503 Pine Ave. — “Cozy Corner” — from PAR and have their own plans for that property and others they own on Pine Avenue.

Lizzie Thrasher said she and her husband want 503 Pine Ave. to be a community-type facility “in line with the comp plan and as a complimentary property to Beach Bum’s and the rest of [Pine] Avenue.”

The Thrashers believe in the wise use of natural resources and sustainable materials, and recently installed solar panels at Beach Bum’s, a property they purchased several years ago.

They also own other Anna Maria properties, including some on Pine Avenue, some rental homes and their residence.

The Thrashers became principals in PAR in April 2009, and still have an interest in two Mainsail Development LLC projects in Holmes Beach, the completed Mainsail Beach Inn project at 66th Street on the Gulf and Mainsail Lodge and Marina, the former Tidemark project adjacent to Wachovia Bank.

PAR’s Mike Coleman said some individual PAR investors also are investors in the Mainsail projects.

Mainsail Development LLC is based in Tampa.

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Jan. 29 the deadline for submissions to the county. County staff announced the proposals for operations of the Manatee and Coquina beach concessions were received from four bidders, one for operating the concession at Manatee, and three of the proposals include operation of both concessions.

Companies submitting proposals for Coquina Beach included Blue Wave Division of Sunrise Sunset Concession in Nokomis, Loggerhead Beach Cafe of Holmes Beach and United Park Services in Tampa.

For the Manatee Public Beach concessions, bids came from Blue Wave, United Park Services, Log-

gerhead Beach Cafe, and the current contract-holder of both concessions, Cafe on the Beach LLC, which includes P.S. Beach Associates Inc. and the Beach Shop.

The county will release information regarding the bidders’ experience and bid amounts Feb. 8, or when the county declares a bid winner.

Cafe on the Beach owner Dee Schaefer said if she did not win the bid, she will have until July 20 to vacate the property.

County contract buyer Melissa Assha said that the county expects to declare a bid winner before July 20.

Meetings

Anna Maria City

- Feb. 10, 6:30 p.m., environmental enhancement education committee meeting.
- Feb. 11, 6 p.m., planning and zoning board meeting.
- Feb. 25, 7 p.m., city commission meeting.
Anna Maria City Hall, 10005 Gulf Drive, 941-708-6130, www.cityofannamaria.com.

Bradenton Beach

- Feb. 4, 1 p.m., city pier team meeting.
- Feb. 4, 1:30 p.m., city Web site meeting.
- Feb. 4, 7 p.m., city commission meeting.
- Feb. 9, 1 p.m., budget orientation meeting.
Bradenton Beach City Hall, 107 Gulf Drive N., 941-778-1005, www.cityofbradentonbeach.org.

Holmes Beach

- Feb. 3, 5 p.m., parks and beautification meeting.
- Feb. 9, 7 p.m., city commission meeting.
- Feb. 18, 10 a.m., code enforcement meeting.
- Feb. 23, 7 p.m., city commission meeting.
- Feb. 25, 9 a.m., board of adjustment meeting.
Holmes Beach City Hall, 5801 Marina Drive, 941-708-5800, www.holmesbeachfl.org.

West Manatee Fire Rescue District

- Feb. 4, 5:30 p.m., commission work session.
- Feb. 18, 6 p.m., commission meeting.
WMFR Station No. 1, 6001 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach, 941-741-3900.

Of Interest

- Feb. 9, 9 a.m., Manatee County Board of Commissioners meeting, County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Ave. W., Bradenton.
- Feb. 14 is Valentine’s Day.
- Feb. 15 is President’s Day.
- Feb. 17, 2 p.m., Barrier Island Elected Officials meeting, Anna Maria City Hall.
- Feb. 22 is Washington’s Birthday.
- Feb. 22, 9 a.m., Manatee County Tourist Development Council meeting, Powel Crosley Estate, 8374 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota.
- Feb. 23, 9 a.m., Manatee County Board of Commissioners meeting, County Administration Building, 1112 Manatee Ave. W., Bradenton.
- March 22, 9:30 a.m., Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization board meeting.
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County negotiates Robinson addition

By Nick Walter
Islander Reporter

A 200-acre parcel of land that was destined to be a northwest Bradenton golf course could become part of a preserve.

The parcel on the east side of the 487-acre Robinson Preserve, owned by developer Bill Robinson, was slated to be a golf course, clubhouse, recreational fields and luxury homes.

The property was held out by Robinson when the county negotiated with him for the preserve land. Charlie Hunsicker, director of the Manatee County Natural Resource Department, said the county is negotiating to purchase the land.

“The most important thing in the coming months is to measure the support of the community,” Hunsicker said.

Hunsicker said those interested in the expansion should contact their elected officials. He said funding will be difficult.

“This couldn’t have come at a more stressful economic time,” Hunsicker said. “But it’s coming at the best environmental time.”

And Hunsicker said that conservation is something important to Bill Robinson and his family.

“This opportunity presents itself as a wonderful one-time, yet permanent, chance to fix forever the environmental restoration and recreational access to this property,” Hunsicker said. “I get the feeling from the [Robinson] family that this is not a time when money talks. This is one time when stewardship and conservation and environmental value talk the loudest. I know that because the family has stated in the past that their original sale to the county, and what the county did with the raw land, returned more to them than any other investment they made.”

Robinson founded Robby’s Sporting Goods and sold the acreage to the county in 2003 for \$16.4 million. The county paid \$3.9 million along with a \$6.2 million grant from Florida Communities Trust and a \$6.4 million discount from Robinson.

The county restored the farm into a wetland and



coastal habitat, and opened the preserve to the public in the summer of 2008. It has become popular for hikers, bikers, skaters, anglers, kayakers and bird-watchers.

Hunsicker said the adjoining 200 acres includes wetlands, uplands and 20 home sites. He said the plan for the parcel, if acquired, would be to landscape a tidal area, tidal lagoon, and salt marsh. Also, county workers would extend the walking trails and canoe/kayak trails.



Robinson Preserve. File Photos: Lisa Neff

BB commission to meet

The Bradenton Beach City Commission will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, at city hall, 107 Gulf Drive N.

The agenda includes a number of house-cleaning items, including invoice payments, as well as:

- A second reading on an ordinance that would eliminate the distance requirement for establishments selling alcohol on Bridge Street and create a conditional-use permit process for establishments seeking to sell alcoholic beverages.
- A public hearing on a proposed marine

rescue headquarters on Coquina Bayside. Manatee County has proposed the building, which is a major development under the city’s code.

- Consideration of a contract to hire the firm Wilson Miller to assist with work on the city’s land-development code.

- A request from citizens and members of the ScenicWAVES to replace signs directing motorists to public parking lots. The relatively new signs are white and black, not blue and white, and larger than the signs recommended by the ScenicWAVES advisory committee and authorized by the city commission.

Concerns raised with AM Pier-boardwalk project

By Rick Catlin
Islander Reporter

A push by Anna Maria City Commissioner Jo Ann Mattick to get a proposed boardwalk built at the city pier in time for the April 2011 Pier Centennial Festival might face some difficulty getting approval from other commissioners.

Commissioners, at their Jan. 28 meeting, appeared pleased with the overall concept, but Commission Chairman John Quam said he had reservations about parking.

The project is funded by an \$860,000 federal grant administered by the Florida Department of Transportation, which will oversee the project.

Because of the time constraints — Mattick and the transportation enhancement grant committee want the boardwalk finished for the festival — the DOT has proposed a “design-and-build” project.

Commissioner Harry Stoltzfus said that means the commission and the public won’t be able to make any changes to the design once the project has been let out for bid.

The company selected for the project will design the boardwalk and accompanying amenities from suggestions made by the commission, TEG committee and DOT representatives, but will not present a final plan for approval.

“What you’re going to change, you’re going to have to change now,” Stoltzfus said. “My fear is, until we see a design, who wants it?”

He suggested Mattick have the DOT build a scale model of the project and bring it to a commission meeting, where DOT engineers could explain everything, including the parking arrangements for both the north and south side.

“I like the overall concept, but the boardwalk is a major issue,” he said.

Mattick was concerned that the TEG has been

meeting for three years and no objections were raised until now.

“We haven’t been meeting in secret. We’ve had numerous meetings and it’s been in the papers and there’s never been any negative comment.”

Nothing has changed since TEG committee member Tim Eiseler drew a conceptual design two years ago, she said.

Dye interjected that, because the project is on city property, the city needs an agreement with the DOT for liability and other issues, including any cost overruns that the DOT has said it will pay.

Mattick asked commissioners for specific changes she could give to DOT engineers to put in the design, but the commission preferred to wait and provide input when the TEG meets to finalize the plan with

DOT engineers Feb. 16.

That plan will then be presented at the Feb. 25 commission meeting for review and public comments.

The proposed plan calls for an 800-foot-long boardwalk 8 inches above the ground that will allow pedestrians to walk from the humpback bridge to the south end of the pier parking area without walking behind parked vehicles.

Proposed amenities include a covered trolley shelter, picnic areas and benches, native landscaping, signage and a pier entrance that is compatible with the U.S. Americans with Disabilities Act.

Mattick said the proposed boardwalk is similar in design and materials to the nature walk at the Robinson Preserve in northwest Bradenton.



Anna Maria City Commissioner Jo Ann Mattick, at the Jan. 28 commission meeting, points toward the area in the city pier’s north parking lot where the Island trolley and delivery trucks will park if a boardwalk is built according to the conceptual design on display in the commission chambers. Islander Photo: Rick Catlin

Stoltzfus, AM attorney differ on density opinion

By Rick Catlin
Islander Reporter

Anna Maria City Commissioner Harry Stoltzfus, known for his interest in issues concerning the retail-office-residential district, expressed concern at the Jan. 28 commission meeting that an opinion from a Sarasota attorney about density in the ROR might be correct — and the opinion of city attorney Jim Dye could be wrong.

Stoltzfus was responding to the opinion Dye gave commissioners that night regarding a Dec. 23 letter from Sarasota attorney Dan Lobeck.

Lobeck, who represents Robert and Nicki Hunt and Robert and Coleen Muzzy, developers of 303 Pine Ave., Anna Maria, alleged that the city was incorrectly computing density in the ROR district in violation of the city comprehensive plan.

In his letter, Lobeck demanded the city change its code or his clients will likely file a challenge with the Florida Department of Community Affairs.

He said the city should deny a site plan from Pine Avenue Restoration LLC for an ROR project because, according to his calculations, it is above the allowable density in the comp plan. Lobeck gave the city 30 days to reply to his letter.

Dye told commissioners that he responded by speaking with Jeremy Anderson of Lobeck & Hanson and telling Anderson that Lobeck was incorrectly computing density on a lot-by-lot basis in the ROR, not on the basis of the entire district, which is allowed by city code.

The district includes several vacant lots, Dye said, which results in a different overall density than computing density on a lot-by-lot basis.

Since the lots were platted around 1919 and have since been accepted by the city as buildable, the size of the lots have been grandfathered for use and Lobeck's calculations "do not apply," Dye said.

"I've never seen density calculations on a lot-by-lot basis, but it's up to the commission. I told (Anderson)

son) I would ask the commissioners if they want to change the code," he said.

Any change in calculating density, however, might make some lots too small for construction of an ROR structure and would also affect construction in the residential district, Dye indicated.

If Lobeck files a challenge with the DCA, it would come back to the city, and "we would take a look at it," Dye said.

Stoltzfus, however, was concerned that the density formula used by the city allows for mixed-use development that might be contrary to the comp plan.

"I think they are right," said Stoltzfus. "If they proceed, we are going to end up with egg on our face."

Commissioner Chuck Webb, an attorney, said the city can respond to any DCA challenge by stating that

the lots are grandfathered for use.

In addition, said Dye, if the density applies on a lot-by-lot basis, it would also apply to the residential district and could result in some unbuildable lots.

But those residential lots are for different uses than in the ROR, said Stoltzfus. He asked if residential density was different from ROR density.

"It's the same," replied Dye.

Commissioner Jo Ann Mattick said she didn't want to waste taxpayer dollars on what Lobeck claimed to be an issue.

The majority of the commission agreed that Dye had responded adequately to Lobeck's letter and took no action to change the density calculations.

The Hunts have an ROR project planned for 303 Pine Ave. that will be a mix of residential and retail in a three-story structure on about 5,600 square feet.



Coquina Beach and Scrap Yard

Salvage crews from Island public works departments, Manatee County and other operations help collect items in the annual E-Scrap and Hazardous Waste Collection Jan. 30 at Coquina Beach in Bradenton Beach. Islander Photo: Lisa Neff

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Our Opinion

Three cheers

Let's raise a glass to the Robinson family.

They carved out a sacrifice for themselves on the deal some years back with Manatee County for the original tract of land — 487 acres — that became known as the Robinson Preserve. Likely you've enjoyed biking or hiking the trails, the kayaking opportunities, fishing or bird-watching. With the preserve we have pristine wetlands, 3 miles of tidal canals and a promise that the land will never be developed.

The preserve opened in July 2008, but the progress of restoring and creating something so akin to nature on vacant land that had been used and abused for many years continues.

Cheers to the Robinsons.

And cheers to Manatee County officials and staff, in particular Charlie Hunsicker, director of the Manatee County Natural Resources Department, for the stewardship, diligence, persistence, foresight and commitment to seeing the preserve to fruition.

This is a project that northwest Manatee County sorely needed, where so much was developed over the years and only pockets of undeveloped land remained. It took a leap of faith and great vision.

And cheers to all the volunteers who planted, dug, watered, trimmed and now care for the preserve, you too are to be commended for your labor of love. You quickly vested in the preserve, turning barren land into a natural, lush Florida landscape.

But to the caretakers of the preserve — before your final bows — there is more work to be done. Join us in shouting to the tree tops — and passing the word along to elected officials and the Robinson family — that 200 additional acres of land for the Robinson Preserve would be a great environmental and recreational achievement.

It should be Robinson Preserve Forever, for we will forever be grateful.

Bravo.

And another

So many generous people have come to *The Islander* to provide aid to Haiti through the Ministry of Presence that we can't begin to thank you all.

And many more have helped collect, box and fill the truck that will be sent on a ship to Haiti, loaded with all the assorted needs for 86 homeless orphans.

Keep it coming. We very much need tents, tarps and canopies, and funds to ship the truck.



Slick

By Egan

Your Opinion

Permit please

The following is a lesson learned the hard way and a confession.

My neighbor builds a big, beautiful pergola right down to the water's edge and never posts a building permit.

Now, when I wrote a letter to the building department, the last thing I wanted to do was cause more friction or ill will in our neighborhood.

I was thinking the issue would not be who made the complaint, but the consequences of the unpermitted construction in a wind storm.

Our entire community could be grievously impacted. I am self-insured, so probably not protected from projectile pergola damages.

As a result, my neighbor came over to my house — quite irate and with a copy of my letter in his hand. He told me the building department inspected his pergola and told him it did not need a permit and that everything was in compliance.

That's great, that we have safe construction, but I lost a friend over the situation, as well as my integrity in the neighborhood.

I feel badly, and advise all homeowners to get a building permit. It only costs \$30 per \$1,000 of construction costs. This guarantees neighbors of safe construction.

I thought the role of our building department was to protect our neighborhood, not alienate neighbors.

Stephan Evans, Holmes Beach

Running smoothly

The Anna Maria Elementary Dolphin Dash 5k and 1-mile fun run was a huge success.

Thanks so much to Tom Orehowsky and the Bradenton Runner's Club for helping everything run smoothly.

Another huge thank you goes out to the Holmes

Beach Police Department for its help on the course and continued support.

Thanks also to the many businesses who donated to the cause, and a big thank you to Publix.

Another thanks to Rae Ann at runnergirl.com for setting up and maintaining the race Web site.

Thanks to all the volunteers. Thank you to the runners, who signed up for, and ran the race! We will see you next January.

Becky Walter, race organizer

Two-county traveling

The idea for a two-county transit pass and longer operating hours is an idea whose time should have come a long time ago. Better late than never!

The transit systems in Manatee and Sarasota counties are excellent. The only complaint is short schedules. Most Manatee and Sarasota buses stop running about 6 p.m. So any visits to shopping areas, restaurants, and entertainments past this time require car or taxi travel. (Sarasota Route 18/the Longboat Key trolley from the Lemon Street downtown terminal to St. Armands Circle and Coquina Beach does extend to around 10:30 p.m.)

The two-county pass and longer hours would decrease traffic congestion to and from Anna Maria Island, reduce the hazard of accidents, yet add to the coffers of Island businesses. Also, it would probably decrease the number of DUIs.

Oh, yes! In council deliberations, please don't forget a transit pass office on Anna Maria Island!

Jack Wilhelm, Holmes Beach

Cozy Corner interest

I'd like to make a correction to "PAR sells Cozy Corner project." The article states that Mike Thrasher and I have purchased 503 Pine Ave., Anna Maria, from Pine Avenue Restoration, which is correct.

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BB park-and-ride gets nod

By Lisa Neff
Islander Reporter

A Bradenton Beach committee gave the go-ahead Jan. 27 to applying for federal stimulus money for a park-and-ride operation in the city.

Two city commissioners and the mayor attended the meeting of the ScenicWAVES at city hall, but the commission has not yet discussed an application.

And several hurdles remain to be cleared — the first being the U.S. Senate must pass and the president must sign the Jobs for Main Street Act.

In mid-December, the House approved its bill — intended to create or save jobs with targeted investments of \$75 billion for highways and transit, school renovation, education, public safety and affordable housing.

“There may or may not be a second round of stimulus,” said Manon Lavoie of the Florida Department of Transportation.

Lavoie said the DOT can’t wait until the bill’s fate is decided to prepare applications. “The DOT,” she said, “is gathering projects. Last year, we were all last-minute. This time, we are putting the horse in front of the cart.”

The park-and-ride project in Bradenton Beach likely would involve two funding requests:

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But it also states that we are partners in PAR, and this is no longer the case.

The PAR partnership recently decided that it made sense to continue to work closely together, but that Mike Thrasher and I would work separately on our plans for Pine Avenue.

We are no longer members of PAR.

Mike and I would like to develop 503 Pine Ave. as a community facility in line with the city comprehensive plan, and as a complementary property to Beach Bums and the rest of the avenue.

Lizzie Vann Thrasher, Anna Maria

- Funding for electric vehicles to transport people from beach parking lots to Bridge Street, as well as the tools to keep the vehicles charged and a shelter for them at night.

- Funding for signs or other amenities to designate the park-and-ride station at Cortez Beach.

In previous discussions, ScenicWAVES members focused on using the low-speed electric carts to transfer workers in the commercial district from remote parking.

But last week, the discussion expanded to include the general public, with the park-and-ride operation working in tandem with the Island trolley.

“The route is very defined and limited — to Bridge Street and the circle,” said ScenicWAVES member Ed Chiles.

Visitors, Chiles said, “can come down and have a slice of Bradenton Beach” and leave their cars in the beach parking lot.

The low-speed vehicles would travel from Cortez Beach to Bridge Street along the rights of way parallel to Gulf Drive. The vehicles also would travel to Coquina Beach.

In addition to a city commission endorsement of the project, the Sarasota-Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization must approve.

“The MPO is going to prioritize,” Lavoie said, noting that additional applications will come from other governments, including Anna Maria and Holmes Beach.

Details still to be worked out include whether Manatee County officials, especially those with Manatee County Area Transit, want to partner in the park-and-ride concept.

The ScenicWAVES group, as well as Bradenton Beach Mayor Michael Pierce, suggested MCAT operate the low-speed vehicles. Each vehicle, which would comply with U.S. Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, would hold about 15 passengers.

The Islander 10 years ago

In the Feb. 2, 2000, issue of The Islander, headlines announced:

- Engineers, hired by Anna Maria to design a drainage system that was halted by the city commission in December 1999, asked the commission to pay \$89,000 in fees for preliminary work done before the project was stopped. A \$345,000 grant from the Southwest Florida Water Management District was to pay the costs, but the grant was pulled after the city terminated the project.

- A Holmes Beach resident was sentenced to six months in the Manatee County jail for witness tampering, grand theft and forgery in connection with a fake letter he sent to a Holmes Beach business claiming the business needed to pay him \$5,000 for a Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation license.

- More than 1,000 registered Anna Maria voters turned out at the Anna Maria Island Community Center for *The Islander* newspaper’s candidate forum that preceded the February municipal elections. Commission candidate Jay Hill drew the loudest round of applause when he called for the firing of public works director/building official Phil Charnock.

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Chamber to offer trolley advertising

By Rick Catlin
Islander Reporter

Manatee County and the Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce officials have signed a contract for the chamber to run an advertising sales program on the Island trolley.

Chamber board member and Island accommodations owner David Teitelbaum said he is in charge of advertising sales on the trolley as part of the Save the Trolley effort.

Teitelbaum first proposed the chamber's Save the Trolley campaign last year after Manatee County officials indicated a fare would be instituted in their 2009-10 budget to help operate the trolley, which costs more than \$200,000 annually.

County officials then agreed to defer the fare to give Teitelbaum and the chamber an opportunity to raise a good portion of the operating costs through ad sales and other fundraising measures.

Teitelbaum and Island restaurant owner Ed Chiles have already pledged ads on the trolley, and Teitelbaum is hoping the Island business community will follow suit.

"Our target market is tourism-related businesses on the Island," he said.

Lester Challenge short of goal

As of Jan. 29, \$39,044.09 was donated for the Anna Maria Island Community Center's Lester Challenge.

The goal was \$50,000 and, if reached, Homes Beach residents Charles and JoAnn Lester would provide \$50,000 in matching funds for the Center's scholarship fund.

The deadline was extended from Dec. 31. Donations to the center are tax deductible.

Island non-profit organizations can advertise their organization or events at a discounted rate.

Teitelbaum said he has started selling ads and expects the first advertisements to be on the trolley "in a few months."

Ads inside the trolley will be on an LED message board, while those outside will be standard art-work,

he said.

In addition to trolley advertising, Save the Trolley has plans for an annual festival on the Island each spring to raise money to keep the trolley fare free.

The Real Florida Festival will hold its inaugural event April 16-18 this year, Teitelbaum said, and includes festivities in each Island city.

Condo group requests trash tax

By Nick Walter
Islander Reporter

The flood of foreclosures is especially affecting condominium owners, and now Emery Morse, president of the Martinique North Condominium Association, is asking Holmes Beach for help.

Morse wrote recently to City Commissioner Pat Morton, requesting that trash service be included in the taxes the association pays to Holmes Beach. He made the request again at the Jan. 26 city commission meeting at city hall, 5801 Marina Drive.

"If we honestly look at the situation," Morse said in the letter, "condo associations are paying twice for a service the rest of the residents receive as a service for paying their taxes."

Morse estimated that the association's unit owners pay \$5 a month for trash service to Waste Management.

Commissioner John Monetti, chairing the meeting for absent Chair Sandy Haas-Martens, said he pays \$43 a month.

"You might want to keep the deal you've got," Monetti said.

Morse stated in his letter that "condominiums are taxed at the highest of all assessed properties. State and local governments have shifted the tax

burden to condo associations via homestead and Amendment 10 because, like our building, 75-80 percent is non-residents."

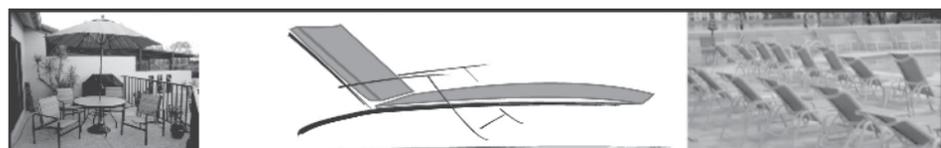
Morse estimated in the letter that non-residents are paying 400 percent more for property taxes compared to owners protected by homestead and Amendment 10. He also stated that insurance costs in the past few years have increased more than 250 percent, and will be increasing this year from the projection of the insurance commission.

Monetti said that Morton is spear-heading waste-related issues, but Morton was unable to attend the Jan. 26 meeting due to health issues, so commissioners took no action.

A Waste Management consultant suggested Morse contact the company to explore cost-saving options. She also said that customers in unincorporated Manatee County have garbage included in their tax bill, however, the Island municipalities do not include trash-hauling fees in city taxes.

Trash service is not included in taxes paid by condominium associations.

Trash and waste hauling is contracted by the cities, but the fee for service is billed to individual property owners.



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HB resident complains about surfers

By Nick Walter
Islander Reporter

Don and Marilyn Hartsfield love their quant house in the 100 block of Aqua Lane in Holmes Beach.

"But we found out it is Surfer City, USA," Don Hartsfield told city commission during a Jan. 26 meeting at Holmes Beach City Hall.

He complained about surfers who park in two spaces by his front yard as early as 7:30 a.m. He said they shout, change clothes outside their cars, and drink beer.

"This makes our lives miserable," he told commissioners. "I hate to say it, but it's horrible."

Hartsfield said that if the city removes the two parking spaces, he would "beautify" that spot.

"You've asked us to give you the end of the street basically," said Commissioner John Monetti, filling in as chairperson at the meeting in the absence of Commissioner Sandy Haas-Martens.

Mayor Rich Bohnenberger added that the city must provide a certain amount of beach-side parking to qualify for beach renourishment.

Hartsfield also requested lighting be added the Aqua Lane to help curtail what he called "drug-dealing around 1 and 3 a.m."

"I am interested in getting lighting," Monetti said. "Perhaps that's something we can certainly explore."

Commissioners and the mayor agreed that Hartsfield's situation is a law enforcement issue.

"I called the police a number of times," Hartsfield said. "The police were very slow to react to the parking problem. We did call a week ago because we thought somebody was breaking in next door at the neighbor's house and they responded in five minutes. I was very impressed. But we called so many times about this parking thing and it's like they're saying, 'It's Mr. Hartsfield again.' And then hang up."

Holmes Beach Police Department Lieutenant Dale Stephenson responded during the meeting.

"I've been dealing with Mr. Hartsfield for quite some time," he said. "I don't see eye to eye with him on a few things. When he calls we respond and that's what we're all about." Stephenson said officers often patrol the beach access area, particularly on ideal surfing days.

"To catch somebody changing clothes is a matter of a minute and a half," Stephenson said. "By the time we get there they're already done."

Joe Webb, an Anna Maria Island fishing guide who lives three blocks from Hartsfield, said he is probably to blame for the problem. But he was quick to defend Island surfers.

"I first started surfing at that beach in 1963," Webb said. "I understand what you're saying about what's going on. You've got people coming from the East Coast, St. Pete and Tampa to surf here, and a few

are crazy. I first started going up there as a little kid. I think it needs a little policing, and I know the police are doing their best because it's hard to catch these guys. I probably did the same thing as a young kid, and I'm not ashamed to say it, because I was born and raised here."

Webb offered to help tame the surfers, but did not think the city should remove public parking.

"Surfing is a great sport," Webb said. "I'd say 90 percent of surfers are healthy people, they don't abuse drugs, they don't drink heavy, although they might pop open a beer once in a while."

Jim Brady, owner of the West Coast Surf Shop in Holmes Beach for 46 years, also spoke.

"Like every sport, there's a bad apple out there," Brady said. "I'd say 99 percent of them are good people.... Very few surfers surf and drink beer."

The commission agreed to look into street lighting on Aqua Lane.



Collection notice

Volunteer Jim Dunne of the Rotary Club of Anna Maria Island hands out notices of the Rotary Food-raiser at Publix Super Market in Holmes Beach. Rotary volunteers, along with Girl Scouts, collected food Jan. 30 for the All Island Denominations food bank at Roser Memorial Community Church in Anna Maria. *Islander Photo: Lisa Neff*

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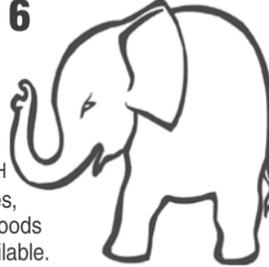
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Island happenings

Art exhibition set for late February

The Florida Maritime Museum in Cortez will host its Maritime Heritage in Art exhibition from Feb. 12 through March 12.

The exhibit, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, will showcase works by Manatee County maritime artists Robert Semler and Val Sandell.

The exhibition will take place at the museum at 4415 119th St. W.

While the exhibit is in session, the Cortez Commercial Fishing Festival will be Feb. 20-21.

The Florida Institute for Saltwater Heritage is still looking for a remote parking location.

Last year, there was a remote lot at Sugg Middle School in Bradenton. But after the festival, Sugg used the lot to hold a flea market. FISH board member Roger Allen said the flea market became so successful that Sugg decided not to allow the lot to be a parking location for the fishing festival at the same time.

Allen said he was speaking with representatives from the former Publix on Cortez Road.

There will be parking at Coquina Beach, with shuttle availability, and another parking area by the FISH preserve.

On a historical note, museum volunteer Bob Coulter is researching operations of the old Cortez Volunteer Fire Department. The department closed when the West Manatee Fire District was formed in 1986.

Coulter said he would attempt to preserve records of members, major fires fought, equipment, operations, building and expansion of the fire house and social activities.

Coulter said Mary Green, president of the Cortez Historical Society, also wanted to establish a museum called The Fire Science Museum of Cortez.

Coulter said it would be for the collective pride of citizens of the village of Cortez.

Rotary planning 2010 casino night

The Rotary Club of Anna Maria Island hopes to hit the jackpot March 12, when it will present its biggest fundraiser of the year.

The club's annual Rotary Extravaganza and Casino Night will take place at 6 p.m. at St. Bernard Catholic Church, 248 S. Harbor Drive.

The event will raise money for a number of Rotary projects.

The event also will offer Island high rollers an opportunity to play casino-style games, as well as dine and dance and bid on auction items.

Tickets, which often sell out in advance, are \$50 per person and are available by the table.

For ticket details, call Rosann or Tom Creed at 941-778-2636.

For more information, go to www.annamariarotary.org.

Also, the Rotary club meets at noon Tuesdays at the BeachHouse Restaurant in Bradenton Beach.

Library to hold book sale

The Friends of the Library will hold its annual book sale Feb. 5-6 at the Island Branch Library, 5701 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach.

The Feb. 5 sale, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., is for Friends of the Library members. People can purchase memberships the day of the preview sale at the library.

The Feb. 6 sale, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., is open to the public.

For more information, call the library at 941-778-6341.

Church hosts sale

The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation, 4408 Gulf Drive, Holmes Beach, will host a white elephant sale from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6.

The sale will feature housewares, apparel, books, baked goods and the church group's homemade pickles.

For more information, call Terry Hussey at 941-792-7183.

Garden club to hold antique affair

The Anna Maria Garden club will host the Antique Appraisal Affair at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, at the Episcopal Church of the Annunciation, 4408 Gulf Drive, Holmes Beach.

The event will feature appraiser Julie McClure providing on-the-spot appraisals for \$5 per item.

For more information, call Jeanie Pickwick at 941-795-2370.

Friends host low-vision seminar

The Friends of the Island Branch Library will host a seminar on low-vision at 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 5, at the library, 5701 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach.

Speakers will include:

- Sue Byerly, case manager from the Lighthouse of Manasota.

- Marilyn Stevenson, access services librarian from the Talking Books Library.

- Christopher Gabbard, a spokesman for Magnifying Aids.

- Linda Brown of the Florida Division of Blind Services.

Additionally, representatives with Southeastern Guide Dogs will attend.

Seating for this free program will be available on a first come, first serve basis. No prior registration is necessary.

For more information, call the library at 941-778-6341.

Art league seeks 'Florida' photos for exhibit

The Anna Maria Island Art League will accept artwork for "The Florida I Remember: A Photographic Journey" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, and Wednesday, Feb. 10.

The juried exhibit "capturing the Florida of 'yesterday' being preserved for tomorrow" will open with a reception Friday, Feb. 12, at the league, 5312 Holmes Blvd., Holmes Beach.

The fee is \$10 per entry for AMIAL members and \$15 per entry for non-members.

For more information, call 941-778-2099.

Off Stage Ladies to meet

The Off Stage Ladies of the Island Players Theater will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, at the Sun House Restaurant, 111 Gulf Drive S., Bradenton Beach.

The group will hold its Valentine's program, featuring a performance by vocalist Marianne Barnebey.

For more information, call Nancy Ambrose at 941-518-4431.

Wisconsin Day set

Local transplants from Wisconsin will celebrate the 53rd annual Wisconsin Day at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, at St. Bernard Catholic Church, 248 S. Harbor Drive, Holmes Beach.

The event will feature a potluck buffet, with participants asked to bring a hot or cold dish to feed eight people.

Admission is \$5.

For more information, call 941-746-2312.

Island happenings



Shoppers at a January Bridge Street Market find a variety of vendors. Offerings include produce, artwork, crafts, clothing and accessories and household items. Additional markets at 107 Bridge St., Bradenton Beach, will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday, February through April, and May 1 and May 15. For more information, call Nancy Ambrose at 941-518-4431. *Islander Photo: Lisa Neff*

Promise event celebrates Valentine's Day

The *Islander* and Cafe on the Beach will host a Valentine's Day celebration — Islander Promise Day — for couples to share vows.

Couples are invited to marry, commit or recommit in the mass ceremony set to take place at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, at Cafe on the Beach, 4000 Gulf Drive, Holmes Beach.

A notarized certificate costs \$10. A licensed marriage certificate, which requires a pre-approved county marriage license, costs \$25.

A reception and buffet will follow, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The cost will be \$10 per person, and include a champagne toast.

Any proceeds will be donated to local nonprofits.

For more information, call *The Islander* at 941-778-7978.

Back Alley to host author, book-signing

Holmes Beach resident and author Jean Peelen will sign copies of the books "Invisible No More: The Secret Lives of Women Over 50" and "Saving the Best for Last: Creating Our Lives After 50" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Back Alley, 121 Bridge St., Bradenton Beach.

For more information, call Back Alley at 941-778-1800.



IGW recognizes Law

Acrylics artist Nancy Law is the featured artist in February at Island Gallery West, 5368 Gulf Drive, Holmes Beach. A reception will take place at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12. For more information about IGW, go to www.islandgallerywest.com. *Islander Photo: Courtesy Marlane Wurzbach*

Kiwanis, Center present Valentine's Day dance

The annual Sweetheart Dance presented by the Kiwanis Club of Anna Maria Island and the Anna Maria Island Community Center will take place Thursday, Feb. 11.

The event, featuring the Bob Zimmerman Orchestra, will take place in the Center gym, 407 Magnolia Ave., Anna Maria.

The dance, from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., is sponsored by the Kiwanis to benefit the Center's adult and youth programs.

Tickets are \$15 per person, with guests asked to bring their own beverages.

For more information, including ticket details, call the Center at 941-778-1908 or Kiwanis president Sandy Haas-Martens at 941-778-1383.

Moose women host Valentine's dance

The Women of the Moose at the Anna Maria Island Moose Lodge will host a Valentine's Day dinner and dance at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at the lodge, 110 Gulf Drive, Bradenton Beach.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and are available at the bar.

Music will be provided by the Hammers and Adams Band.

For more information, call 941-779-2314.

SOS to hold Valentine's party

The Save Our Seabirds organization will hold a Valentine Love Birds Food and Wine Tasting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, to benefit the SOS sanctuary.

The event will take place at the sanctuary, formerly the Pelican Man Bird Sanctuary, 1708 Ken Thompson Parkway, Sarasota.

Tickets are \$35 person.

For more information, call SOS at 941-383-3010.

Spirit of Manatee awards event planned

The Manatee Community Foundation will announce the winners of its Spirit of Manatee awards during a luncheon Wednesday, Feb. 17, at the Bradenton Municipal Auditorium, 1005 Barcarrota Blvd., Bradenton.

Tickets to the lunch cost \$25.

Awards will be presented in a variety of categories for individuals and organizations. Local honorees of interest include John Horne, who will receive the Volunteer Spirit Award, and Ed Chiles, who will receive the Leadership Spirit Award.

For more information about the program or the nonprofit MCF, go to www.manateecf.org.

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The Anna Maria Island Historical Society volunteer recognition and member luncheon will take place at noon Wednesday, Feb. 17, at the Beach Bistro, 6600 Gulf Drive, Holmes Beach.

Each year, AMIHS recognizes members, donors and volunteers.

Beach Bistro owner Sean Murphy offered to open the restaurant's doors for a lunchtime treat, according to an AMIHS news release. The menu will include house focaccia bread served with a roasted Roma tomato, black olive tapenade and basil pesto, the Beach Bistro Chilled and Grilled Salad, Florida key lime pie and a beverage. Tickets are \$20.

Seating is limited to 50 attendees.

To attend, contact AMIHS membership chair Melissa Williams at 941-779-9108 or melissa@amihs.org.

Jewels on the Bay tour starts

The 15th annual Jewels on the Bay is taking place on Longboat Key.

The designer showcase, which began Jan. 23, raises money for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee and Sarasota counties.

The schedule includes tours of participating properties — the Longboat Key Club and the 756 Dream Island Road home — Mondays through Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The tours continue through Feb. 21.

For more information, call 941-926-7794.



Sailing association to meet

The Manatee Sailing Association will hold its first meeting of 2010 at 7 p.m. Feb. 9 at Firkin & Fox Bar & Grill, 2505 Manatee Ave. E., Bradenton. Bruce Matlack, pictured, a club member and Anna Maria resident, will speak about windsurfing. Matlack was the first American World Champion Windsurfer. For more information, go to www.manateesailingassociation.org.

Church Women United to meet

Church Women United of Manatee will meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 5, for a Human Rights Day Celebration at the Longboat Island Chapel, 6200 Gulf of Mexico Drive, Longboat Key.

The program theme will be "Living The Challenge/Differently Enabled, Uniquely Called."

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Cortez plans events

The fifth annual Florida Gulf Coast Small Craft Festival will take place on the waterfront in Cortez April 16-18.

Also, according to the Cortez Village Historical Society newsletter, the annual Cortez natives Picnic will take place April 24 at the Florida Maritime Museum, 4415 119th St. W., Cortez.

The museum also will host the Maritime Heritage Art exhibit from Feb. 12 to March 29. A reception will take place at 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12.

For more information about the events, go to cortezvillage.org on the Web or call the museum at 941-708-6121.

Robinson events planned

The Manatee County Natural Resources Department offers programs at Robinson Preserve in west Bradenton, where the February calendar includes:

- Saturday, Feb. 6, 2 p.m., an adventure paddle for kayakers.
- Sunday, Feb. 14, 9 a.m., a nature tour.
- Saturday, Feb. 20, 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., and Thursday, Feb. 25, 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., wagon tours.
- Thursday, Feb. 25, 5:30 p.m., "Sunset and Stars Shutter Stroll" for photographers.
- Saturday, Feb. 27, 8 a.m., United Way Volksmarch fitness event.

For more information or to register for an event at the preserve, call the county at 941-742-5757, ext. 4. Robinson is at 1704 99th St. NW., Bradenton.

AMICCO changes name

The Island's chorus and orchestra recently changed its name, though its acronym remains the familiar AMICCO.

The new name is Anna Maria Island Concert Chorus and Orchestra.

The old name was Anna Maria Island Community Chorus and Orchestra.

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AM safety committee plays it safe

By Rick Catlin
Islander Reporter

Members of Anna Maria's parking safety committee agreed at their Jan. 29 meeting that all future developments in the city's retail-office-residential district should have a sidewalk adjacent to the structure.

The committee agreed that drawings presented by Gene Aubry, a committee member and architect, showing sidewalks next to a building were the appropriate placement for pedestrian paths.

Aubry also presented drawings for angular parking, but the committee did not agree on a recommendation. The issue will be discussed again at the committee's Feb. 4 meeting.

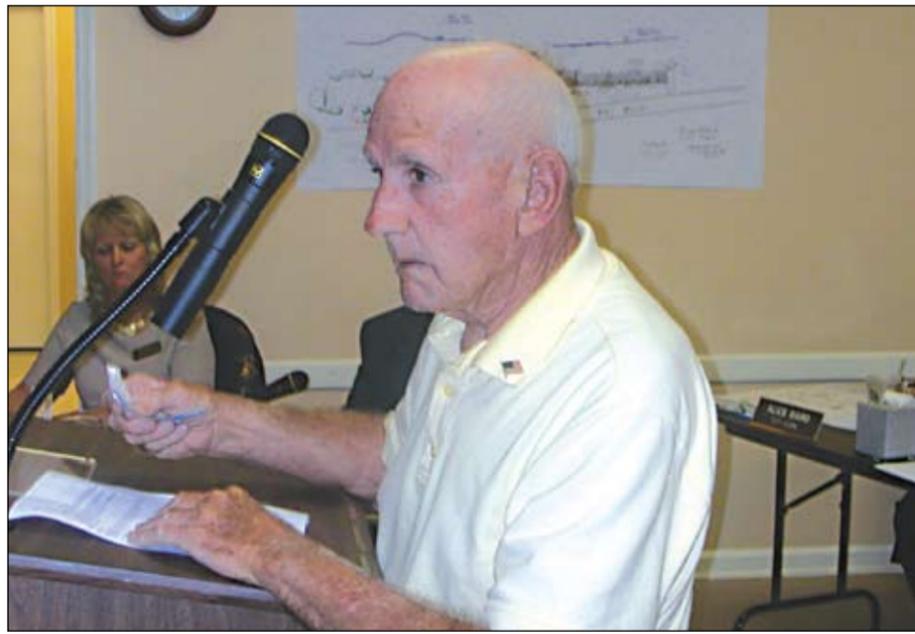
Committee chairman Larry Albert said the meeting was "very constructive" and he anticipated committee recommendations to improve parking safety in the ROR would be presented to the city commission in the near future.

Mike Coleman of Pine Avenue Restoration LLC, a committee member, said his company could move the sidewalks at its completed ROR project at 315 and 317 Pine Ave. away from Pine Avenue and closer to the structures.

He said also that sidewalks at the company's planned ROR project at 216 Pine Ave. could be moved away from Pine Avenue and constructed adjacent to the building.

Moving the sidewalks closer to the structures would allow pedestrians and cyclists to maneuver without risking encounters with parked cars backing out across sidewalks and onto Pine Avenue.

The committee is charged with presenting the city commission with recommendations to improve parking safety in the city, including the ROR.



Anna Maria resident Mark Alonso, at the Jan. 28 city commission meeting chastised Commissioner Harry Stoltzfus, claiming the commissioner posted a notice at city hall of a meeting that began a few minutes later. Alonso said he did not think sufficient notice was provided and hoped that would not occur again. City attorney Jim Dye said the meeting was noticed properly. Islander Photo: Rick Catlin

AM site-plan review on track

At its Jan. 28 meeting, the Anna Maria commission passed the first reading of an amendment to an ordinance that would make the commission the approval authority for most site plans, including those in the retail-office-residential district.

Several years ago, the commission had amended the procedures to give the planning and zoning board that authority.

Commissioners discussed what type of use will trigger a site plan, what is a development order and how long should a site plan be valid.

Commissioner Chuck Webb suggested 12 months for a site plan, but Dye said that's a "pretty

short time."

Webb, however, said Anna Maria projects are not that big and he would not like to see something unfinished for more than one year.

The commission agreed to again discuss the amendment at its Feb. 11 work session.

Also at the Jan. 28 meeting, Mayor Fran Barford reported the city pier restaurant operators have agreed to pay for pier repairs identified in a structural engineer's report last year. The repairs should be completed within 60 days.

The mayor said she is still negotiating to renew the lease with pier operator Mario Schoenfelder. She will report any tentative agreement to the commission.

Civic association disbands

The Holmes Beach Civic Association announced last week that it was dissolving effective Feb. 15.

The HBCA board of directors made the decision, according to a news release from the group.

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Haiti: Dispatch from the disaster zone

By the Rev. Jean Ronald Joseph
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On Jan. 12, at around 4:45 in the afternoon, as I was getting ready to cook, with matches in my hands to start the range, a huge black cloud came toward me.

I heard some of the dishes and glasses rattle. All of our cabinets started shaking, the hot grease from the pan splashed all over my T-shirt.

I felt like the house — the House of Presence — was in the middle of the ocean with the huge waves lifting the house from one room to the next. I ran through the chapel, where the tabernacle was already on the ground, the chairs and all were tossed. It was chaotic. I heard more glasses breaking. I ran outside and saw the house was wavering.

We lost half of our surrounding wall. The house next door was flattened to the ground. The main road was filled with people praising God.

I realized something huge had just happened. I was told it was an earthquake. It would be defined as a magnitude 7.0 quake.

We all left the compound for fear of the house falling. I met a woman outside the wall, who told me her son was under the concrete and, sure enough, he was dead.

It was a nightmare. Everyone was on the streets. We eventually were told to stay away from concrete buildings. We stayed up all night wondering.

The next morning, news came to us that the downtown area of Port-au-Prince, about 15 minutes drive from the House of Presence, had been destroyed. The cathedral, the white house, were no more.

The entire team from the House of Presence and Sabon Enterprise — Junior, Stephanie, Ricardo, Charlemagne, my brother Pierre (who only flew to Haiti the day before the earthquake) and myself — began to mobilize some aid.

We went to the Peace Hospital in Delmas with a 50-quart pot of soup ready to serve. We gathered



The children of Our Lady of the Apostles orphanage in Leogane, located two hours from Port-au-Prince between the city and the earthquake epicenter, now live under makeshift tents of pink plastic tablecloths and sheets in a field adjacent to the collapsed buildings. *Islander Photos: Ron Joseph*

whatever we could find, white sheets, donated by Key Cleaners months ago, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste and more for the hospital.

Driving through Haiti, especially Delmas, was like driving to a war zone. Many multi-story buildings flattened to the ground. Debris everywhere. All I could feel was tears, and sadness covered me.

Since that day I have not had a minute of rest, between volunteering as the bad news bearer in the hospital, to just feeding or offering water to injured people.

I have been witness to so many communal graveside services, so many dead bodies all over the city.

I have no choice but to question why now? Why Haiti?

I need answers, and I am sure I will have to think and pray harder.

I met a woman named Nadine, one of the staff members at the hospital, who was trapped under her concrete house for more than 26 hours. She lost her son, only 2-years-old and not strong enough to resist. While she was talking to me about being grateful to be alive, I learned she also lost her husband and her mother, who lived with her.

Thank God she had a strong faith, but I am not too sure for how long, because soon the doctor told

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The orphanage in Leogane, which has had support from the Rev. Ron Joseph and Ministry of Presence for many years, is collapsed by the Jan. 12 earthquake. The four-story building housed the kitchen and dining hall, classrooms and girls dormitory.



The Rev. Ron Joseph looks into the collapsed building that was the four-story orphanage before the earthquake struck Leogane, Haiti, Jan. 12.

A busy intersection in Port-au-Prince is now reduced to rubble by the Jan. 12 earthquake.



The hallways of a hospital in the Delmas region of PaP are crowded with patients, as are the sidewalks and tents outdoors. Volunteers from the Ministry of Presence carried hot soup and water to the patients and assisted hospital workers.

me to let her know she would lose both legs.

The next day, Jan. 14, I was supposed to fly back to the United States.

But I had finally heard news of the children at the orphanage in Leogane, Our Lady Queen of the Apostles — about two hours south and east of Port-au-Prince. I did not lose a minute to join them. A short trip of about an hour on an ordinary day was the longest on this day — four hours.

When I arrived to the orphanage, I could not believe my eyes. The four-story building, which housed the girls, was flattened.

Thank God, it was prayer time at 4:30 p.m. and most of the children were outside praying when the earthquake hit. Unfortunately, we lost two girls at the orphanage and two others at school. Only two bodies were found.

The 90 children remaining are now sleeping under plastic tablecloths, praying that it does not rain.

I am so grateful for packing so many things — including the garish pink tablecloths — from the House of Presence for the trip.

Still, I felt hopeless and desperate. Do I need help? I am sure I need lots of help to help the children of Haiti.

The house needs work. The structure is safe, but cracks in the walls will need repairs.

The children's need should be the top priority right now, and I am so afraid a good rain will wash away what little was salvaged.

As I write this I am in the Dominican Republic trying to make it to the United States to collect medicine and supplies and gather my strength.

The children at the Leogane orphanage were just hanging by a thread. They hope I will return to feed them.

Help if you can, with money to ship supplies, or

supplies for the orphanage.

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Haiti needs:

Haiti needs everything, but *The Islander* is helping the Rev. Ron Joseph and the Ministry of Presence to meet the immediate and long-term needs of 86 orphans, living in a field outside their demolished Our Lady Queen of the Apostles orphanage in Leogane since the Jan. 12 earthquake.

They lost everything, and as of Jan. 25, Joseph and his family and friends in Haiti were the only ones to arrive with aid for them.

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The Rev. Ron Joseph serves "hot pottage" that he and other volunteers with Ministry of Presence made and carried Jan. 15 to the hospital along with bottled water, ice and other aid. Joseph said many of those served said it was their first hot food in several days.

Drive, Holmes Beach. Checks for donations should be payable to Ministry of Presence.

To view more of Joseph's photos of the orphanage, Port-au-Prince and other areas after the disaster, go to www.ministryofpresence.org.

Editor's note: Joseph flew from the Dominican Republic through San Juan, Puerto Rico, to Tampa last week. He returned to Anna Maria Island, where he worked with fellow volunteers of the Ministry of Presence, friends and supporters to pack a truck with supplies. He returned to Haiti through the D.R., Feb. 1. He hopes to make another trip back to the States later this month to help ship the truck and its contents to Port-au-Prince.

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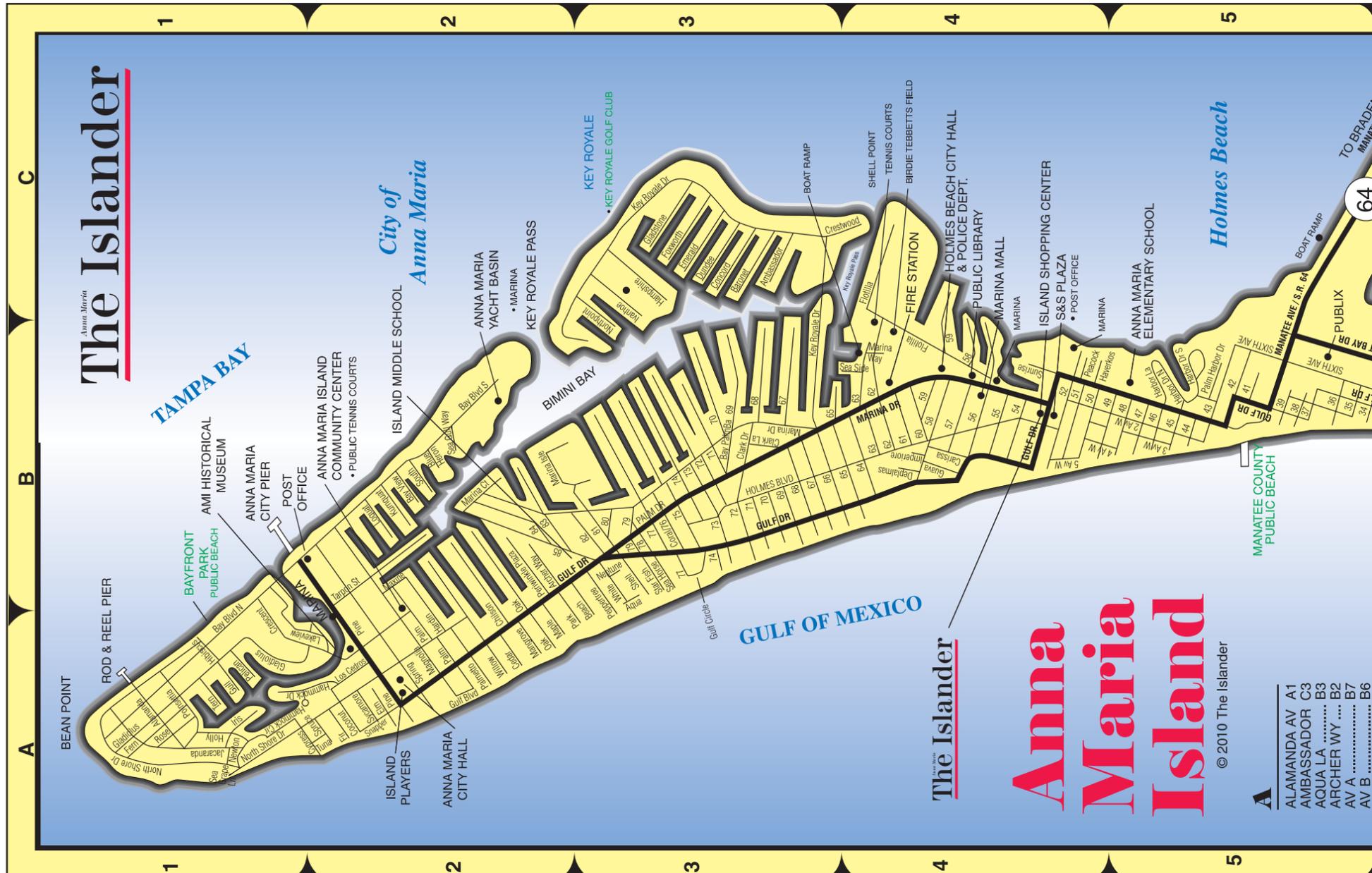
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Island worker to depart for Haiti

By Lisa Neff
Islander Reporter

Holly Connelly will temporarily leave her paid job at Key Royale Club in Holmes Beach for an unpaid assignment in Haiti.

The work conditions, she acknowledged as she prepared for the trip last week, will be dramatically different.

Connelly, 29, of Bradenton, is the club's office administrator, and, as such, she works in a shared large office from which she can see the expanse of the nine-hole golf course.

But on Feb. 8, Connelly will fly from Miami to the Dominican Republic with about 100 volunteers with God's Chosen Ones Ministry, which is based in Miami. From the D.R., the group will travel into Haiti, where, on Jan. 12, a magnitude 7.0 earthquake caused devastation and death.

Connelly, like many people who have donated and collected supplies and money, said she felt the need to respond to the tragedy.

But she wanted to respond in Haiti.

"I felt a need to go to help," she said.

Many organizations were sending people, but were seeking those with medical expertise.

Then Connelly came across the GCOM invitation for assistance. "Consider joining us on a disaster relief mission trip, we especially need those individuals with backgrounds in the following fields: medical, construction and search and rescue/emergency response," read a notice on the Web at www.gcom-intl.org. "We welcome any physically fit able bodied individual who is willing to work to join us as well.



Holly Connelly, office administrator at the Key Royale Club in Holmes Beach, prepared last week to travel to Haiti to help with the relief effort. She was told she could bring as many medical supplies as she could pack into her suitcase. *Islander Photo: Lisa Neff*

Please be advised this trip is not for the faint of heart, you will likely come face to face with death."

Connelly signed up for the trip, which will cost her about \$2,000, as well as some vacation time at the golf course.

Co-workers and club members last week praised Connelly's decision to go to Haiti.

Connelly's family members had mixed emotions.

Her husband, she said, was nervous.

Her youngest child didn't understand, her older child was apprehensive and her middle child wanted her to bring Haitian survivors to the United States.

As for her parents, Connelly's father shared an emotion with her elder daughter — apprehension — and her mother wanted to go along.

Connelly said her baggage for the trip would contain flashlights, mosquito netting, lightweight clothing and as many medical supplies as she can carry.

"They just need so much," she said.

Grant for Annie Silver garden awarded

By Lisa Neff
Islander Reporter

The Florida Department of Elder Affairs is providing Bradenton Beach with the seed money to grow a community garden.

The city received notice from the DOEA's Communities for a Lifetime division in late January that the state approved a \$2,780 grant for a demonstration garden.

The state awarded nine mini-grants for 2010, with allocations ranging from \$12,500 to \$2,780 for health-care programs, transportation programs and community programs.

City project/program manager Lisa Marie Phillips said the garden would be located at the Annie Silver Community Center, 103 23rd St., Bradenton Beach. The late entrepreneur Annie Silver founded the nonprofit center in the 1950s to promote friendship and community.

"It's still in the planning stages," Phillips said of the garden, which she described as a vegetable garden built on "salad tables" — raised boxes — for easier access.

Community gardening has experienced a resur-

gence in popularity in the past year, promoted from the White House to greenhouses, from city halls to community centers.

In Bradenton Beach, volunteers would be vital to planting and maintaining the garden, where people of all ages would gather to learn about growing their own food, said Phillips.

The project would incorporate water conservation techniques, including a catch-system for rainwater, composting and organic soil nourishment.

The garden, Phillips said, might be dressed up with indigenous landscaping and signage.

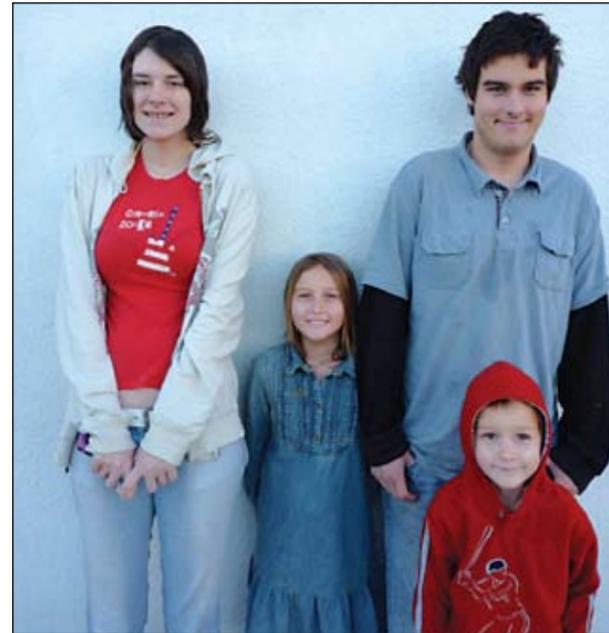
"It's an important location — two blocks from the bay and one block from the Gulf," Phillips said.

"The idea is to better use the facility, to bring the community together to create a safer, healthier community where neighbors know each other."

Phillips said she submitted several grant applications to pay for the garden, but that local businesses might be asked to assist with the project.

"We could begin site development as early as March," Phillips said.

And, she added, "Think of the beautiful harvest fest we can have."



For the cause

Emily Fuchs, Anna Pears, Thomas Pears and Michael Pears helped hold a yard sale Jan. 23 to raise \$270 for relief efforts in Haiti. The group planned to be involved in another yard sale for Haiti Jan. 30.

Streetlife

Island police blotter

Anna Maria

Jan. 29, 606 N. Shore Drive, information. An officer interviewed a man who said his live-in girlfriend borrowed his truck and did not bring it home. He said he telephoned his girlfriend several times and she said she'd bring the truck back. While searching for the vehicle, the officer found it at the man's apartment. The officer made contact with the man, who said everything was fine.

Bradenton Beach

No new reports.

Holmes Beach

Jan. 26, 5351 Gulf Drive, theft/shop lifting. An officer was dispatched to Niki's Island Treasures in reference to a prior theft. The victim stated that between noon and 5 p.m. someone took two rings valued at \$117, a pink cameo valued at \$55, and a sand-dollar pendant valued at \$60. The victim said she realized the items were missing when she found the empty boxes.

The Annie Silver Community Center in Bradenton Beach. The city secured a grant to begin a community garden at the center, which is in the planning stages.
Islander Photo: Lisa Neff



Obituaries

Jack Carlton Carroll

The Rev. Jack Carlton Carroll, 88, of Bradenton, died Jan. 26. Born in Florence, Ala., he moved to Bradenton in 1998 from Littleton, Colo. He was a member of West Bradenton Baptist Church, a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and a Pearl Harbor survivor, and past president of Southern Baptist Convention of Oklahoma and Colorado. He was formerly pastor of Island Baptist Church on Anna Maria Island.

Service and visitation were Jan. 29 at West Bradenton Baptist Church, Bradenton. Memorial donations to the American Bible Society. Online condolences to www.brownandsonsfuneral.com.

Mr. Carroll is survived by his wife of 64 years, Erma L.; son Steve and wife Joella of Rockmart, Ga.; daughters Ann and husband Rick Johnson and Jane York, both of Bradenton; sister Pat McKenney of Forsyth, Ga.; grandchildren Eric and David Johnson, Stephanie Carter, Jared and Caleb Carroll, and Jay and Rachel York; great grandchildren Nathan, Seth, and Grace Johnson, and Ali and Eli Carter.

Emma Dina Caserta

Emma Dina Caserta, 87, of Holmes Beach, died Jan. 24.

Mrs. Caserta is survived by her nephew, Vic Caserta of Holmes Beach, and several nieces and nephews in Naples, Italy.

Covell Funeral Home, Bradenton, is serving the Caserta family.

Paul Scott Lark

Paul Scott Lark, 32, of Holmes Beach, died Jan. 23.

Mr. Lark was born in Baltimore and moved to Anna Maria Island at age 9 with his family. He was a lifelong Islander.

He worked in restaurants as a cook since an early age and was employed 12 years by both the Rod & Reel Pier and the Anna Maria City Pier restaurants.



Lark

Memorial donations, payable to James Green, are being accepted by David Sork, manager of the Anna Maria City Pier, at 100 S. Bay Blvd., Anna Maria, or mailed to P.O. Box 2149, Anna Maria FL 34216.

A remembrance of Mr. Lark's life will be held at

7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at Roser Memorial Community Church, 512 Pine Ave., Anna Maria.

Mr. Lark is survived by his daughter, Jada Rose Lark; mother Claudette Green; brothers James Green and Joseph Gaston; Jada's mother, Louise Connelly; sister-in-law Jeanie Chamberlain, niece Sara Green; nephew Kyle Parsons; and companion Tammy Greene.

R. M. 'Buck' Marler Jr.

R. M. "Buck" Marler Jr., 97, of Anna Maria, died Jan. 26.

Mr. Marler resided in Anna Maria for many years and was the owner of Buck Creek Groves in Manatee County.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, with a service at 10 a.m. at Brown & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory 43rd Street Chapel, 604 43rd St. W., Bradenton.

A committal service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3, at Oak Hill Cemetery, Lakeland, Fla.

Danny Mack Pearson

Danny Mack Pearson, 55, of Bradenton, died Jan. 27.

manatee deaths.

Animal carcasses were taken to FWC's Marine Mammal Pathobiology Laboratory in St. Petersburg, where biologists performed necropsies.

"We are deeply concerned about these impacts on manatees and other fish and wildlife," FWC Chairman Rodney Barreto said in a news release. "We appreciate all the time and effort being put into the process of documenting the effects of this unprecedented event."

The manatee is an endangered species under state and federal laws.

For wildlife help

To report a dead or distressed manatee to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Wildlife Alert Hotline, call toll-free 1-888-404-3922.

Mr. Pearson was born in Winter Haven, Fla., and moved to Bradenton in 1984. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army in peace time. He was a member of the Bridge Church of Bradenton. He was junior governor of the Anna Maria Island Moose Lodge No. 2188 and a member of the Saturday Golf Guys. He retired after 32 years of work for Verizon.

A memorial service was held Jan. 30 at the Bridge Church, Bradenton. Brown & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory 43rd Street Chapel of Bradenton was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to the Bridge Church, 4000 75th St. W., Bradenton FL 34209, or the Anna Maria Island Moose Lodge, 100 Gulf Drive, Bradenton Beach FL 34216. Online condolences may be made to www.brownandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Mr. Pearson is survived by wife Marta; son Daniel Mark of Bradenton; daughters Connie and husband Barry Sanders of Buford, Ga., and Jill Pearson of Seattle; brother Greg and wife Missy of Winter Haven; sisters Vera and husband Ricky Daniels of Winter Haven and Alice and husband Kenny Smith of Auburndale, Fla.; two grandchildren, Emma and William Sanders of Buford; uncle A. J. Pearson of Winter Haven; mother-in-law Georgia Bush of Lexington, Ky.; and his beloved dog Gracie.

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School

By Kimberly Kuizon

AME custodian works to keep students safe

Anna Maria Elementary School custodian Shirley Beard is the first person to open up the doors of learning for students and staff at AME.

"I like taking care of these little rascals," said Beard. She has been working at AME for almost 15 years. While working in the lunchroom, many students wave and ask for her help.

"The little ones think I'm a police lady. They want to see my walkie-talkie and I play along with it," said Beard, who was hired part-time but after a few years of hard work was promoted to full-time.

Last year, Beard was recognized by the county school district for keeping the AME playground safe for students.

"If anything looks unsafe I change it. I don't want the students getting hurt," she said.

A few years ago Beard was transferred to Bayshore High School, but AME parents launched a petition to bring her back to AME.

Now Beard is finishing up her last two years of

AME names employee of the year

Three years ago Freddy Della Torre started his work as a custodian at Anna Maria Elementary School. Since then, Della Torre has gone from being a new staff member to a friend to co-workers and students.

"He's great, willing to help anybody, easy to get along with, and he gets us to laugh," said Debbie Gomes, AME office staff member.

Each year the AME staff nominates those who believe deserve the distinction of "employee of the year." From there, teachers and AME support staff vote on their choice. This year, Della Torre was their pick.

"I like working with the kids and the teachers, staff and principal are great," said Della Torre.

Della Torre is well known at AME. As students walk by him, they smile and wave. Some can even be heard saying, "Hi Mr. Freddy!"

"I'm very happy working here. I like my job and working with the kids." Della Torre said. "The teachers and students are always so grateful when I fix things for them."



'Hard working' employee

Anna Maria Elementary school has named their employee of the year. Custodian Freddy Della is recognized for his work to make AME a safe, student-friendly place to learn. Islander Photo: Kimberly Kuizon

service. She will leave AME in June 2011.

"I'm going to be going out with Tom Levensgood and a few other great staff members. I will miss it," Beard said.

Current AME students aren't the only ones Beard has an impact on. Wherever she goes, she bumps into AME graduates. While she may not recognize most everyone seems to remember "Miss. Shirley."

VPK enrollment to start Feb. 16

The Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County will begin issuing certificates of eligibility for the 2010 voluntary pre-kindergarten program Feb. 16 at its office, 3526 ninth St. W., Bradenton.

The certificates are valid for both school district based and private VPK locations. A child must have a certificate prior to enrolling with a provider.

Eligible program participants must be 4 years old by Sept. 1, and legal Florida residents. Proof of residency and a valid birth certificate are required.

Voluntary pre-kindergarten is structured education program intended to prepare children for kindergarten.

Parents may choose between the fall program, which begins in August and is 540 instructional hours, or the summer program, which begins in May and is 300 instructional hours.

VPK is a parental-choice program, meaning that parents may choose the VPK provider-public or private locations-that best suits a child's needs.

For more information or assistance with choosing a provider, please call the Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County at 941-757-2900 or visit the Web site at www.elc-manatee.org.

Love for the students

Anna Maria Elementary custodian Shirley Beard pauses for a minute to check with some of AME's students. Islander Photo: Kimberly Kuizon



Shoes for Haiti collection begins with kids

Anna Maria Elementary, King Middle and the School for Constructive Play will be taking shoes to school for donations to orphans in Haiti.

The event was conceived by Joselin Presswood, seventh-grader at King, when she learned the plight of orphans in Haiti that have been supported by the local nonprofit Ministry of Presence, founded by former St. Bernard priest, the Rev. Ron Joseph.

The ministry supports an orphanage in Leogane, where 90 percent of all buildings were demolished in the earthquake. The quake flattened the orphanage and its school, and four children died. The remaining 86 children are now living in an adjacent field protected only by sheets and tablecloths.

Their teachers and staff at the facility are homeless as well.

Feb. 12 will be Shoes for Haiti Day on the three

campuses. Students are asked to bring a pair of shoes to school, where containers will be filled and collected for delivery to Haiti.

The only direct aid the Leogane orphans have received since the earthquake has been delivered by Joseph and his co-workers, volunteers from the Ministry of Presence. Joseph was in Haiti with his brother Pierre during the earthquake, and the other volunteers are Haitian citizens, some who were raised at the orphanage.

Joselin is the granddaughter of *Islander* publisher Bonner Joy, who is helping spearhead collections for the Leogane orphanage. She learned few shoes had been donated, and thought maybe kids could help out.

For information on Shoes for Haiti Day, call *The Islander* at 941-778-7978 or inquire at the school offices.

Community notices, events

Attention community organization representatives: *The Islander* welcomes notices of your events and projects on Anna Maria Island and encourages you to submit photographs on a regular basis. Send press releases and photos with detailed captions to news@islander.org or 5404 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach FL 34217. Remember to include complete contact information.

AME school calendar

- Feb. 18, Domino's pizza day
- Feb. 19, Parent Teacher Organization meeting. 8 a.m.
- Feb. 23, 8 a.m. PTO dinner and kindergarten performance.

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

AME MENU

Monday, Feb. 8

Breakfast: French Toast Sticks, Super Donut, Cereal, Toast.

Lunch: Chicken Tenders, Sloppy Joe on Bun, Turkey Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli with Cheese Sauce, Mandarin Oranges.

Tuesday, Feb. 9

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

Lunch: Corn Dog, Rotini with Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Warm Breadstick and Pears.

Wednesday, Feb. 10

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

Lunch: Maxx Sticks with Marinara, Mixed Veggies, Rosy Applesauce, Chortles, Assorted Sandwiches and Salads.

Thursday, Feb. 11

Breakfast: Cheese omelet with Hashbrown, Yogurt, Cereal, Toast.

Lunch: Hamburger or Cheeseburger on Bun, Fish Nuggets, Veggie Cup with Dip, Potato Smiles, Strawberries and Bananas.

Friday, Feb. 12

Breakfast: Breakfast Burrito, Grits, Cereal, Toast.

Lunch: Pizza, BBQ Pork on Bun, Garden Salad, Corn Peaches.

Juice and milk are served with every meal.

Island Rotary inspires AME to read

The Rotary Club of Anna Maria Island's motto is "service above self." And the Island Rotary Club works with many aspects of the community to promote service, including students at Anna Maria Elementary School.

On Jan. 27, AME students received the encouragement of Rotary members as well as a few Rotary tools to help them improve their reading skills.

Club members visited every kindergarten classroom and handed out Rotary Reader sashes.

Students get started with the Rotary Reader patch program in their first year at AME. The program is designed to get kids excited about reading.

Students in kindergarten and first-grade may earn three patches by having books read to them. Second-grade students read 10 books from a category set in their reading level to earn a patch, and students in third- to fifth-grade read five books from a category on their reading level to earn a genre patch.

There are more than 20 genre patches for students to earn throughout their years at AME.

"We wanted students to develop an interest in reading and this gives them an incentive to read and explore the greater venue of reading," said Rotary member Jim Dunne.

Dunne and AME media specialist Lynn McDonough started the Rotary reader patch program more than five years ago.

By starting the program with kindergarteners organizers hope to involve parents in the learning process.

"The program is designed to get parents reading to their children," Dunne said. "When parents are involved kids get excited about reading outside of school. They are now transformed to adventure and excitement, all at the turn of a page."

Anna Maria Island isn't the only place the Rotary Reader program is taking off. Visiting Island Rotary member Ann Lattuca started the program in her hometown of Wallingford, Vt.

"I was a school nurse for 25 years and I know students can't learn without reading," said Lattuca. When I first saw the program here I was so impressed that I decided to start it at home."

The excitement at AME showed on the faces of



Proud to be readers

Left: A trio of kindergartners show off their new Rotary Reader sashes.

Below: Rotary Club of Anna Maria Island president Judy Rup stands with Rotary Reader club founder Jim Dunne and AME media specialist Lynn McDonough. Kindergartners started the Rotary Reader program Jan. 27. Islander Photos: Kimberly Kuizon



Dictionaries for all

AME third-graders receive dictionaries from the Rotary Club of Anna Maria Island. Islander Photo: Courtesy Barry Gould

students in Laura Redeker's class. When students were asked if they wanted to earn patches, all raised their hands.

Many students at AME have received all of their patches by the third-grade.

Rotary's work at AME last week did not stop with the kindergarten classes. Club members next visited with third-grade students to pass out dictionaries.



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9 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Two-day watercolor class begins with Mark Polomchak at the Florida Maritime Museum, 4415 119th St. W., Cortez. Information: 941-778-6694.

3 p.m. — Book club meets at Tingley Memorial Library, 111 Second St. N., Bradenton Beach. Information: 941-779-208.

Friday, Feb. 5

9:30 a.m. — Human Rights Day Celebration at Longboat Island Chapel, 6200 Gulf of Mexico Drive, Longboat Key.

10 a.m. — Portrait Drawing Basic workshop with Doug Land at the Anna Maria Island Art League, 5312 Holmes Blvd., Holmes Beach. Information: 941-778-7099.

4 to 6 p.m. — Book sale at the Island Branch Library, 5701 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach. Information: 941-778-6341.

Saturday, Feb. 6

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Book sale at the Anna Maria Island Branch Library, 5701 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach. Information: 941-778-6341.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. — White Elephant Sale at the Episcopal Church of the Annunciation, 4408 Gulf Drive, Holmes Beach. Information: 941-792-7183.

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Open-air market at 107 Bridge St., Bradenton Beach. Information: 941-518-4431.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Book signing with Holmes Beach author Jean Peelen at the Back Alley, 121 Bridge St., Bradenton Beach. Information: 941-778-1800.

Sunday, Feb. 7

4 p.m. — David Cubillos Jazz Ensemble at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 6608 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach. Information: 941-778-1813.

Tuesday, Feb. 9

9:30 a.m. — Rally for the Cure golf tournament and lunch at the Key Royale Club, 700 Key Royale Drive, Key Royale. Information: 941-778-5998. Fee applies.

Noon — Anna Maria Island Rotary Club lunch with guest speaker Ed Straight, Wildlife, Inc., at the BeachHouse Restaurant, 200 Gulf Drive, Bradenton Beach. Fee applies.

6 p.m. — Potluck supper at Annie Silver Community Center, 103 23rd St., Bradenton Beach. Information: 941-778-1915.

Wednesday, Feb. 10

9:30 a.m. — Exploring Textures in Watercolor two-day workshop with Joye Moon at the Anna Maria Island Art League, 5312 Holmes Blvd., Holmes Beach. Information: 941-778-7099.

10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. — Wisconsin Day potluck at St. Bernard Catholic Church, 248 Harbor Drive, Holmes Beach. Information: 941-708-0149. Fee applies.

11:30 a.m. — Off Stage Ladies of the Island Players Theater valentine lunch with guest musician Marianne Barnebey at the Sun House Restaurant, 111 Gulf Drive S., Bradenton Beach. Information: 941-518-4431.

5 to 8 p.m. — Antique Appraisal Affair hosted by the Anna Maria Garden Club at the Episcopal Church of the Annunciation, 4408 Gulf Drive, Holmes Beach. Fee applies. Three item limit.

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.



A Painter, A Potter exhibit to open

The Studio at Gulf and Pine, 10101 Gulf Drive, Anna Maria, will host A Painter and A Potter, featuring the work of painter Anne Abgott, pictured, and potter Karen Case. A reception for the exhibit will take place at 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12. The exhibit is from Feb. 2-Feb. 23. For more information, go to www.studioatgulfandpine.com.

• The first and third Mondays of each month, the American Legion Post 24, 2005 75th St. W., Bradenton, hosts dinners for the public. Fee applies. Information: 941-794-3390.

• Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m., Anna Maria Duplicate Bridge Club at the Episcopal Church of the Annunciation, 4408 Gulf Drive, Holmes Beach. Information: 941-778-3390.

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

• Wednesdays, 1 to 3 p.m., Irish Dancers host dances with instruction at the Tequila Beach Sports Grille, 7423 Manatee Ave. W., Bradenton. Information: 941-778-2416. Partners not required.

• Alternating Wednesdays, 11 a.m., memory loss support group at the Longboat Island Chapel Aging in Paradise Resource Center, 6200 Gulf of Mexico Drive, Longboat Key. Information: 941-383-6491.

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

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

• Thursdays, 6 p.m., Co-Dependents Anonymous group meets on the Island. Call for location: 508-815-7378.

• 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.

• Through Feb. 5, "Old Florida" themed exhibit at the Florida Maritime Museum of Cortez, 4415 119th St. W., Cortez. Information: 941-794-3310.

• Through Feb. 7, "Self Help" at the Island Players, 10001 Gulf Drive, Anna Maria. Information: 941-778-5755. Fee applies.

• Through Feb. 28, American Watercolor Society 142nd Annual Traveling Exhibition at ArtCenter Manatee, 209 Ninth St. W., Bradenton. Information: 941-746-2862. Fee applies.

OFF-ISLAND EVENTS:

Thursday, Feb. 4

7 p.m. — Extraordinarily Human Film Series: "Persepolis" at the South Florida Museum, 201 10th St. W., Bradenton. Information: 941-746-9161. Fee applies.

Friday, Feb. 5

8 p.m. — Valentine Pops Concert at Neel Performing Arts Center, 5840 26th St. W., Bradenton. Information: 941-792-0309. Fee applies.

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B4 fun: Annie Silver hosts bingo

By Lisa Neff

Islander Reporter

“G50,” Dale Redeker called out.

“G. Five. O,” he added for clarity.

The players scanned their cards. There were whispers and murmurs, but no shouts.

Redeker called another number.

And another.

And bingo game No. 7 at the Anna Silver Community Center, 103 23rd St. at Avenue C in Bradenton Beach, progressed until the whispers gave way to a shout, “Bingo!”

Bingo is back at the center, taking place Thursdays beginning at 7 p.m.

Players sat in folding chairs placed at long supper tables in the center.

Some arrived with the tools of bingo veterans —

specifically daubers, in a variety of colors, to mark the bingo cards.

Some arrived with the questions of bingo beginners — “What’s a cover-all?” The answer, from veterans, is a game in which the entire card must be covered for a win.

For most, an evening of bingo cost about \$2.

For those players who needed an energy boost — slices of homemade cake sold for \$1, as did cups of coffee and cans soda pop.

“It’s a good fundraiser,” said Linda Yarger, who baked one of the three cakes sliced and sold last week.

Proceeds from bingo nights help the nonprofit center “pay the bills,” said Redeker.

“But,” he added, “it’s also a social gathering.”

“A lot of people come back every year,” Center president Lynn Blackwood said of the bingo series, which begins in mid-January and continues through the winter season.

“We’re diehards,” added Judy Pruitt, who sold

bingo sheets and helped officiate.

Redeker began calling bingo for the center about 12 years ago and has learned to keep games moving at a steady — not too fast, not too slow — pace.

“He knows what he’s doing,” said bingo enthusiast Helen Del Torro, a seasonal resident of Bradenton Beach. “I’m from St. Louis, where there are some big bingo parlors. And Dale is probably just as good as the callers there.”

Del Torro said she appreciated Redeker’s humor.

Minutes later, he offered an example of that humor, suggesting the center host a racier event — midnight bingo.

“That’s not against the zoning is it? Midnight bingo?” Redeker said. “I know the mayor. We’ll work that out.”

A number of players, however, said midnight was past their bedtime.

“But I’m up at 4 in the morning,” suggested Amy Pearle, an Island winter resident.

Center to host potluck

The Annie Silver Community Center, 103 23rd St., Bradenton Beach, will host a potluck supper at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9.

Diners are asked to bring a dish to share.

For more information, call 941-778-1915.

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- Feb. 14, Islander Promise Day, Cafe on the Beach.
- Feb. 17, Anna Maria Island Historical Society lunch, Beach Bistro.
- Feb. 17, Spirit of Manatee Awards lunch, Bradenton Municipal Auditorium.

Save the Date:

- Feb. 18, “Curtains” opens at Manatee Players, Bradenton.
- Feb. 19, Chinese New Year celebration, South Florida Museum.
- Feb. 20, Cortez Commercial Fishing Festival Cook-Off.
- Feb. 20-21, Cortez Commercial Fishing Festival.
- Feb. 28, Anna Maria Island Wedding Festival.
- March 12, Anna Maria Island Rotary Club “An Evening at Casino Royale.”

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.



Dale Redeker calls a bingo number during a game at the Annie Silver Community Center, 103 23rd St. at Avenue C in Bradenton Beach. The center hosts bingo at 7 p.m. Thursdays through the winter season. For more information, call Kit Redeker at 941-778-1915. Islander Photo: Lisa Neff

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Busy week for youths in flag football

By Kevin Cassidy
Islander Reporter

Due to makeup games delayed Jan. 9 for cold weather, last week's schedule of Anna Maria Island Community Center's NFL Flag Football games was packed.

The volume of games played allowed some teams to make a huge move in the standings of their respective divisions. Tapes Tennis Titans was one such team. Last week it was in a three-way tie for first place, but after winning three games in a week, the Titans have a 5-1 record and a nine-point lead in the 13-16 division.

Sparks Steel Art Eagles had a meatloaf week (two out of three ain't bad) to stay within striking distance of Tortilla Bay Dolphins, which is still undefeated.

The Jessie's Island Store players of the week are the Eagles' Jack Mello in the 8-9 division, Logan Reiber from 10-12 Bengals, Titan Austin Ferrer from the 13-16 division and Tyler Bekkerus in the adult coed league.

Mello ran for 91 yards, had 80 receiving yards, including three touchdowns, while also adding four flag pulls on defense. Logan Reiber had a huge day with 95 rushing yards, 116 receiving, five TDs, two extra points and a two-point conversion on offense, while also chipping in with two flag pulls and an interception on defense. Tapes Tennis Titans QB Austin Ferrer completed 81 percent of his passes for 97 yards, while adding 67 rushing yards and two touchdowns. Defensively he contributed two flag pulls and an interception. Tyler Bekkerus passed for 45 yards and caught passes for 66 yards, a pair of touchdowns and an extra point. Defensively he had two flag pulls and a pair of interceptions.

The 13-16 game of the week came Jan. 25 when Tapes Tennis Titans outscored Galati Yacht Sales Raiders 38-26 behind another big day from Ferrer. He threw for 116 yards and ran for 44 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Chandler Hardy also scored a pair of TDs and a two-point conversion to go along with 72 total yards. Patrick Edwards and Max Miller each added touchdowns in the victory for the Titans. Hardy and Edwards led the Titans with two flag pulls apiece, while Ferrer added a single flag pull and an interception. Nick Papazian chipped in with a QB sack in the victory.

The Raiders were led by Daniel Doyle's 143 yards of total offense and one touchdown, while teammate Aaron Van Hook added 82 passing yards, 31 rushing yards and 14 receiving yards that included one touchdown. Garrison Clark and Luke Shakelford each added touchdowns for the Raiders. Van Hook and Doyle paced the defense with four and three flag pulls apiece, while both added interceptions.

Holy Cow Cowboys earned its first victory of the season in the 10-12 game of the week Jan. 30. They defeated Mike Norman Realty Falcons 18-14, thanks in part to a 132-yard rushing performance from Burke McCampbell-Hill that also included 20 receiving yards and a touchdown. Mikey Ellsworth added 60



Jaclyn Schlossburg runs for a touchdown for the Patriots during instructional league flag football action at the Anna Maria Island Community Center. *Islander Photo: Kevin Cassidy*

yards of total offense and a touchdown, while Henrik Brusso added a 10-yard touchdown run.

Seth Walter led the Falcons with 42 yards of total offense and a touchdown, while Morgan Greig was outstanding on defense with three flag pulls and an interception that he returned for a touchdown. Walter added five flag pulls and a pick, while Jake Parsons finished with one flag pull and a sack.

Sparks Steel Art Eagles defeated Sandbar Saints 26-20 Jan. 27 behind a potent running attack led by Jack Mello, who rushed for 109 yards and three touchdowns. Dylan Joseph added 107 rushing yards and 40 receiving yards, including a touchdown and a two-point conversion. Joseph contributed defensively with a pair of flag pulls and an interception. Tori Walter added two flag pulls, while William Bernet,

Truman Carlsen and Mello each added one flag pull to round out the Eagles' defensive effort.

Michael Latimer paced the Saints with 82 rushing yards, 12 receiving yards and a pair of touchdowns. Andrew Proctor also had a productive game with 42 passing yards, 26 rushing yards, 43 receiving yards and a touchdown. Joe Joe Rogers added 30 receiving yards and a two-point conversion in the loss. Latimer and Proctor paced the Saints with two flag pulls apiece, while Catherine Calhoun, Leo Tilelli and Benjamin Calhoun each added a flag pull. Calhoun added an interception.

The adult coed game of the week Jan. 28 saw the Raiders edge the Chiefs 24-18 thanks in part to an interception return by Larry Pearson for a touchdown. Also contributing defensively for the Raiders was Mark Richardson with a game-high five flag pulls, while Shawn Kaleta added four pulls. Gary Zink and Lance Plowman finished with two pulls each in the victory. Offensively the Raiders were led by Richardson's 130 passing yards and three touchdown passes. Kaleta, Pearson and Plowman each pulled down TD passes in the victory.

Paul Kurtz completed 14 of 32 passes for 175 yards and three touchdowns. Mark Anderson, Matt Bowers and Mike Brusso each caught TD passes for the Chiefs in the loss. Bowers also added a pair of flag pulls and an interception, while Brusso added two pulls and Jason Sato finished with one pull in the loss.

For more on youth sports, including schedules and standings in flag football, golf and horseshoe news, go to www.islander.org.

Rally for Cure tourney Feb. 9

The women golfers of the Key Royale Club will tee off with a shot-gun start at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, in the annual Rally for the Cure Tournament.

Registration will be at 8:30 a.m.

The event at the Holmes Beach course will raise money for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation, which invests in breast cancer research.

A lunch will follow the golfing.

Costs are \$20 for golf and \$10 for lunch.

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Redfish, sheepshead best bets at structures, docks

By Nick Walter
Islander Reporter

As fish rebound from the severe cold waters that killed a record number of fish, it seems that redfish and sheepshead survived best and make for good inshore targets.

Both species are tight around docks and structures and hitting live shrimp. When fishing docks, anglers should make sure their leaders are heavier than they would be on the flats. The fish have been hanging in warmer water on the bottom and a 25- to 30-pound fluorocarbon leader should be sufficient.

Also, white bait has come back in around the Sunshine Skyway Bridge, while some anglers expressed concern about an adequate food source for bigger fish, saying some trout to 25 inches had sunken bellies.

Danny Stasny from **Island Discount Tackle** at **Catchers Marina** said he's seeing a lot of redfish in Palma Sola Bay, with an occasional trout to 25 inches. "We were throwing into pot holes on the shoreline, and one hole we caught about six to eight trout and the bite was done," Stasny said. "We never did see the trout again."

He said he also saw some big snook in Palma Sola. "That was encouraging — to see some big snook," he said.

Stasny heard reports from anglers who came into Catchers saying there had been some good action on red and gag grouper 20 to 30 miles offshore. Because he heard reports of fish hitting different baits, he suggests taking a variety, such as live pinfish, squid and threadfins on trips this week.

Capt. T.J. Stewart of **Cast Away Charters** fished Jan. 29 with live shrimp in the Intracoastal Waterway and Manatee River for at least 15 redfish to about 25 inches. Stewart said there were some fish on the edges of flats on an extremely low tide where the sand edge falls off into deeper water. Stewart had also been looking for schools of mullet to locate redfish.

His catches also included a mix of trout, flounder and a sheepshead. Stewart said the best sheepshead fishing is on the nearshore 1-, 3- and 7-mile artificial reefs.

Stewart noticed the fish still are recuperating from the freeze. "The fish in the bay haven't been acting right," he said. "It should pick up. For the most part we're catching redfish using shrimp and throwing some Berkley Gulp shrimp."

Capt. Warren Girle reported a slow bite, although he reported clients on a Jan. 27 charter caught redfish to 27 inches, and trout between 15 and 18 inches. "But we really had to work at it," Girle said.

He saw redfish around docks, but not on the flats. "I went to two of my better redfish spots on the flats and didn't see a single fish," he said. "The fish are still deeper or snuggled up to structure. They're still recovering."

Girle said he thinks there may be little food for fish, as was evidenced by concave bellies on the trout his anglers caught. He guessed that perhaps the trout were getting ready to feed all night on last week's full moon.

Capt. Mark Howard of **Sumotime Charters** said last week he fished areas under docks for redfish, and had success. One of his anglers, Ian Gilchrist of England, caught one that was 28 inches, as well as two over slot and 10 under slot. Howard also reported a couple black drum caught while fishing the docks, Intracoastal and Manatee River. He used live shrimp with a split shot, casting tight to the pilings.

"The key is to have good, fresh, live bait and fish the start of the tides, when the tide is moving," Howard said. "The other day when I went, the tide started moving at 8 a.m. and we started catching fish



From left, Denise and Bill Garrett, of Mountain Home, Ark., and Lee Fisher, of West Virginia, with a trio of redfish caught while fishing with Capt. Warren Girle.



George McClinton with his largest amberjack of the day, caught on a live pinfish 55 miles offshore of Anna Maria Island while on a charter trip with Capt. Larry McGuire.

at 8:30. The tide stopped at 12 and that's when we stopped fishing."

Howard added that speckled trout over 20 inches are coming in over deep grass flats.

Capt. Zach Zacharias of the **DEE JAY II** out of **Parrot Cove Marina** said water temperatures are slowly rebounding and the fishing action is picking up. He reported that the Gulf water several miles off Manatee County continues to be muddy and the action on the nearshore reefs has been minimal as a result.

Zacharias predicts when the water clears there should be some good action with big sheepshead, snapper and flounder on hard bottom in the 20- to 40-foot depths over structured bottom.

Inshore, he reported decent action most days by concentrating on deep-water docks. He said his clients caught redfish to 23 inches, average-sized sheepshead and black drum in a wide range of sizes with live shrimp on a low, incoming tide.

"It's still wise to sleep late and fish after the sun has worked on the water a few hours," he said. "One trip last week produced a nice catch of speckled trout in Palma Sola Bay. A good tide and slight breeze made drifting for the specks productive. Interestingly, the bulk of the larger specimens were taken on Cotee Jigs, while live shrimp bombed out except for a couple dink trout and ladyfish. Most of the jig-caught trout were in the 15- to 20-inch slot."

"The weather has been so crazy with the El Nino this year that all bets are off for trying to look ahead with any certainty," he said. "All we can do is hope for an early spring, but another freeze is possible before it's all over."

Capt. Larry McGuire of **Show Me the Fish Charters** said the best action last week was with big amberjack. He said his clients also caught grouper, huge mangrove snapper, porgies, and sharks. McGuire said due to the cold weather, it is best to

head out to 150 feet of water or more for big amberjack, or closer for smaller jack crevalle.

Capt. Mike Greig reported some nice trout in the bays. He also went fishing in the Gulf and caught gag grouper to 12 pounds and mangrove snapper to 3 pounds in 50 feet of water. He said the 12-pound gag hit an 8-inch octopus hooked in the top of the head.

Kyle Dodrill from the **Sunshine Skyway Bridge south pier** said the bait is back around the bridge and so are sheepshead. He said the white bait is a mix of medium and big shiners. He also reported that some anglers are catching trout and an occasional grouper.

Dave Sork of the **Anna Maria City Pier** said he is still seeing some floating fish. The only fish being caught are sheepshead around pilings. "No monsters, though," he said.

Bob Kilb from the **Rod & Reel Pier** said a few sheepshead are being caught there. He expects mackerel and pompano to possibly come through in a month if the waters warm. "We'll play it by ear," he said. "See if we can get some bait in here."

Send fishing news to fish@islander.org.

Anna Maria Island Tides

Date	AM HIGH	PM HIGH	AM LOW	PM LOW
Feb 3	2:33 1.4	2:36 1.8	8:16 0.2	9:26 -0.1
Feb 4	3:46 1.1	3:09 1.9	8:36 0.5	10:43 -0.1
Feb 5	5:34 0.8	3:49 2.0	8:46 0.7	—
Feb 6	4:40 2.0	—	12:09 -0.2	—
Feb 7	5:46 1.9	—	1:34 -0.3	—
Feb 8	7:06 1.9	—	2:44 -0.4	—
Feb 9	8:19 1.9	—	3:38 -0.5	—
Feb 10	12:11 1.2	9:18 1.9	4:21 -0.6	2:49 1.1

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Island Biz

By Rick Catlin



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Pelican Pete's Valentine's party

Pelican Pete's at 12012 Cortez Road, W., is having a "Valentines Oyster Weekend" party and the public is invited.

From Feb. 12-14, Pelican Pete's will feature live music each night and owner **Sylvia Marnie** said she is making Sylvia's Sexy Soup" on the menu "to liven up the weekend and bring out the amoré in everyone."

For more information, call 941-792-4822.

Free meditation classes

Joan Dickinson of Anna Maria, a licensed psychologist, health-care professional and life coach, is offering free meditation classes twice weekly at **The Studio at Gulf and Pine**.

The free classes are every Tuesday and Thursday from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Participants are asked to bring pillows for comfort.

Dickinson also offers gentle yoga and primordial sound meditation classes.

"Primordial sound meditation is recommended for anyone who wishes to enjoy deeper peace, greater



Tortuga honor

David Teitelbaum, right, of the Tortuga Inn in Bradenton Beach, accepts the annual Image Manatee award from the Manatee Chamber of Commerce. The Hunt award, named for former Palmetto Mayor Robert Hunt, was given to the Tortuga Inn for its beautification efforts and for preserving the image of Manatee County. Presenting the award are Kathy Demick and Mac Carson. Islander Photo: Courtesy Manatee Chamber

freedom and mastery of life," said Dickinson.

For more information on any of the classes, call 941-778-8356 or visit Dickinson's Web site at www.perfectlifestylecoach.com.

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Island real estate transactions

101 66th St., Unit 1, Mainsail Beach Inn, Holmes Beach, a 1,760 sfla 3bed/3bath Gulffront condo with shared pool built in 2009 was sold 01/15/10, Mainsail AMI Beach Inn LLP to Luders for \$995,000.

101 66th St., Unit 4, Mainsail Beach Inn, Holmes Beach, a 1,760 sfla 3bed/3bath Gulffront condo with shared pool built in 2009 was sold 01/15/10, Mainsail AMI Beach Inn LLP to Pippin Limited for \$974,400.

111 Maple Ave., Anna Maria, a 1,389 sfla / 1,801 sfur 2bed/1½bath home built in 1955 on a 100x100

lot was sold 01/11/10, Scalera to Hug for \$600,000; list \$849,000.

100 Seventh St. S., Bradenton Beach, a 1,452 sfla / 2,352 sfur 3bed/2bath home built in 1930 on a 100x45 lot was sold 01/11/10, Snyder to HB AMI Properties LLC for \$480,000; list \$499,000.

119 Bridge St., Bradenton Beach, a 1,168 sfla / 1,510 sfur commercial building built in 1935 on a 50x100 lot was sold 01/15/10, McHale to Murphy Property Group LLC for \$386,500.

2412 Gulf Drive N., Unit 119, Club Bamboo South, Bradenton Beach, a 432 sfla / 528 sfur 1bed/1bath condo with shared pool built in 1945 was sold 01/14/10, Florida Home Deals LLC to Jaffer for \$153,000.

2412 Gulf Drive N., Unit 119, Club Bamboo South, Bradenton Beach, a 432 sfla / 528 sfur 1bed/1bath condo with shared pool built in 1945 was sold 01/14/10, Mercandetti to Florida Home Deals LLC for \$126,250.

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New chamber members introduced

The Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce, during its January business-card exchange, introduced new members Craig Randlett of Firkins Nissan, left, Shirley Weaver of Arbonne, Sandy Greiner of the Parrot Inn, Nikita Fosmore of Salon Salon, Preston True of True Promotions, Holly Fenstermaker of the Painted Gate, Bonnie Bradley of Pierro's Jewelers. They are pictured with chamber chair Cindy Thompson. Islander Photo: Nancy Ambrose

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HAITI \$\$\$ DONATIONS to the Ministry of Presence Inc., www.ministryofpresence.org, urgently needed for local representatives to aid 86 homeless children whose orphanage/school were demolished. Info: The Islander, 941-778-7978.

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| <p>Across</p> <p>1 Ol' Blue Eyes</p> <p>8 Forlorn</p> <p>14 Chatty Cathy</p> <p>20 Overdress, maybe</p> <p>21 "Yours" alternative</p> <p>22 "Bam!" chef</p> <p>23 Sorcerer behind Amin's rise to power?</p> <p>25 Brand X</p> <p>26 Sage</p> <p>27 "Top Gun" planes</p> <p>28 Sore</p> <p>30 "Come ___?" ("How are you?," in Italy)</p> <p>31 Military wear</p> <p>33 Dodging midtown traffic?</p> <p>35 ___ 101, world's tallest building, 2004-07</p> <p>38 Suicide squeeze result, for short</p> <p>40 "___ Means I Love You" (1968 Delfonics hit)</p> <p>41 1964 Cassius Clay announcement?</p> <p>46 Aspiring atty.'s hurdle</p> <p>50 Put in</p> <p>51 Kind of tour, for short</p> <p>52 Coach Parseghian</p> <p>53 Something under a tired eye, maybe</p> | <p>54 Suffix on era names</p> <p>55 Calls of port?</p> <p>57 Average karate instructor?</p> <p>61 The Jackson 5 had five</p> <p>63 "The Black Cat" writer</p> <p>64 Long-distance call letters</p> <p>65 "48___"</p> <p>66 "Yummy! Here comes your tuna sashimi!"?</p> <p>71 Taylor of apparel</p> <p>73 It's just below les yeux</p> <p>74 "Catch-22" bomber pilot</p> <p>75 Boston-to-Washington speedster</p> <p>76 Lightsaber-wielding hillbilly of TV?</p> <p>80 CD predecessors</p> <p>81 Place to watch Truffaut, e.g.</p> <p>85 Get up</p> <p>86 Private eye</p> <p>87 Conditions</p> <p>89 "Cheers!"</p> <p>90 ___-Rooter</p> <p>91 Invitation to cocktails with pianist Ramsey?</p> <p>95 Film character known for her buns</p> <p>98 Hoff who wrote and illustrated "Danny and the Dinosaur"</p> <p>99 Like medieval Europe</p> <p>100 Rotisserie on a Hawaiian porch?</p> <p>106 Solzhenitsyn topic</p> | <p>108 Equal: Prefix</p> <p>109 Judge of Israel, in Judges</p> <p>110 Eye ___</p> <p>111 It might hold the solution</p> <p>116 Graceful women</p> <p>118 Cranky question on the Himalayan trail?</p> <p>121 Pigtailed, e.g.</p> <p>122 Out for someone on the inside</p> <p>123 1964 and 1976 Winter Olympics host</p> <p>124 Don Quixote's squire</p> <p>125 Ran off</p> <p>126 Showy streakers</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Down</p> <p>1 Jet-setters' jets, once</p> <p>2 Blogger's preface</p> <p>3 "The Seven Joys of Mary," e.g.</p> <p>4 Part of Lawrence Welk's intro</p> <p>5 Popular laptop</p> <p>6 Tract for a tribe, briefly</p> <p>7 "The Passion of the Christ" language</p> <p>8 Donna Summer #1 hit</p> <p>9 Those muchachos</p> <p>10 Call, as a game</p> <p>11 "On This Night of a Thousand Stars" musical</p> <p>12 UPS rival</p> <p>13 Certain Caribbean, for short</p> <p>14 Home of the Palace of Nations</p> | <p>15 Like the stranger in Camus's "The Stranger"</p> <p>16 D.C. V.I.P.</p> <p>17 Luca ____, "The Godfather" character</p> <p>18 "We ___ please"</p> <p>19 Collect slowly</p> <p>24 7'4" former N.B.A. star Smits</p> <p>29 ___ meat</p> <p>32 Farm layer</p> <p>33 Comic Conway</p> <p>34 Art exhibition hall</p> <p>35 List heading</p> <p>36 Autobahn auto</p> <p>37 Global warming panel concern</p> <p>39 Faction</p> <p>41 1960s-'80s Red Sox nickname</p> <p>42 Too, in Toulon</p> <p>43 Former Irish P.M. ___ de Valera</p> <p>44 Having heat?</p> <p>45 Thai neighbor</p> <p>47 Offering at some bars</p> <p>48 Taiwanese computer maker</p> <p>49 "Get ___!"</p> <p>53 Corolla part</p> <p>55 Synthetic fiber</p> <p>56 "Holy cow!"</p> <p>58 Eye-twisting display</p> <p>59 Civil rights org.</p> <p>60 Sights on sore eyes?</p> <p>62 One running a hot business?</p> <p>66 Bit of gossip</p> <p>67 One who may have red eyes</p> <p>68 At attention</p> |
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| <p>69 Chip dip</p> <p>70 Got in illicitly</p> <p>71 Almost closed</p> <p>72 Lancelot portrayer, 1967</p> <p>77 Capri, e.g.</p> <p>78 N.Y.C. bus insignia</p> <p>79 Baby</p> <p>82 "The Bridges of Madison County" setting</p> <p>83 Get exactly right</p> <p>84 Loop loopers</p> | <p>88 Had ants in one's pants</p> <p>89 High-scoring baseball game</p> <p>91 Adams of "Octopussy"</p> <p>92 Land that's largely desert: Abbr.</p> <p>93 Lions or Bears</p> <p>94 Narc's org.</p> <p>96 Pizza slice, usually</p> <p>97 "Yes, indeed"</p> | <p>100 Features of Castilian speech</p> <p>101 Refugees</p> <p>102 "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" family name</p> <p>103 Brings in</p> <p>104 Jones who sang "Sunrise / Looks like morning in your eyes"</p> <p>105 January, in Jalisco</p> <p>107 Seat, slangily</p> | <p>110 Marketing leader?</p> <p>112 Suffix with electro-</p> <p>113 Sleek, for short</p> <p>114 Ado</p> <p>115 Big Korean exports</p> <p>117 It may have redeye</p> <p>119 Try to win</p> <p>120 Morgue, for one</p> |
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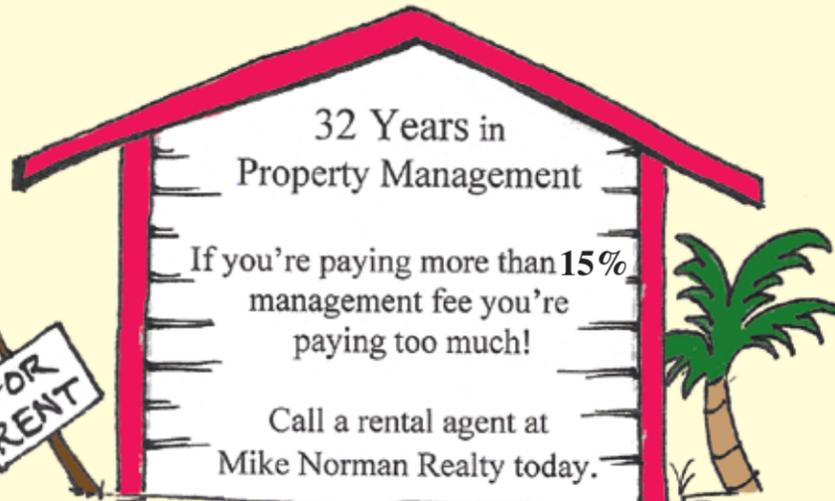
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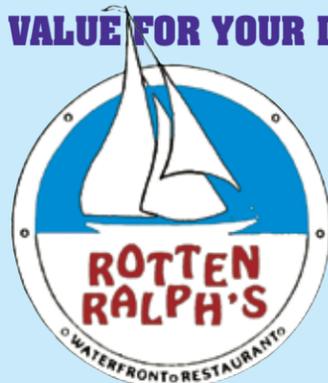
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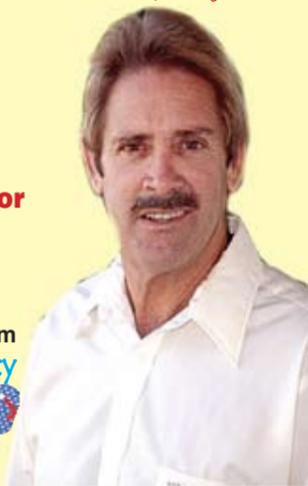
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