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## 2011 ELECTIONS

### No ballot for BB in November, Shaughnessy mayor-elect

By Lisa Neff  
Islander Reporter

With John Shaughnessy as mayor-elect, Gay Breuler set to return as Ward 1 commissioner and no candidate in Ward 3, Nov. 8 will be a non-election day in Bradenton Beach.

When candidate qualifying closed at noon Sept. 2, there was one candidate for a two-year term for mayor, one candidate for a two-year term for Ward 1 commissioner and no one had stepped up to run for the two-year term for Ward 3 commissioner.

That means incumbent Breuler will be returning to the dais to represent the city's northernmost ward after Nov. 8.



Breuler

"I'm so involved now," Breuler said of her decision to seek another term. "And I have to say, I love it. I love being involved in what's happening in our city. I love being connected."

Shaughnessy, a former three-time commissioner, will be seated as mayor. Bob Bartelt, elected last fall and first appointed mayor to fill a vacancy created by Michael Pierce's resignation, decided not to seek another term.

"I really missed it," Shaughnessy said of elected office. "I really enjoyed being on the commission.... And now, I want to serve."

As for Ward 3, currently represented by Commissioner Janie Robertson, there will be a

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Shaughnessy

### 5 race for 3 seats in Holmes Beach

By Rick Catlin  
Islander Reporter

Five Holmes Beach candidates qualified for the race to fill three city commission seats up for election in the Nov. 8 city balloting.

Incumbent Commissioners Pat Morton, David Zaccagnino and Al Robinson will face off with Jean Peelen and Andy Sheridan in the city election.

Morton, who will be seeking his fifth consecutive term as commissioner, said the people of Holmes Beach must believe he has done a good job by re-electing him and he wants to continue that tradition.

"I enjoy serving the people. I am a people-minded person and always willing to listen and help," Morton said.

Zaccagnino is seeking his fourth term as a commissioner because he wants to continue the positive direction of the city. He said he believes his record shows he's been doing a good job.

"I think I've been recognized for doing a lot of good and I want to continue to work for the citizens of Holmes Beach," he said.

Robinson is running for his second term, and said he's again campaigning for "lower taxes" as he did when he ran for election in 2009.

He said he's running for re-election because "I want to continue working towards lower taxes, cost-cutting measures and a more efficient city, while keeping the beautiful ambiance of Holmes Beach."

Peelen, who was unsuccessful in her 2010 bid for election to the commission, said she's seeking office primarily because she is concerned that "the welfare and quality of life in Holmes Beach is no longer the No. 1 concern of the commission. Tourism seems more important."

She has concerns that growth and construction may not address environmental issues and she wants to help "preserve this beautiful island."

Sheridan said he would issue a brief statement on his reasons for seeking office later. He too failed in a previous campaign for election to the commission.

Holmes Beach city commissioners are elected for two-year terms, with three seats up for election in odd-numbered years, and two commission seats and the office of mayor elected in even-numbered years.

The monthly salary for a Holmes Beach commissioner was increased several years ago from \$400 to \$500, while the mayor's earnings went from \$800 to \$1,000 monthly.

More election news, page 4.

### Former AM mayor 'Dottie' dies Sept. 1

Former Anna Maria Mayor Dorothy "Dottie" Quinn McChesney died Sept. 1. She was born and raised in Dayton, Ohio, by English-born parents.



McChesney

She resided the past 15 years in Parrish, but had lived in Anna Maria from 1986 to 1996. She had been a frequent visitor to the Island since 1957. Her mother at one time owned Mademoiselle Salon in Bradenton Beach.

She was a graduate in speech and drama of Ohio Wesleyan University and taught acting at the Living Arts Center in Dayton, Ohio and at the Kettering (Ohio) Adult School. Her father taught drama in Ohio and a second cousin, Alec McCowan, was a noted British actor in London's royal theaters and on Broadway.

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### Judge reduces Connelly's bond

By Lisa Neff  
Islander Reporter

A circuit court judge radically reduced the bond for an ex-bookkeeper accused of stealing nearly \$400,000 from a private Holmes Beach golf club.

The bond, initially set at \$500,000, was reduced Aug. 31 to \$15,000, with several conditions attached.



Connelly

As of Sept. 5, Connelly remained at the jail.

The 30-minute hearing on the motion to reduce the bond took place at the Manatee County Judicial Center in Bradenton before Judge Gilbert A. Smith Jr.

Connelly, 29, was arrested July 27 and is charged with one felony count of scheming to defraud in excess of \$50,000. The arrest followed a lengthy investigation by the Holmes Beach Police Department into allegations that Connelly embezzled from the Key Royale Club LLC., where she had worked as a bookkeeper.

The HBPD, in its investigation report, alleges that Connelly forged Key Royale Club bank checks and deposited them into her personal bank account.

The state attorney's office sought the \$500,000 bond out of concern that Connelly might flee Manatee County and that she might use some of the money she allegedly stole to get out of jail.

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### The Holmes Beach slate of candidates:



Morton



Peelen



Robinson



Sheridan



Zaccagnino

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Connelly's attorney, assistant public defender Jessica Casciola, filed a motion seeking a reduced bond soon after the arrest. Casciola argued in the brief motion that \$500,000 was excessive.

Connelly arrived to the hearing with her wrists chained and wearing a dark blue jail uniform. She looked briefly at the courtroom audience before sitting beside Casciola to face the judge, and spoke in a hushed voice to her attorney.

Casciola brought two people before Smith — Connelly's mother and a friend — to support the reduced bond.

Connelly's mother told the judge that her daughter has lived in either Pinellas or Manatee County her entire life — including 13 years in Manatee; that her entire family, including children, is in the area and that she turned herself into authorities.

Connelly's mother also said, "In these economic times ... none of us have an asset" that would come close to meeting a \$500,000 bond. More affordable would be a \$10,000 bond.

Casciola presented Gilbert with four e-mail messages from friends supporting Connelly's release and emphasized her client's record shows "no prior criminal conduct."

"The bond is much too much," Casciola said.

From the other side of the courtroom, assistant State Attorney Christopher Nigro opposed any reduction in bond.

He asked Connelly's mother how many times her daughter had left the country in recent years.

Once, on a trip to Haiti after the earthquake, was her reply.

Nigro followed, "Was that paid for by members of the Key Royale Club?"

Casciola objected and Nigro moved on.

Connelly, Nigro said, is not accused of a one-time theft but of systematically stealing from Key Royale over a three-year period.

"A \$10,000 bond, clearly that's not appropriate. Clearly I do not believe that would secure her presence here in court," Nigro said, adding that if convicted Con-



Assistant public defender Jessica Casciola talks with Holly Connelly, who is accused of defrauding the Key Royale Club LLC of nearly \$400,000 over several years. Connelly, making her first appearance in a Manatee County courtroom since her arrest earlier this summer, requested and received a reduced bond. *Islander Photos: Lisa Neff*

nelly could be sentenced to 30 years in prison.

Nigro did not bring anyone before the judge, but three representatives of the Key Royale Club sat in the courtroom.

After hearing arguments from both attorneys, Smith spent about 10 minutes reviewing documents and making notes.

He then announced that he was reducing Connelly's bond to \$15,000 and set a series of requirements for her supervised release.

Connelly must report regularly to a court offi-



Assistant State Attorney Christopher Nigro objects to a reduction in the bond for Holly Connelly, who allegedly defrauded the Key Royale Club of \$387,181.77.

cer, abide by a 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. curfew, not leave the Manatee-Sarasota area without court approval, have no contact with any alleged victims or any witnesses in the case, wear an electronic-monitoring band and surrender her passport. Connelly also will be required to live with a Bradenton friend.

Additionally, the judge said the bond money must come from Connelly's mother, or additional sources not tied to any of Connelly's assets.

A violation of the conditions would result in an arrest warrant.

Connelly's attorney has entered a not guilty plea and demanded a jury trial. Casciola stressed during last week's hearing that it is "very, very early on in the case," and she has not received any "plea offer" from the state.

Nigro said, "The evidence is great in this case."

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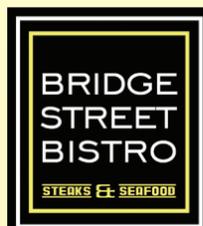


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## Open for business

While the Florida Department of Transportation's project to construct a boardwalk along the shoreline at the Anna Maria City Pier is not officially finished, two shelters, the pier entrance and a portion of the 850-foot-long boardwalk are open. *Islander*

Photo: Rick Catlin



## BB makes plans to reduce tax rate

By Lisa Neff  
*Islander* Reporter

Payment to Bradenton Beach of a hefty code enforcement fine could help the city reduce its millage rate for the next budget year.

Commissioners and Mayor Bob Bartelt spent the summer whittling down a proposed 2011-12 spending plan so they could at least keep the tentative millage rate the same as for the 2010-11 budget.

In late July, the commission set the tentative millage rate at 2.1539 mils.

Last week, city clerk Nora Idso advised commissioners that a \$70,000 payment in code enforcement fines on foreclosure property in the 2500 block of Gulf Drive North could reduce the millage to 2.1359

mils.

She said the city also would be able to put some of the \$70,000 toward an unexpected expense in 2010-11, the \$350,000 purchase of a Gulffront lot that settled a longstanding property dispute between the city and a developer.

The commission will review the 2011-12 \$2.3 million spending plan at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, in the first of two public hearings on the budget. At that meeting, the commission will set a final millage rate.

A second hearing, to adopt a final budget, will take place at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, at city hall, 107 Gulf Drive N.

The city's fiscal year is from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.

## Meetings

### Anna Maria City

- Sept. 8, 6 p.m., city commission meeting.
- Sept. 13, 9 a.m., LDR meeting.
- Sept. 13, 6 p.m., budget hearing.
- Sept. 14, 6:30 p.m., EEEEC meeting.
- Sept. 20, 9 a.m., LDR meeting.
- Sept. 21, 6 p.m., budget adoption.

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

### Bradenton Beach

- Sept. 13, 5 p.m., budget hearing.
- Sept. 14, 1 p.m., CRA meeting.
- Sept. 14, 1:30 p.m., CIP meeting.
- Sept. 15, 1 p.m., city commission meeting.

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

### Holmes Beach

- Sept. 13, 6:30 p.m., budget hearing.
- Sept. 13, 7 p.m., city commission meeting.
- Sept. 15, 10 a.m., code enforcement meeting.

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

### West Manatee Fire Rescue District

- Sept. 15, 6 p.m., commission meeting.

WMFR administration building, 6417 Third Ave. W., Bradenton, 941-761-1555.

### Of Interest

• Sept. 8, 5:45 p.m., Manatee County School District final budget hearing, 215 Manatee Ave. W., Bradenton.

• Sept. 13, 9 a.m., Manatee County Board of Commissioners workshop, administration building, 1112 Manatee Ave., Bradenton.

• Sept. 15, 6 p.m., Manatee County budget hearing, administration building, 1112 Manatee Ave., Bradenton.

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vacancy after Nov. 8.

Robertson, who has served three two-year terms, could not seek re-election because of a limit imposed by the city charter.

Now the charter will guide the city through the process of selecting a commissioner to fill the vacancy created by her forced exit.

The charter states, "Whenever there is a vacancy, the commission shall propose by nomination one or more names of willing and qualified successors for the vacancy. The commission will then vote among the nominees to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term."

If a majority on the commission cannot fill a vacancy after two consecutive meetings, the new commissioner "shall be chosen by lot by the city clerk from the nominees proposed."

But the question for Bradenton Beach is: Who is there to nominate in the ward, which generally runs from the Gulf to the bay, and Runaway Bay to Second Street North.

The ward is the largest geographically, but in the past decade the full-time population — and number of

## Yetter follows up comment

By Rick Catlin  
Islander Reporter

Anna Maria city commission candidate Nancy Yetter said she had just had dental surgery Aug. 26 when she gave a statement on why she is seeking an elected office.

She sent a follow-up to her original comment in the Aug. 31 *Islander* that she said better explains her reasons for running.

Yetter said her decision came "as a result of my wish to be involved in my community and to help assure its 'present' and shape its 'future.'" She wants to retain the small-town atmosphere of Anna Maria and is looking forward to the campaign and meeting people with similar values for the city.



Yetter

Yetter currently serves on the planning and zoning board.

Other candidates for the three commission seats up for election Nov. 8 are incumbent Commissioners John Quam and Dale Woodland and former Mayor SueLynn. Commissioner Gene Aubry is not seeking a second term.

The Anna Maria electorate can vote for any three of the four candidates in the election. The top three vote-getters gain a seat on the commission.

Voting in Anna Maria takes place Nov. 8 at the fellowship room of Roser Memorial Community Church, 512 Pine Ave.

registered voters — has declined.

Last year, Robertson urged the city to consider changing the city's ward system to avoid the situation the city is now facing.

So did Shaughnessy, who chaired the charter review committee.

"I really would have liked to have had the commission run at-large," he said. "When the commission votes, it votes for the whole city.... That didn't get changed, but I think it would have been a good thing."

Robertson also devoted time this summer to seeking out a potential candidate to take the Ward 3 seat at the dais and the Ward 3 office at the front of the commissioner chambers. Breuler and Commissioner Jan Vosburgh also searched, with no luck, for a candidate.

Shaughnessy said a challenge in November will be to promote volunteerism and civic service.

"It's not a new challenge," he said. "There's a history here. But I would like to get people to be more participatory, to be more civic-minded."

He's also looking forward to working again with the city staff. "We've got a great crew down there," Shaughnessy said. "In administration. In the police department. People really put in 150 percent. They go over and beyond their job."

Shaughnessy said he was prepared for a fall campaign for mayor. "I had planned on running, and I planned on running up against someone. But that didn't happen."

Now, he has two months on the sidelines, from where he'll be supporting Bartelt.

"I have all the admiration in the world for Bob," Shaughnessy said. "I really do. He's done a terrific job."

Breuler, meanwhile, will wrap up the last two months of her first two years, before she begins another two-year stint at city hall.

The lack of a challenger, she said, hopefully "means I've done a good job and people are happy."

## Election 2011 schedule

- 10 a.m., Sept. 17: The League of Women Voters of Manatee County and *The Islander* host the Beaches Candidate Forum at the Island Branch Library, 5701 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach.
- Oct. 11: The last day to register to vote for the Island elections.
- Oct 19: *The Islander* hosts Popcorn and Politics for Island candidates at the newspaper office, 5404 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach.
- Nov. 8: Election day.

For more information about the election, go to [www.votemanatee.com](http://www.votemanatee.com) or call the appropriate city hall — 941-708-6130 for Anna Maria, 941-778-7585 for Bradenton Beach and 941-708-5800 for Holmes Beach.

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swimming, diving and the arts. Theater became her passion, and she saw success as an actor and director at the Cleveland Play House, and later in professional and community theaters in Manatee and Sarasota counties.

Mrs. McChesney served for several years on the board of directors of the Island Players, chaired its play selection committee and directed and performed in numerous productions. She helped found and was chairperson for the Chapel Players at Roser Memorial Community Church and spearheaded the group's summer drama youth workshops. Among many productions, the group received rave reviews for its memorable performance of "Cheaper by the Dozen," featuring first-time stage appearances for many youths.

She was a member of the Anna Maria Island Historical Society, the Artist's Guild of Anna Maria Island, Island Players, Roser Memorial Community Church and Save Anna Maria Inc.

Mrs. McChesney served as an officer with the Island Democratic Club and entered the political arena in February 1993, when she ran successfully for the office of Anna Maria city commissioner. In 1995, she ran a successful campaign against the political establishment in the city, defeating interim-Mayor Max Znika for a one-year term.

McChesney said at the time of her election in 1993 that she wanted to champion against a proposed high-rise bridge on Manatee Avenue. She said then she would encourage and promote physical, mental, spiritual and cultural activities in the community. "I plan to work with and encourage not only the efforts of our beautification committee, but also help the historical society in their efforts to preserve our past for future generations. I want to work closely with the community center to make sure it is able to provide its existing programs and add more," she said.

She said she would preserve and enhance the unique small-town ambiance of the Island community.

As mayor, she championed a state law that was signed in March 1996 by then-Florida Governor Lawton Chiles banning anyone from taking more than two live shellfish — starfish and sand dollars — from the waters of Manatee County.

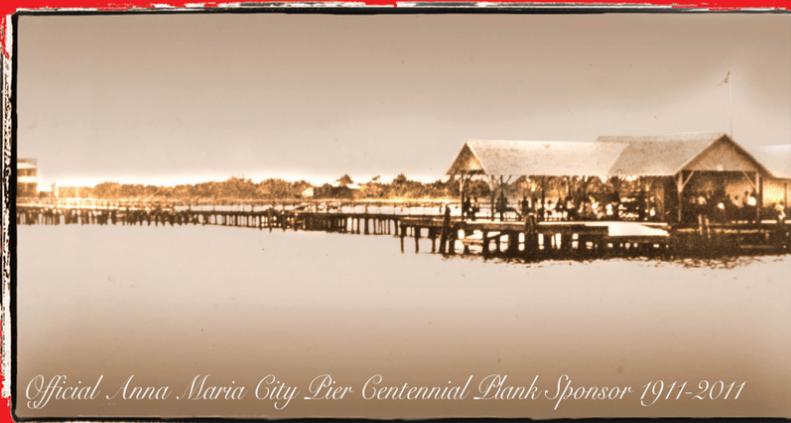
She had open-heart surgery and a five-way bypass and a heart valve replacement in 2004.

A celebration of life is being planned in November. Condolences may be addressed to the McChesney home, 148 Palm Blvd., Parrish FL 34219.

Her husband of 35 years, Roy, said he hopes people remember Dottie as a "fighter" for the city and someone dedicated to the theater.

She also is survived by sons Richard and wife Christina Quinn, Douglas and wife Myra Quinn and Martin and wife Wendy Quinn, and stepson Philip McChesney; sisters Patricia and husband Jack and Constance; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

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**The Islander**

# Bradenton Beach officials, merchants test ride shuttle

By Lisa Neff  
Islander Reporter

A group of Bradenton Beach business owners and elected officials boarded a 14-seat cart Aug. 31 for a test ride from the commercial district to Coquina Beach and back.

The cart, equipped to run on electric and solar power, was supplied by Lightning Bug Rentals, which operates out of Holmes Beach.

Lightning Bug representatives have been working with Bradenton Beach officials on a long-discussed plan to create a shuttle service from public beach parking to the downtown. Such a service would be for employees of Bradenton Beach businesses, as well as customers of those businesses.

Walt Thorn of Lightning Bug said his company has presented Bradenton Beach with three options: that the city buy the carts and operate its own shuttle service, that the city contract with Lightning Bug to run the shuttle service and that the city buy the shuttles but hire Lightning Bug to manage the operation.

The 14-seat cart costs about \$20,000, said Thorn, who estimated that at least two and probably three vehicles would be needed for the beach-to-Bridge Street route.

He said 14 people would probably need to be hired to operate the shuttle, which would run later than the fare-



Bradenton Beach city officials, business people and representatives from Lightning Bug golf cart rentals on a 14-seat electric-solar cart at Coquina Bayside.  
Islander Photo: Lisa Neff

free Island trolley and make more frequent downtown trips.

Last week, Thorn and other Lightning Bug reps met with Mayor Bob Bartelt, Commissioner Gay Breuler, business owner and Bridge Street Merchants president Jo Ann Meilner, business owner David Teitelbaum and Bradenton Beach Police Chief Sam Speciale outside city hall to begin a tour of the potential shuttle route.

The service would begin in a parking lot at Coquina Bayside, where there would be a free park-and-ride option for downtown workers. The shuttle would travel through the Coquina Beach parking lot to collect other passengers, and then travel north along Gulf Drive to Fifth Street South. There the shuttle would travel east to the bay, then north to Bridge Street and the pier.

"It's very safe, very stable," Thorn said of the demonstration cart.

Meilner said Bridge Street Merchants members "love the idea. They think it's great."

She added, "I think it is vital."

Meilner sees the shuttle as a complement to the trolley service, providing a convenience to people who want to quickly reach the downtown area.

Passengers, added Breuler, could travel from the beach to Bridge Street in 5-10 minutes on the shuttle. Plus, she said, the shuttle can "go off road when that traffic is bumper to bumper."

A city meeting is scheduled for 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, at city hall, 107 Gulf Drive N., to discuss transportation and parking alternatives in "downtown" Bradenton Beach, where parking can be scarce during the winter-spring tourist season.

Bartelt said car-pooling would be discussed, as well as opportunities to seek grants for the shuttle.

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# Our Opinion

## We salute you

You remember 9/11. Like it was yesterday. Like a nightmare. Like a vision you can't shake, and can't believe is real.

Maybe you, too, were watching TV news, a live broadcast of the so-called accidental plane hit on the first tower of the World Trade Center, staring in disbelief as the second plane approached and crashed into the second tower. There was no mistaking it for an accident. The cold chill of reality set in, and the TV world instantly knew that New York City and the United States was somehow being attacked.

As the morning hours slowly inched on and our eyes and ears were tuned to the news, more tragedy and two other attacks became apparent. And we knew terrorists had struck.

You also might have noticed that this news came to us instantaneously, live, before our eyes. Some of the victims and survivors were playing out the incidents live, too, calling family members in an urgent sense to say "I love you," and "good-bye."

Then the towers began to crumble. The towering buildings and the thousands of people imploded onto the streets and a sense of horror came over us.

At the same time, we realized all the first-responders, fire, police and medical people were there on the scene at grave risk.

So many lives were lost. Such a tragic day.

We were far removed on Anna Maria Island, and yet so close. Slowly the emotions of friends and family of some of the people lost in the tragedy of 9/11 began to swirl around us.

People began to speak out, sounding out their desperate feelings of loss and despair.

*The Islander* was then contacted by artist Susan Curry, who said her emotions had spilled over on paper in a flurry, and she wondered aloud if others were similarly compelled. So we called around and then called people together to share those feelings and the outpouring of their expressive talents.

It was a day likely to be remembered along with the images of 9/11 for those gathered at the newspaper office. A day of sharing art, poetry, photos and those graphic images imbedded in the minds of 9/11 survivors.

And so we salute you, survivors of 9/11. And we salute the brave first-responders. We salute all who were lost in the tragedy of 9/11, and all who survive another day with the profound memories of lost loved ones, fellow workers, family members and friends.

Sept. 11, 2001, forever changed us. Changed the world. Changed how we view the world.

For all those who share the loss of 9/11, we salute you.



# Your Opinion

## Thank you

Thank you to St. Bernard Catholic Church, church member Olivia Gruen and everyone who helped donate a golf cart to me.

Also, thank you to Kent Kelly for restoring and rebuilding the golf cart.

The golf cart provides me with more efficient transportation than my three-wheel bike, and it is a great convenience to help me be independent in my life and my pursuits. It's a great benefit to my window cleaning business. It's awesome.

*J.D. White, Holmes Beach*



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# The Islander 10 years ago

Headline news from the Sept. 7, 2001, issue of *The Islander*

- An Illinois woman was bitten by a juvenile blacktip shark while swimming in the Gulf of Mexico at Coquina Beach. Kristie Herzberg, 29, of Highland, Ill., was bitten on the arm in about 25 feet of water, lifeguards said. She was treated and released at Blake Medical Center. Lifeguards closed the beach for an hour after the incident. It was the second shark sighting in less than a week at Coquina Beach.

- Dr. Rich Pierce, a research scientist at Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota, said there were moderate to high levels of red tide found in New Pass and he expected currents to bring the microscopic organisms north to Anna Maria Island. Red tide is toxic to fish and causes respiratory irritation to humans, Pierce said.

- Members of Anna Maria's newly created environmental education and enhancement committee voted to dissolve the committee because of difficulty obtaining a quorum for meetings, problems adhering to Florida's Sunshine Laws and difficulty in conducting meetings with 15 members. EEEEC Chair Tim Eiseler planned to ask the city commission to approve the dissolution of the committee and reappoint a new committee of five to seven members.



**Fire sale**

The West Manatee Fire Rescue Auxiliary raises money with a "fire sale" Labor Day weekend at the old fire hall, 201 Second St. N., Bradenton Beach. The two-day sale featured furniture, household goods, decorations and clothing.



**Daisy delivery**

Sam Cobb's 16-foot plank boat Daisy, which dates back to the turn of the 20th Century, is now on display at the Anna Maria Island Historical Society Museum, 402 Pine Ave., Anna Maria. Cobb was an early homesteader. The boat was a gift from the Florida Maritime Museum in Cortez. Pictured with the boat are AMIHS director Betty Yanger and Ryan Murphy and Bob Pitt, of the maritime museum. Murphy has since left for another job. *Islander Photo: Edna Tiemann*

## TEMPS AND DROPS ON AMI

Date	Low	High	Rainfall
Aug. 28	85	92	0
Aug. 29	77	91	0.14
Aug. 30	77	89	0
Aug. 31	77	86	0.03
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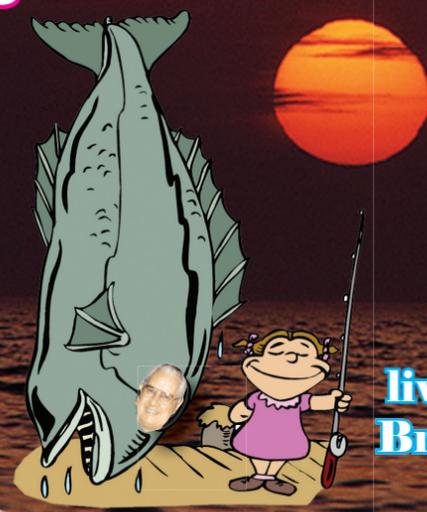
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# Tortuga resort approved for added amenities

By Lisa Neff  
Islander Reporter

The Bradenton Beach City Commission, in three consecutive votes Sept. 1, unanimously approved a controversial expansion at one of the Island's most popular resorts, Tortuga Inn on Gulf Drive.

Opponents of the project vowed to continue their objections — specifically for a structure on the beach — through the permitting process.

The commission, meeting at city hall last week, approved special exceptions for two accessory uses — a take-out cafe and gift shop — on the east side of the resort's property, 1325 Gulf Drive N. The commission also approved a special exception request for an accessory structure — a pergola — on Tortuga's private beach west of Gulf Drive.

The vote on the structure departed from a recommendation made by the planning and zoning board Aug. 23. The P&Z had recommended the cafe and shop, but not the pergola, which members unanimously agreed was a development that is not allowed on preservation land.

Numerous residents of the Bermuda Bay Club, which neighbors Tortuga, also objected to the expansion, in letters and at the recent hearings, emphasizing the desire for an open, undeveloped beach.

Tortuga representative David Teitelbaum referred to the opposition as “well organized” and to the anti-expansion group as a “lynch mob.”

## The east side plan

On resort property east of Gulf Drive, Tortuga plans to renovate existing office space to create the 359-square-foot cafe and 373-square-foot gift shop.

Teitelbaum, president of Tortuga's condominium association, said both services would cater to the resort's guests, not draw the public.

About a dozen Bermuda Bay Club neighbors, as well as their condominium association through an attorney, formally opposed the cafe and gift shop.

However, planning board members and city commissioners, in separate hearings, agreed that both uses on the property were consistent with the resort's R-3 multiple-family zoning.

City staff also took that view. “It is not anticipated that any additional parking will be required for the restaurant or gift shop, as they are intended for the use of the existing guests at the resort,” building official Steve Gilbert wrote in a memo. “Staff recommends approval of this request.”

On Sept. 1, the commission, late in a lengthy hearing, voted to approve both the cafe and the gift shop.

“I think for the east side, this is a wonderful idea,” Commissioner Jan Vosburgh said.

## The West Side Plan

Far more controversial, was the commission vote on the special exception for an accessory structure — a 1,500-square-foot pergola.

Tortuga initially proposed a chickee hut, but Gilbert determined that a roofed structure could not be built at the location because the resort was at its maximum building and lot coverage. So the plan was amended in mid-August to include a pergola.

In a memo to the P&Z, Gilbert said the staff could



David Teitelbaum of Tortuga Inn, third from left, talks with supporters after a hearing on the resort's special exception application. Islander Photo: Lisa Neff

support special exception approval for the pergola provided the planning board and commission “concur that this structure would not constitute ‘development’ and would be limited to ‘passive’ recreation.”

The planning board did not reach that conclusion, and instead agreed that the pergola was a “development” incompatible in its E-1 preservation zone.

P&Z chair Rick Bisio referred to the board's decision in a memo to the commission last week. The pergola would be a “clear violation of the intended use of this area,” he wrote, adding that preservation should maintain the “pristine condition” of the land.

Teitelbaum, in one of two memos to the commission, said the P&Z had erred, and to deny the request for the pergola would “set a dangerous precedent.”

The pergola is not a habitable building but an open, deck structure with support poles with no roof, no electricity and no water, he maintained.

The P&Z, Teitelbaum argued, should have viewed the pergola as a gazebo, an open-air shelter that is allowed in E-1 by special exception, and which would require an accessory-use permit, not a building permit.

Additionally, he said, Tortuga would obtain Florida Department of Environmental Protection approval for the project, and create new dunes to protect nesting habitat for turtles.

A number of people attended the commission meeting to endorse the Tortuga plan, including two employees of the resort, Silver Surf resort owner Barbara Rodocker, convention and visitors bureau director Elliott Falcione and Manatee County sports promoter Joe Pickett.

Rodocker said, “I can't see a lot of problems with the pergola. Fifteen-hundred square feet is not that much space.... I think it is an asset to the community.”

Pickett said promoting tourism requires “some vision and some growth,” while Falcione praised Teitelbaum's commitment to the Island. “Mr. Teitelbaum will do a wonderful job protecting the integrity of this island,” he said. “I wouldn't be here if I didn't believe that.”

Anna Maria Island Turtle Watch executive director Suzi Fox, however, said what might be a good tourist amenity is not good for turtles.

With praise for Tortuga's current turtle-friendly program, she said Bradenton Beach can't continue to allow intrusions on turtle habitat, especially a permanent structure.

Neighbors at the Bermuda Bay Club also strongly objected to the pergola, claiming it would lead to increased trash, traffic and noise and that it was incom-

patible with the E-1 designation.

“It is difficult for me to see how such cheap, ugly structures add to the scenic beauty of Bradenton Beach,” read a letter to commissioners signed by Jack and Carole Donovan of the Bermuda Bay Club.

Fritz and Sandy Esch of Bermuda Bay wrote, “The chickee hut and/or pergola seems counterproductive to previous city efforts to maintain an open beach view from Gulf Drive North and to provide a natural preserve for sea turtle habitat.”

At the hearing, Bermuda Bay resident Leydi Garcia-Nunez said, “I like development, but in an area where development can prosper.... I think the Tortuga has reached its maximum development.”

“We have already fought too many times to have that land preserved,” she added.

Also, an attorney for Bermuda Bay urged commissioners to value the P&Z decision.

Reminding commissioners of that decision, P&Z vice chair Jo Ann Meilner objected to the pergola and advocated preservation.

Each time citizens have met in the last decade to review Bradenton Beach's charter, comprehensive plan, land-development code and coastal policies, they have stressed preservation and conservation, Meilner said.

“This issue,” she said, “is not about tourism. This issue is about preservation and development.”

Distributing a list of other properties with privately held preservation land, Meilner warned, “There are 10 more pieces of property that could be developed if we allow development on this piece of property.”

The commission and mayor, however, returned to the argument that the pergola is an open shelter allowed as a special exception in an E-1 preservation district.

Additionally, commissioners said they were convinced that any potential environmental issues would be addressed in a Florida Department of Environmental Protection review of the proposal.

After more than two hours on the issue, and with a consensus on stipulations for the special exceptions, Mayor Bob Bartelt said, “I'm satisfied that all of the requirements of our LDC have been adequately and completely covered.”

The commission then began its series of votes, approving the three components of the application.

Opponents, after the meeting, said they would continue to challenge the project at city hall and at the state level, when the DEP permitting process begins.

Before the commission review of the Tortuga application, Bartelt disclosed that he had discussed possibly continuing the hearing with Vosburgh and Commissioner Gay Breuler.

City attorney Ricinda Perry said the mayor had raised a procedural question and did not discuss any details of the application. “The mayor,” she said, “has authority to have procedural discussions with elected officials.”

In other business Sept. 1, commissioners:

- Approved payment of a \$2,600 invoice for service on a city sanitation truck.
- Continued a hearing on a special exception application for a long dock on Sarasota Bay until after the planning and zoning board can complete its review.

The commission's next regular meeting is at 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15.



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# Holmes Beach street flooding nothing new

By Rick Catlin  
Islander Reporter

A fast-moving Aug. 29 rainstorm that dumped rain on Holmes Beach and Bradenton Beach — and missed most of Anna Maria — caused flooding on some roads, forcing several closures and detours. The rain, unfortunately for some, came during high tide, exacerbating the flooding problem and resulting in slow drainage.

Holmes Beach public works crews closed off the portion of Sixth Avenue behind the Anna Maria Island Centre shopping plaza during the storm and also the Gulf Drive S-curve by the Manatee Public Beach, forcing motorists there to detour through the beach parking lot. The flooding abated and detour signs were removed by late afternoon.

While the flooding might look bad to first-time visitors or new residents on Anna Maria Island, flooding of Sixth Avenue from Gulf Drive to 37th Street and by Manatee Public Beach is nothing new for the city, said public works superintendent Joe Duennes.

“It’s been a problem since I came here 15 years ago,” he said.

And it’s not as if the city hasn’t tried to solve the problem, Duennes added.

At least five engineering studies of drainage the past 15 years have all included systems that will drain low-lying roads quicker, but can’t eliminate flooding during sudden downpours, Duennes said.

“The engineering firms all do design work for systems, but they all said that construction of more drains won’t stop the flooding, just get the water off faster. Our outfall is all under East Bay Drive” to Anna Maria Sound.

Duennes said flood waters used to remain on Sixth Avenue for several days before a clogged drain in Grassy Point was relieved several years ago.

Sixth Avenue now drains in 4-6 hours after a heavy storm, such as occurred last week, Duennes said.



A pond formed on Sixth Avenue in Holmes Beach Aug. 29 following a downpour that resulted in more than 3 feet of water in some areas on the street. City officials closed the road for several hours. Other streets also were closed, including the Gulf Drive S-curve just north of the Manatee Avenue-Gulf Drive intersection. *Islander Photo: Rick Catlin*

“The heavy downpour was unexpected and came at high tide. I know some people who just moved here recently didn’t realize the entire Island is in a flood plain.”

Because the Island is in a flood plain, the drains are only a few feet above sea level at low tide, and many drains always have some standing tidal water.

Duennes said he wished he had a sump pump large enough to drain the water quickly, but such equipment is cost prohibitive.

A master drainage plan for the city would “almost be financially unfeasible,” he said.

Duennes also noted that Sixth Avenue lies in a valley between the shopping center and Gulf Drive. Raising the level of the Sixth Avenue pavement would push more water to the sides of the street, but not solve flooding.

Sixth Avenue 16-year resident Margarita Fernandez is well aware of the flooding on her street.

“Flooding used to be a really big deal. It would stand for months until we found that clogged drain along East

Bay Drive. Now, drainage is better than it used to be,” she said.

She realizes drainage on her street depends upon the tides, but wants to make sure that rain spouts at the Walgreens under construction east of her house will be placed at the front of the store, not the rear.

“Water now comes from the shopping center down Sixth Avenue,” Fernandez said. “We don’t need any more runoff.”

She said she e-mailed Duennes asking him to check all drains along East Bay Drive and in the city to make sure none are clogged.

“It’s not fun to see my street flooded,” Fernandez said. “I know we live in a flood plain. I just want to make sure Joe is doing everything he can.”

Duennes assured Fernandez and all residents on streets that flood that he continues to look for methods to improve drainage time.

Like I said, I wish we had a giant sump pump,” Duennes said.

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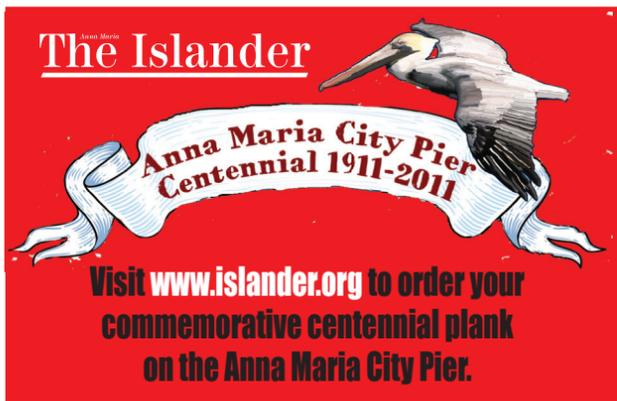


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## ISLANDER CALENDAR

### Wednesday, Sept. 7

10:30 a.m. — Free Medicaid seminar on healthcare options at Rotten Ralph's Waterfront Restaurant at the Bradenton Beach City Pier, Bridge Street, Bradenton Beach. Information: 941-527-8239.

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce business lunch at The Feast Restaurant, 5406 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach. Information: 941-778-1541. Fee applies.

### Thursday, Sept. 8

1:30 p.m. — Cultural Connections will welcome guest speakers Tom Aposporos and Joni Korzan at its meeting at Village Cafe, 503 Pine Ave., Anna Maria. Information: 941-778-1788.

### Saturday, Sept. 10

9:30 a.m. — Family origami "mini convention" at the Island Branch Library, 5701 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach. Information: 941-778-6341.

### Sunday, Sept. 11

9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Manatee County 9/11 Remembrance Ride registration begins at the Manatee County Sheriff's Office, 600 301 Blvd. W., Bradenton and ends at Coquina Beach in Bradenton Beach. Information: 941-716-0626.

4 p.m. — Sept. 11 memorial concert and picnic at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 6608 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach. Information: 941-778-1813.

### Tuesday, Sept. 13

1 to 2 p.m. — Coffee and conversation at the Anna Maria Island Community Center, 407 Magnolia Ave., Anna Maria. Information: 941-778-1908.

2 to 6 p.m. — Flu shots at the Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce, 5313 Gulf Drive, Holmes Beach. Information: 941-778-1541. Fee applies.

### Wednesday, Sept. 14

7:45 to 9 a.m. — Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce sunrise breakfast at the Gulf Drive Cafe and Tiki, 900 Gulf Drive, Bradenton Beach. Reservations: 941-778-1541. Fee applies.

### Ongoing:

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

• Second Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 8199 meets at the old fire station, 201 Second St. N., Bradenton Beach. Information: 941-778-4400.

• Wednesdays, two hours before sunset, the city of Bradenton Beach hosts a sunset party with entertainer Mike Sales at Katie Pierola Sunset Park, 2200 block of Gulf Drive North, Bradenton Beach. Information: 941-448-5798.

• 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 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, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., view landscape painter David Dunlop's video series "Landscapes Through Time," at the Studio at Gulf and Pine, 10101 Gulf Drive, Anna Maria, through Sept. 15. Information: 941-778-1906.

• Fridays, Senior Adventures Group meets for outings to various locations. Information: 941-962-8835.

• Fridays, sunset, drum circle with Mike Sales and Scott Blum at Manatee Public Beach, 4000 Gulf Drive, Holmes Beach. Information: 941-526-6789.

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

### Off-Island

#### Thursday, Sept. 8

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. — Longboat Key/Lido Key/St. Armands Key Chamber of Commerce networking lunch at the Holiday Inn, 233 Ben Franklin Drive, Lido Key. Information: 941-383-2466. Fee applies.

#### Friday, Sept. 9

5 p.m. — Contender Film Series: "Kings of Pastry" at the South Florida Museum, 201 10th St. W., Bradenton. Information: 941-746-4131. Fee applies.

#### Saturday, Sept. 10

9 to 10 a.m. — Yoga on the Bay at the Ca'd'Zan Terrace, John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, 5401 Bay Shore Road, Sarasota. Information: 941-359-5700.

#### Monday, Sept. 12

6 to 7 p.m. — Five elements of Qigong practice at Robinson Preserve, 1704 99th St. N.W., Bradenton. Reservations: 941-748-4501 ext. 4605.

### Coming Up:

• Sept. 16, Contender Film Series: "Frontrunners," South Florida Museum.

• Sept. 17, Ladies Day Out luncheon, Manatee Players.

• Sept. 17, Beach City Candidate Forum, Island Branch Library.

• Sept. 17, Wagon tours, Robinson Preserve.

• Sept. 17, Sunrise kayaking, Mote Marine Laboratory.

### Save the Date:

• Sept. 24, Cornhole Tournament, Anna Maria Island Community Center.

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

### Scheduling for season

The Islander encourages local organizations to submit their fall-winter calendars for events, large and small, to [news@islander.org](mailto:news@islander.org).

# Island happenings

## County organizes 9/11 remembrance ride

The fifth annual Manatee County 9/11 ride to honor those killed in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks will begin with rider registration at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, in the parking lot of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office, 600 301 Blvd. W., Bradenton.

At 11 a.m. guest speakers will take part in an opening ceremony followed at noon by a police-escorted ride westbound on Cortez Road to Coquina Beach in Bradenton Beach. That portion of Cortez Road will be closed to other traffic during the ride.

The ride is free and open to all motorcyclists. There will be live music and refreshments prior to the ride.

Following the ride there will be a party at Banana Bob's Tiki Hut, 2303 First St. E., Bradenton.

For event information, call 941-716-0626.

## Churches, others offer 9/11 commemorations

All Island Denominations and West Manatee Fire Rescue are hosting a 9/11 memorial concert to memorialize the events of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States that will feature the Anna Maria Island Concert Chorus at 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 6608 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach.

The concert will be followed by a community picnic where tours of the WMFR trucks will be offered and Lucky the fire dog will greet guests.

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

The Island Time Bar and Grill at the Bridge Street Bistro, 111 Gulf Drive, Bradenton Beach, is honoring emergency service personnel with a lunch buffet from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11.

Police, fire and EMT professionals will receive a complimentary buffet lunch and beverage.

Proceeds will be donated to the Manatee Emergency Services memorial fund.

For more information, call 941-782-1122.

## Three-part senior health workshop begins Sept. 12

The Aging in Paradise Resource Center is offering a three-part seminar on senior health beginning Monday, Sept. 12, with the follow-up sessions on consecutive Mondays.

Each seminar will be from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Center on Longboat Key. The life skills presented are intended for adults 55 and older.

While the seminars are free, registration is required. Call 941-383-6491 for more information or to register.

The center is at 6200 Gulf of Mexico Drive, Longboat Key.

## Manatee historical park opens new exhibits

Three new exhibits will open Saturday, Sept. 10., at Manatee Village Historical Park, 1404 Manatee Ave. E., Bradenton.

The first of the trio is "Pioneer Voices," highlighting the lives of some of the merchants, seaman, farmers and preachers who settled in Manatee County. Some of these stories serve as the inspiration for the "Spirit Voices from Old Manatee" tour performed at the Old Manatee Burying Grounds in the fall. Included in the exhibit are excerpts from family letters written between 1840 and 1900.

The second exhibit opening is "Vintage Vogue: Part 1," the first in a series drawn from the permanent collection of the Manatee County Historical Commission. Throughout the next year, fashion artifacts will rotate to highlight different eras.

Part one in the series features fashions from the mid-to late-Victorian era. The oldest outfit, for example, is a plaid top and dress from the civil war period.

The "Junior Cow Hunters Corner" is the third exhibit to open. Located in the Florida Cattle room, children will find a hands-on interactive display custom designed for toddlers and primary school children. All activities are intended to emphasize what the cattle industry meant to Manatee County's development.

Admission to the park and exhibits is free.

For more information, call 941-741-4075.

## Wind down with Qigong

Join sensei Brian Nell for a relaxing event from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Robinson Preserve featuring five elements of Qigong.

Nell will teach a series of movements designed to help you de-stress and become energized.

After class, enjoy the quiet evening hours of the preserve before it closes at sunset.

This program is suitable for all ages and reservations are required.

The preserve is at 1704 99th St. N.W., Bradenton.

For information or to reserve a space, call 941-748-4501, ext. 4605.

## Art groups to plan events, hear from chamber reps

Tom Aposporos, president of the Longboat Key Chamber of Commerce, and Joni Korzan of the Manatee County Chamber of Commerce will speak at the next Cultural Connections meeting.

The group will meet at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, at the Village Cafe, 503 Pine Ave., Anna Maria.

In addition to learning about the benefits provided by the chambers, members will begin planning for their November ArtsHop event.

For more information, call Joan Voyles at 941-778-1788.

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## Vietnam Veterans reunion

Members of the 45th Support Company, 519th Support Battalion and 525th Support Group chose Holmes Beach for their 40th reunion. The veterans, including Rick Gomez, Shell Tornquist, Tom Dietz, Earl Williams, John Owen, Russ Johnson, Tony Bonagura, Al Pettit and Walter Alexander had been assigned to the Combined Intelligence Center Vietnam, which was responsible for various reports provided to the U.S. president. The group stayed on Anna Maria Island to enjoy the beach with their extended families. They are pictured with their families at a get-together at the BeachHouse Restaurant.

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# Anna Maria finalizes comp-plan amendment

By Rick Catlin  
Islander Reporter

Anna Maria commissioners at their Aug. 25 meeting passed the second reading of the comprehensive-plan ordinance that creates a preservation district for the city's future land-use map.

The preservation zone was previously called the environmental zone in the comp plan and contained lan-

guage prohibiting new construction.

The approved ordinance was forwarded to the Florida Department of Community Affairs for a second review before it is officially adopted.

Before the comp plan was passed in 2007, city officials were assured that all platted lots in the environmental zone had been identified and the remaining lands in that zone were public.

After the comprehensive plan was passed, however, city attorney Jim Dye and city planner Alan Garrett reviewed properties in the environmental zone and found 25 structures and 16 vacant parcels that had been platted and accepted by the city before World War II.

Upon this discovery, Dye told commissioners that prohibiting building on platted properties already accepted by the city was a "taking" and that the courts disapprove of such actions.

The city began preparing the comp-plan amendment three years ago.

The amendment contains language restricting any new construction in the zone to the 16 platted-but-vacant parcels. Remodeling of the structures on the remaining 25 lots would be allowed, Dye said. The amendment also added a provision that only one single-family residence can be built on any of the 16 vacant lots, and lots cannot be combined or sub-divided to add buildable space.

Dye said the limitation on new single-family homes came from the DCA, which reviewed the amendment after it was first approved by the commission.

"They wanted to ensure that density can't be increased," he said.

Dye said if the DCA doesn't respond to the amendment in 35 days, the city could consider the ordinance enacted.

Commissioners also approved a final site plan for the previously approved Pine Avenue Restoration LLC retail-office-residential project at 315/317 Pine Ave. that includes 313 Pine Ave.

PAR submitted the amended site plan to commence sidewalk construction between parked vehicles and the ROR buildings to voluntarily comply with the city's new parking plan.

# City contracts parking lot work

By Lisa Neff  
Islander Reporter

By the time the fall-winter tourist season begins, Bradenton Beach plans to offer an expanded, improved parking lot in the downtown area.

The community redevelopment agency, meeting Aug. 17 at city hall, unanimously agreed to hire Woodruff & Sons to partner with the city public works department on building a parking lot between Church Street and Highland Avenue.

The meeting lasted about eight minutes.

The CRA, consisting of the commission and mayor, exists to revitalize the city's historic business district. The general boundaries are the bay, the Gulf, Cortez Road on the north and Fifth Street South on the south.

For years, city businesses in the area have said that increasing public parking is a top priority.

Last year, after considering and rejecting a recommendation to purchase property near city hall for a parking lot, the CRA decided to improve and expand the Church Street lot, which already provided parking for public works and the general public.

Adjacent to the lot was another city-owned property that contained the old Monroe Cottage. In partnership with the Cortez Historical Society, the city cleared the cottage site to expand the parking lot and the historical society relocated the cottage to the FISH Preserve.

The budget for the parking lot was capped at \$55,000, and consultant Lynn Townsend Burnett of LTA Engineers LLC said she hoped the final cost would be less.

"Any possibility we could go under that figure?" Commissioner Gay Breuler had asked Burnett.

"I hope so," replied Burnett. "We'll do everything we can to make that happen."

Burnett said that Bradenton-based Woodruff agreed to partner with public works to keep some costs in-house.

"Tom, are you guys prepared to do as much as possible?" Breuler asked public works director Tom Woodard.

"Absolutely," he replied.

City officials said they want the parking lot completed by the end of the fiscal year, which is Sept. 30.

The work involves grading the property, removing excess dirt, placing a sand-shell mix and landscaping.

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# Streetlife

## Island police blotter

### Anna Maria

• Aug. 28, 500 block of Spring Ave., domestic battery. The Manatee County Sheriff's Office arrested an Anna Maria man for domestic battery. The report stated that the man and a woman were in a verbal argument that escalated. The man allegedly grabbed the woman and slammed her head against a wall.

• Aug. 28, 300 block of North Bay Boulevard in Bayfront Park, information. The MCSO responded to a report that a man was swimming off Bayfront Park without a swimming suit, exposing himself to others in the area.

• Aug. 28, 300 block of South Bay Boulevard, petit theft. The MCSO responded to a complaint from a property owner who said someone stole a lawn ornament from his front yard.

• Aug. 31, 10000 block of Gulf Drive, DUI. A deputy stopped Diane Elizabeth Brady, 59, Anna Maria, for allegedly driving under the influence, a misdemeanor. Brady was arrested and is required to appear in court Sept. 20.

*Anna Maria is policed by the MCSO.*

### Bradenton Beach

• Aug. 24-25, multiple locations, burglary to a conveyance. The Bradenton Beach and Holmes Beach police departments and the MCSO were involved in the arrest of Kyle Eric Dale, 24, of Bradenton Beach, for several breaking-and-entering incidents.

• Aug. 25, 200 block of Gulf Drive North, warrant/probation violation. The BBPD responded to the Beach House Restaurant where there was a complaint of an unpaid \$18.07 check. A woman seated at the table said her boyfriend had taken her out to dinner and then left without paying the bill. The woman arranged for a relative to pay the tab using a credit card, but a records check revealed an outstanding warrant for the woman for a DUI traffic offense. She was arrested.

• Aug. 26, 100 block of Second Street North, warrant. A BBPD officer encountered two people sleeping under a stairwell. A records check revealed that one person was wanted in Sarasota on a warrant for trespass and public urination charges.

• Aug. 30, 700 block of Gulf Drive South, domestic disturbance. The BBPD responded to an incident in which a man and a woman were involved in a physical

## Bed tax collections continue rise

By Rick Catlin  
Islander Reporter

Resort tax collections in Manatee County for July climbed 19.5 percent from collections in July 2010, a gain of \$102,703, a press release from Manatee County Tax Collector Ken Burton said.

Collections in July 2010 were \$527,249, while July this year saw collections reach \$629,952, according to the tax collector's website.

Burton said the July increase marked the sixth straight month that resort tax collections, also known as the "bed tax," have increased from last year.

But rather than more visitors coming to the area, he credited a large share of the increase to Sue Sinquefield, Kris Reeves and Tanya Ranney in the resort tax collections department.

Even in a tough economy, the work of investigators "has exceeded our projections," Burton said.

Investigators have been educating accommodation owners and agents about paying the 5 percent monthly resort tax on all accommodations rented for less than six months. Burton noted the team has been conducting audits of rental properties with considerable success at "generating revenue for our community."

Sinquefield said investigators routinely check advertisements for rental properties against tax and

property appraiser's records. The investigators also visit rental properties and speak to the occupant.

Accommodation owners are not the only ones who should be aware of investigator efforts. Sinquefield said if investigators find a suspicious homestead exemption while researching resort tax records, they pass that information to the Manatee County Property Appraiser's Office for followup.

The system also works in reverse, she said, with the PAO advising resort tax investigators if it finds a suspicious property while verifying a homestead claim.

Michele Schulz of the resort tax staff said the department has been "targeting the bed or tourist tax evaders for several years," and has introduced a hotline for anonymous tipsters to report rentals "suspected to be in noncompliance with paying the tax."

When investigators discover a property owner that was required to pay the bed tax but didn't, the owner is given several options to pay the tax, including a payment plan.

July resort tax collection figures by municipality were not yet available online due to a computer glitch last week, but records show Anna Maria Island and Longboat Key accounted for 62.1 percent of June's bed tax collections.

fight, which escalated over a cell phone.

• Aug. 31, 100 block of First Street North, domestic disturbance. The BBPD responded to a residence where a man and a woman, reportedly intoxicated, were fighting. Neither wanted to pursue charges. The officer asked them to separate for the night.

*Bradenton Beach is policed by the BBPD.*

### Cortez

• No new reports.

*Cortez is policed by the MCSO.*

### Holmes Beach

• Aug. 25, 400 block of Clark Lane, burglary. The Holmes Beach Police Department responded to a report of a residential burglary. A television set, a VCR and an air-conditioner were stolen. The burglar left the back door ajar and a light on in a closet.

• Aug. 27, 3900 block of East Bay Drive, trespass.

The Holmes Beach Police Department and MCSO were called to a situation involving an intoxicated man disrupting Manatee County Area Transit service. The HBPD asked the MCSO to give the man a trespass warning for all MCAT properties.

• Aug. 28, 200 block of 85th Street West, aggravated battery. A Holmes Beach man was arrested for allegedly pushing and slapping a female relative who is pregnant. The incident began with a verbal argument.

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*Streetlife is based on incident reports and narratives from the BBPD, HBPD and MCSO.*

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# THE GREATEST GENERATION

by Rick Catlin

## WWII vet finds luck on his side

Holmes Beach resident James "Jim" Barnes was only 16 and still in high school on Dec. 7, 1941, when he learned the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor and the United States was in World War II.

"To be honest, before Pearl Harbor, I hadn't given it much thought if we would be in a war."

Barnes still had a year of high school left until he turned 18 and decided to wait until then before entering the service.

A few weeks after graduating in January 1943, Barnes got his draft notice in the mail.

As the sole supporter of his mother, Barnes could have applied for a deferment from military service, but the idea never entered his mind.

He entered the U.S. Army in early 1943 and trained as a coast artillery searchlight operator. In the summer of 1943, he was put on orders to go overseas, but the Army bureaucracy had him stuck in various replacement depots — called "repple dapples" in Army slang — for almost seven months before he reached a combat outfit.

"I didn't ask for the artillery. You go where the Army puts you. Still, I realized later it was better than the infantry. But I sure got tired of sitting in those repple dapples."

Barnes shipped out to Oran, North Africa, in August 1943 and stayed at the Oran RD for nearly four months waiting on orders.



Holmes Beach resident Jim Barnes, rear, during World War II, enjoys a break with a friend while building a Bailey Bridge over the Po River in Italy in spring 1945.

The Allies took Sicily in July and invaded Italy in September 1943, but Barnes remained in Oran.

"I was getting so bored in the repple depple that I just wanted to go somewhere, even to the infantry. Being young, you don't think about the dangers on the front lines, just that you're tired of mopping latrines, pulling guard duty or KP."

On Jan. 1, 1944, Barnes landed in Italy, but instead of being sent to a unit, was assigned to the Naples repple depple while awaiting orders.

After a few weeks, Barnes was ordered to Bari, an Allied port on the Adriatic Sea, where he joined an anti-aircraft artillery battalion. He was assigned to Headquarter Company as the CO's orderly and runner.

"I never did get on a searchlight," Barnes recalled

with a laugh.

In the summer of 1944, Barnes' unit was moved to Foggia to guard the numerous U.S. Army Air Corps bases in that region, but with the Luftwaffe no longer flying in central Italy, there was little need for anti-aircraft units there. His unit was disbanded and the men assigned to either the infantry or a combat engineer unit. Barnes was sent to the engineers.

"I got lucky again. I just went where the Army told me. I guess they figured because I could drive a truck, I would be useful in the engineers."

Barnes first went to an engineering training center near the front lines. His compound was located on one side of a mountain near an Allied airfield, while the Germans held the other side of the mountain.

"They used to fire artillery shells at night at this airfield near us. The shells would go straight over the mountain and our heads and you could almost see them, they were that close. Luckily, none of them landed short," he recalled with a grin.

Barnes was assigned to an engineer battalion on the front lines in the Po Valley in northern Italy. Here, his previous experience as a driver paid off.

"I was put in communications and became a driver/messenger. I drove a weapons carrier every day to each company's headquarters to deliver and pick up equipment, messages and mail. I was happy about the job and I knew I had just gotten lucky again."

The job was still at the front and German artillery regularly shelled the battalion compound, and any vehicles or troops coming in the area or driving along the front-line roads. Barnes' luck held as he dodged numerous artillery shells on his rounds. He carried an M-1 with him and the carrier had a .30-caliber machine gun, but he knew that would be little protection if he ran into an armed squad of Germans.

One day, a buddy of his was driving the CO when they ran into a German patrol that shot them up and left them for dead.

"The CO had all this teeth and some of his mouth shot off, and my buddy got hit in the rear end. But they

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somehow got back alive and lived. That's the luck of war. It could have been me," said Barnes.

The day after he left the Naples repple depple, a squad of German ME-109s attacked the depot, killing and wounding a number of men.

"I was again lucky. All that time in the repple depple and I ship out the day before it got hit."

He also had luck on his side on the troop ship heading to Oran. When his ship left the convoy, the remainder of the ships sailed to Tunisia. The next day, a pack of Stukas attacked and strafed the Tunisia convoy, killing and wounding hundreds of GIs.

"I'm convinced someone was watching over me because I had to support my mom," Barnes said.

In the Po Valley, Barnes learned how the war had been unfortunate for the Italians.

"The Italians, especially the kids, were just pitiful to watch. We gave away our extra food to the kids. They would scramble for our breadcrumbs, and then thank us for the food. They would dig through our garbage cans. It was heartbreaking to watch."

As the European war wound down, Barnes and the engineers found it difficult to celebrate. "We all knew this was only half the war. We'd been told we were an essential unit to the war effort and going to be in the invasion of Japan after Germany surrendered."

After the war in Europe ended May 9, 1945, the combat engineers continued training and sailed from Italy in early August 1945 for the Pacific. After a few days at sea, they learned that Japan had surrendered. The war was over.

But that was just the good news.

The bad news was that the engineers were told they were still essential to rebuilding the Philippines and Japan. The troopship sailed on to the Philippines.

While Barnes and his buddies weren't happy about staying in the Pacific while others were heading home,



*Jim and Charlotte Barnes have been married 54 years and live in the Martinique North condominiums in Holmes Beach. They have three children and numerous grandchildren, a cat named Lucky, and enjoy playing bridge and watching sunsets from their balcony. Islander Photo: Rick Catlin*

he was "thankful as hell we had dropped the atom bomb. People who say that we could have won the war without dropping the a-bombs are crazy. It's easy to criticize when it's not you going into combat. And the engineers would have been in the first wave."

Barnes spent three months in the Philippines before shipping back to San Francisco, then by train to Newark where he was discharged.

Still needing to support his ailing mother, he immediately got a job as an apprentice tool-and-die maker.

Barnes worked in the machine industry until he was 81. He would still be working if not for a bad back, he said. He also founded a plastics company he later sold to his partner. He then invented the Lug Hammer, a wrench that can loosen even the tightest bolts on a wheel to change a flat tire.

Barnes met his wife Charlotte in 1957, and they were married later that year. Both had been in previous mar-

riages and had children.

The Barnes' first came to Holmes Beach in 1997, and bought their Martinique unit with a view of the Gulf of Mexico.

They will hold a family reunion in Holmes Beach on Aug. 7, with all their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Barnes said the grandkids like to ask him about World War II, but "unless you were there, it's hard to understand what it was like," he said.

"I have absolutely no regrets about my service. It made me grow up quickly, learn to be a man, do what I had to do after the war. I'm so proud to be a veteran."

Even though he could have gotten a deferment to sit out the war, Jim Barnes was not going to be left behind while everyone else was doing their part for their country.

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# Center kids gain 'edge' after school

By Diana Bogan  
Islander Reporter

The Anna Maria Island Community Center hopes to rejuvenate its after-school program by raising the bar and improving service for its clients.

The new after-school program, West Edge, is structured as an academy with three tracks — learning, sports and performing arts.

New center employees Lindsey Weaver and Troy Shonk are managing the academy, which they say is the “brain child” of Scott Dell, assistant executive director at the center.

The WE academy is open to students in kindergarten through eighth-grade, and bus service is provided to the center from Anna Maria Elementary and King Middle schools.

Shonk noted that parents only need to worry about getting their kids to school and “we do the rest.” The center transports students from their school and, if students are enrolled in center sports, practices begin at 6 p.m. when West Edge ends, providing a structured environment until parents finish work.

All participants in WE are involved in the learning academy. The learning academy is similar to the center’s previous after-school program. It offers students time for homework, tutoring, games and group activities.

Weaver said elementary-age students also will have an opportunity to pair up with a high school mentor.

Both sports and performing arts academies already have course offerings, which Weaver and Shonk plan to expand by adding professionals to their team.

Currently the sports academy features soccer, karate and fishing.

Paul Hayward, who has experience playing and coaching at college and professional levels, runs the soccer program.

Bob and Stephanie Miller teach karate. Bob was a silver medalist in the Police Olympics and Stephanie is a three-time AAU National champion.

The Learn to Fish clinic is led by Terri Milen and meets Saturday mornings.

The performing arts academy is still growing, as Weaver and Shonk search for music, visual arts and cooking instructors.

Already students can enroll in drama and dance.

Preston Boyd directs the drama course. He has a master’s degree in theater education and 22 years experience working with children.

Megan Lindsay will direct dance, bringing to the center nine years of experience teaching, performing and producing dance of all types. She has a master’s degree in dance and movement therapy.

Shonk and Weaver said the vision for the performing



Troy Shonk and Lindsey Weaver are heading up the Anna Maria Island Community Center’s new after-school program, the West Edge academy. Islander Photo: Diana Bogan

arts academy is to be a collaborative learning experience. Drama students will work on two performances involving participation from the other classes.

Drama will meet Monday and Wednesday and dance will meet Tuesday and Thursday.

Weaver said the schedule is flexible enough for students to choose more than one class.

“Starting a new program we didn’t want to overwhelm kids with choices,” said Weaver. “We wanted to have a foundation to build from and with our energy the sky is the limit.”

“The sky really is the limit,” agreed Shonk. “We

want to inspire kids and really incorporate doing things together. We think parents and the community will see that we’ve developed something special here, that provides more options and I think this new program shows the new energy we have to bring to the center and how we plan to move forward. We’re excited about where we are going.”

The goal, say Weaver and Shonk, is to embody the West Edge acronym ‘WE’ in doing things together and inspiring kids.

For WE fees or more information, call the center at 941-778-1908.

## Community center refinances loan

By Rick Catlin  
Islander Reporter

The Anna Maria Island Community Center has signed a new loan agreement with the Branch Banking & Trust bank in Bradenton that refinances the previous mortgage on the center with a five-year term at 5.5 percent annual interest.

The building was completed in 2007 at a cost of \$4.5 million, while the original construction estimate in 2004 was \$2 million. The 2007 mortgage on the building was with Northern Trust.

Center executive director Pierrette Kelly said the new loan “is a significant step that will allow us to refocus our attention on our operations, delivering new and innovative programs and services and continue to maintain high levels of customer service to our participants and our community.”

Kelly said she and the center’s board of directors are “very pleased” that BB&T has “shown confidence in the center and are happy for the opportunity to work with Jonathan Schneider and BB&T Bank.”

Kelly credited board member Brian Schlossberg with much of the work to create a refinancing package acceptable to both the center and the bank.

Attorney Hill Ward Henderson of Tampa and the Bradenton law firm of Blalock Held Walters and Johnson, P.A., donated their time to represent the center in the negotiations at no charge, Kelly said in a press release.

She also thanked board chair Greg Ross and board member Scott Rudacille for “pulling everything together.”

“We are so pleased with the end result,” she said.

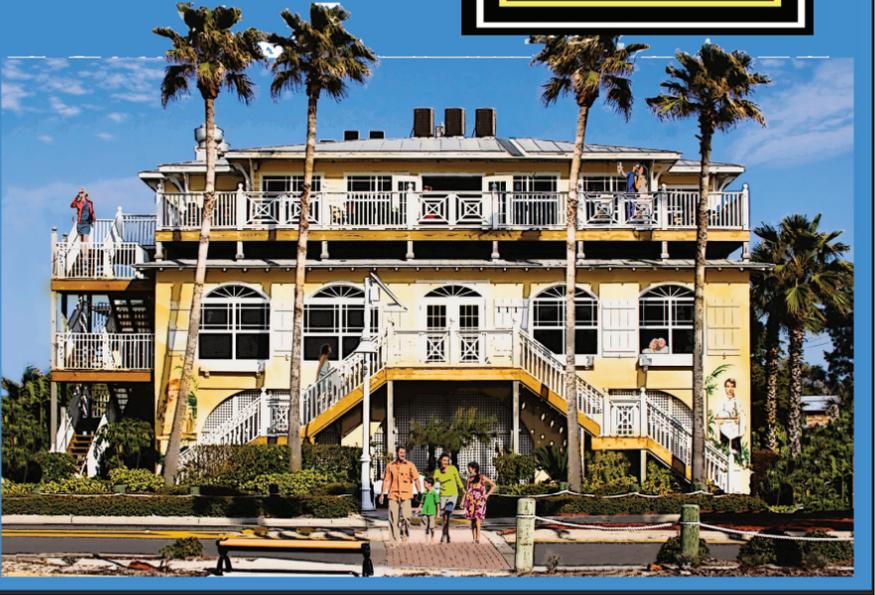
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# School

## AME calendar

Save the date for the following Anna Maria Elementary School happenings:

- Sept. 14, picture day.
- Sept. 15, 8:45 a.m., Parent-Teacher Organization Fall Festival planning kick-off meeting, cafeteria.
- Sept. 21, PTO budget meeting.
- Sept. 21, 10th annual Peace Day event.

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

### AME MENU

#### Monday, Sept. 19

**Breakfast:** French Toast Sticks, Yogurt, Cinnamon Raisin Bagel, Cereal, Toast.

**Lunch:** Breaded Chicken Sandwich, Barbecue Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans, Baby Carrots with Dip, Pears.

#### Tuesday, Sept. 20

**Breakfast:** Sausage and Cheese Bagel, Cinnamon Roll, Cereal, Toast.

**Lunch:** Tacos, Quesadilla, Spanish Rice, Mandarin Oranges.

#### Wednesday, Sept. 21

**Breakfast:** Burrito, Bagel, Cereal, Toast.

**Lunch:** Popcorn Chicken, Fries, Broccoli, Strawberry Cup.

#### Thursday, Sept. 22

**Breakfast:** Chicken Patty Biscuit, Yogurt, Cereal, Toast.

**Lunch:** Hot Dog, Pretzel with Cheese, Coleslaw, Green Beans, Fruit Smoothie.

#### Friday, Sept. 23

**Breakfast:** Mini Pancakes, Yogurt, Cereal, Toast.

**Lunch:** Pizza, Fish Tenders, Sweet Potato Fries, Corn, Applesauce, Belly Bears.

Juice and milk are served with every meal.



ABOVE: AME principal David Marshall, PTO supporter and Sandbar owner Ed Chiles and PTO president Monica Simpson at the volunteer recruitment night at the Anna Maria restaurant. Many school parents turned out to sign up to coordinate school events and activities.

RIGHT: AME kindergarten parents sign up to help with upcoming events at the school.



The Sandbar Restaurant in Anna Maria hosts the Anna Maria Elementary School PTO for a volunteer night, when school principal David Marshall encouraged parents and other Island residents to sign up for various school committees. Islander Photos: Karen Riley-Love



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# Rescued sea turtle hatchlings released to cheers

By Lisa Neff  
Islander Reporter

Bobbi Streeter was on her regular Tuesday morning patrol for Anna Maria Island Turtle Watch and Shorebird Monitoring when she saw the tiny tracks of a single hatchling.

A single track is unusual, because typically hatchlings emerge from a nest in groups of about 100.

Streeter, a six-year veteran with AMITW, thought something seemed wrong, and she called section coordinators Lee and Marvin Zerkel to Coquina Beach.

The Zerkels excavated the nest that morning and found 28 hatchlings inside, as well as shells of unhatched eggs and broken shells. A hard-pounding rain had essentially cemented the hatchlings in their nest.

"I was worried they would drown," AMITW executive director Suzi Fox said, adding that hatchlings can become trapped inside a waterlogged nest.

Later on Aug. 30, at about sunset, AMITW released the hatchlings to the Gulf of Mexico. A solitary hatchling



A crowd gathers on the shore near 10th Street South Aug. 30 to watch the release of 28 loggerhead hatchlings rescued from a nest in Bradenton Beach and one rescued from a nest in Holmes Beach. *Islander Photos: Lisa Neff*



One of 28 loggerhead hatchlings that became trapped in their nest in Bradenton Beach following a rainstorm.

rescued from a nest in Holmes Beach also caught its first wave.

The event, noticed to AMITW's Facebook fans and well promoted by word of mouth, drew about 200 people to the beach at 10th Street South.

"It's a magical thing," said Christine Taylor of Chicago. "It's beautiful to see them crawl out to the Gulf. I had no idea."

"I've lived here for 25 years and never seen this," said Bradenton resident Jen Lannon. "I'm in awe."

For about an hour before the release, AMITW volunteers talked with people about the life of a loggerhead, the threats to loggerheads and nesting season on the Island, which lasts from about May 1 through Oct. 31.

Fox praised the volunteers, who are beginning the last two months of the season.

"I'm pretty proud of them," she said. "And the community is pretty proud of them."



## Nesting by the numbers

As of Sept. 2, Anna Maria Island Turtle Watch and Shorebird Monitoring was reporting:

- Number of turtle nests: 146
- Number of false crawls: 139
- Number of hatchlings to the sea: 6,798
- Number of hatched nests: 109

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An audience for a talk about loggerhead turtles.



As the sun sets, loggerhead hatchlings rescued from a nest in Bradenton Beach catch their first wave. Islander Photos: Lisa Neff

Right: Suzi Fox, executive director of Anna Maria Island Turtle Watch and Shorebird Monitoring, arrives to the Bradenton Beach shore Aug. 30 with 28 hatchlings soon to be released into the Gulf of Mexico.



### Mote releases rehabbed sea turtle

Scientists with Mote Marine Laboratory returned Valentine to the Gulf of Mexico Aug. 29.

The green sea turtle was released mid-morning from Longboat Key near the Broadway Street beach access.

Valentine, a juvenile, was found stranded on Anna Maria Island and brought to Mote's sea turtle hospital Feb. 13.

The turtle was missing a left front flipper and had numerous fibropapillomas — tumors caused by a virus.

Valentine had surgery to remove the tumors, showed a strong appetite and could swim well despite the missing flipper.

A health exam in late July showed that Valentine would soon be ready for release.

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# Tryouts preview fall season for AMICC soccer

Kevin Cassidy  
Islander Reporter

The Anna Maria Island Community Center's fall recreational soccer season officially got started with tryouts last week for players ages 4-14. Players were put through a series of drills to assess their ability under the watchful eyes of the volunteer coaches.

After the tryout sessions, coaches adjourned to the "war room" to draft their respective teams. Teams are beginning practice this week and looking forward to the schedule of competition that will begin Sept. 19.

The annual kick-off-the-season spaghetti dinner will be held starting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, in the center gym. There players will receive their uniforms and game schedules, while enjoying a delicious spaghetti dinner with family and friends, donated once again by the Beach Bistro.

For more information on youth soccer, contact center staff, Lindsey Weaver or Troy Shonk, at 941-778-1908.

## AMICC golf outing scheduled

The third-annual AMICC golf outing at IMG Golf and Country Club is coming up on Friday, Oct. 14. Cost for the golf outing is \$150 per person, which also includes range balls and the awards banquet. For an additional \$30, participants can enter a \$10,000 hole-in-one contest, putting contest and receive five raffle tickets. And non-golfers, they are invited to attend the dinner for only \$45.

For more information, contact Lindsey Weaver at 778-1908.

## Bowling benefit results announced

The 21st annual O'Connor Bowling Challenge took place Aug. 27 at AMF Lanes in Bradenton.

Dan France bowled a 222 to take the men's top score for the evening, while Erin Kosfield's 182 was the women's top score. For the second straight year, Bryan Fritz had the men's top series score with a 594, while Kosfield took women's top series at 468. Ramon Camacho had the men's low score of 58, while Megan Cusack took the low score for the women with a 38.



Four-year-old Cohen Moore is a picture of concentration as he takes a free kick at Anna Maria Island Community Center's soccer league youngest, instructional division tryouts last week. *Islander Photo: Courtesy Karen Riley-Love*

## Horseshoe news

Jeff Moore and Ron Pepka were the only team to win the required three pool-play victories and were the Sept. 3 champs during horseshoe action at the Anna Maria City Hall horseshoe pits. Steve Doyle and Jerry Disbrow defeated George McKay and Sam Samuels 21-11 in the battle for second place.

Two teams emerged from pool play during Aug. 31 horseshoe action. The team of Tim Sofran and Norm Good defeated Sam Samuels and Tom Skoloda 23-18 in

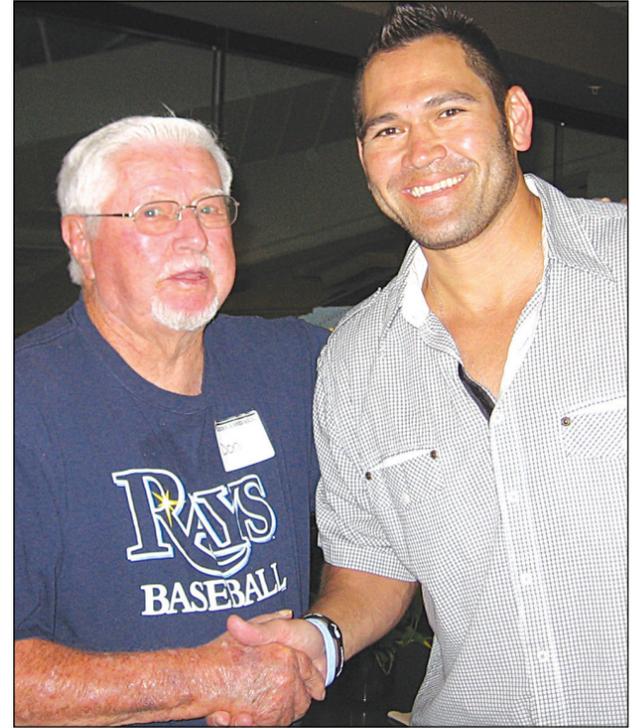
a see-saw affair that saw six lead changes.

Play gets under way at 9 a.m. every Wednesday and Saturday at the Anna Maria City Hall pits. Warmups begin at 8:45 a.m. followed by random team selection.

There is no charge to play and everyone is welcome.

## Key Royale golf news

The Key Royale Club women played a nine-hole, individual-low-net golf match Aug. 30. Barb Harrold torched the course with a 10-under-par 22 to win first place by eight strokes over Christina Mason, Meredith Slavin and Tootie Wagner, who finished in a three-way tie for second place at 2-under-par 30.



Don Meilner Sr. of Bradenton Beach, a young 95-year-old and ardent Tampa Bay Rays fan, shakes hands with Rays designated-hitter Johnny Damon during the Joe Maddon Summer Social at Tropicana Field on Aug. 15. *Islander Photo: Courtesy Don Meilner Jr.*



Cal Gray reeled in dinner — a 26 1/2-inch redfish he caught while on a charter with Capt. Mark Howard of SumoTime Charters.



Jim Hohlmán reeled in this 28-inch speckled trout while fishing with Capt. Mark Howard of SumoTime Charters.

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# Snook fishery remains catch-and-release only

Capt. Danny Stasny  
Islander Reporter

Just when you thought it would be OK to go snook fishing...

Yes, Sept. 1 would have been opening day for snook season had FWC not implemented another year-long closure for the harvest of snook. Although it would be nice to bring a big snook home for dinner, all of us seasoned snook fishers know this closure is the best alternative for the future of snook fishing on the Gulf coast of Florida.

The snook just have not recovered from the winter 2009 and 2010 kills that resulted from water too cold for this delicate — and delicious — species.

Yet, we sense a “snooky” urge this time of year. We just know when it’s time to go out for snook.

The good thing is, we can still go out and catch them, we just can’t keep them. However, the way I see it, this creates a great opportunity for us to brush up on targeting some other species.

Diversify your skills.

If you haven’t noticed, redfish are schooling up on the grass flats and around mangrove islands. Both live bait and artificials are working to produce a bite. If you’re seeing the fish but can’t get them to bite, try switching up your tactics a little. I’ve had times when a school of reds would swim right around my shiner without a bite. Switching to a Berkley Gulp shrimp or gold spoon wound up getting the fish to bite. Remember, fishers are known for being good at adapting to their surroundings, so always try out different tactics. You might be rewarded with a killer redfish bite that you previously thought wasn’t going to happen.

On a final note, don’t be discouraged about the snook closure. In the long run it will be better both for the snook and the snook fishers. If we’re patient, our snook numbers will be back up before we know it.

Capt. Warren Girle is catching Key West grunts, flounder and Spanish mackerel on his offshore charters. In the catch-and-release category, Girle is catching numerous red and gag grouper. “We probably caught 75 red grouper on a recent charter,” says Girle. “It’s just non-stop action out there.”

Moving inshore, Girle is catching redfish in North Sarasota Bay. He likes to fish artificials like top-water plugs and jigs in the morning when the tide is high. On the lower tides, Girle waits for the reds to school up in deep potholes. When they do, Girle will switch to using live whitebait to get a bite. For Girle, the reds have been averaging 30-32 inches with the biggest coming in at 35 inches.

Bob Kilb at the Rod & Reel Pier is seeing decent numbers of Spanish mackerel being caught, although most are just above the minimum-size limit of 12 inches. White crappie jigs and silver spoons are a good bet, or you can use live shiners on a long-shank hook. Mangrove snapper are still showing in good numbers underneath the pier. With the abundance of small sardines schooling around the pier, the mangrove snapper have more than enough to eat, so remember to be stealthy when targeting these fish. Using fluorocarbon leader in 15- or 20-pound test with a No. 4 live-bait hook is a good way to get



Capt. Danny Stasny, pictured above with a pre-winter freeze 2009 snook caught at Catchers Marina. Stasny released his catch. *Islander File Photo: Bonner Joy*

started.

Small bonnethead sharks are being caught by bottom fishers soaking frozen squid out from the pier. Remember, even though these sharks are little, they have teeth. Don’t put your fingers in their mouth when trying to remove your hook. Always use pliers.

Dave Sork at the Anna Maria City Pier says, “There’s tons of bait schooling around the pier.” The largest concentration of bait around the pier is made up of Spanish sardines, although whitebait and threadfins are around, too. Remember, if you’re throwing your cast net from the pier to get bait, be careful not to throw on the sardines. Doing so can sometime result in gilling a load of the sardines in your net due to their small size. Removing them from your net is time consuming, and can be quite a mess.

Now that you’ve caught your bait, you can target Spanish mackerel by rigging your 30-pound fluorocarbon leader with a No. 1 long shank hook and a shiner. “Early morning has been the best time to target the Spanish mackerel,” says Sork. A silver spoon trailed behind a popping cork is also a sure way to get some good mackerel action. While targeting Spanish mackerel, pier fishers also are catching ladyfish, skip jacks and lizardfish.

Mangrove snapper are biting steadily on the outgoing tides. Numbers of these little snappers have arrived, but most are undersized. Along with mangrove snapper, pinfish, grunts and juvenile gag grouper are abundant under the pier, so be ready to catch a variety of species.

Sork says he’s seeing tarpon “slurping” on the thick schools of Spanish sardines just off the pier. He suggests throwing a small live ladyfish in where these tarpon are, and hang on tight. Hook a tarpon and you’ll be the talk of the pier for the day.

Jonny Keyes at Island Discount Tackle is hearing about good action out on the flats of Anna Maria Sound. Spotted sea trout are feeding heavily on moving tides. Look for schools of glass minnows on shallow flats that drain into deep potholes and depressions to find aggressive trout on the feed. If you’re using whitebait, the smaller ones are best. Mixed in with the trout are ladyfish, Spanish mackerel and bluefish.

Redfish action is still good in the usual spots and both live bait and artificials are working. Mangrove islands in Sarasota Bay as well as Long Bar are good places to stalk schools of bull reds.

Mangrove snapper are being caught on local piers and nearshore structure. Small shiners and threadfin herring cut in pieces are producing decent numbers of these tasty little pan-fryers.

If it’s flounder action you’re looking for, Keyes says he’s hearing about a good bite in and around Longboat Pass. Small shiners or shrimp fished on the sandy drop-offs around the pass are producing good numbers of flounder. Don’t forget to watch the tides if you plan on fishing Longboat Pass. It’s a narrow inlet with ripping tides, making it hard to fish at times. For best results, target those flounder on the slower tides.

Keith Trent at the south bait shop on the Sunshine Skyway Bridge Fishing Piers says the mainstay is Spanish mackerel, jack crevalle and pompano. Spanish mackerel are feeding on the bait schools being washed out of Tampa Bay on the outgoing tides. Both live bait and artificials, like silver spoons, are producing good numbers of mackerel. Other migratory species being caught include skipjacks, ladyfish and a few bluefish.

Fishing under the pier is resulting in mangrove snapper, flounder and juvenile gag grouper. Both live and cut-bait, such as threadfin herring, pinfish and shiners, are working well for all of these species.

Last but not least, Keyes also notes you can the tarpon hanging around the northern piers, and live pinfish are producing the bite.

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Date	AM	HIGH	PM	HIGH	AM	LOW	PM	LOW	Moon
Sep. 7	8:26	2.5	11:36	1.8	1:23	1.6	4:14	0.3	
Sep. 8	9:42	2.5	11:50	1.8	3:05	1.5	4:56	0.4	
Sep. 9	10:40	2.5	—	—	4:10	1.3	5:30	0.5	
Sep. 10	12:05	1.9	11:28a	2.5	4:59	1.1	5:58	0.6	
Sep. 11	12:17	2.0	12:09	2.4	5:40	1.0	6:20	0.7	
Sep. 12	12:28	2.1	12:47	2.4	6:17	0.8	6:41	0.9	Full
Sep. 13	12:39	2.2	1:23	2.2	6:51	0.6	6:59	1.0	
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# Island Biz

By Rick Catlin



## Sept. 11: Island Time fundraiser

The Island Time Bar and Grill at the Bridge Street Bistro, 111 Gulf Drive, Bradenton Beach, is honoring emergency service personnel and commemorating Sept. 11, 2001, with a lunch buffet from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11.

Police, fire and EMT professionals will receive a complimentary buffet lunch along with their choice of a free cocktail or beer.

Other customers will pay \$10 for the all-you-can-eat lunch and proceeds will be donated to the Manatee Emergency Services memorial fund.

In addition to the food, the party includes drink specials, live music, family entertainment and raffles. A vacation getaway is a featured prize at the event.

For more information, call 941-782-1122.

## Landmark Holmes Beach business, building for sale

Jim and Roni Brady have owned the West Coast Surf Shop adjacent to the Manatee Public Beach since they opened the Holmes Beach business in 1964.

After almost 48 years of running the shop, surfing and repairing surfboards, the Bradys are seriously considering retirement and placed the property and business at 3902 Gulf Drive up for sale.

Rochelle Bowers, the listing agent, said she and the Mike Norman Realty staff are hoping that a buyer will keep the surf shop as it is now.

The retail-office-residential use of the structure was

grandfathered by the city many years ago.

"It's such a wonderful place, and it's been here so long, it just fits in with the Island lifestyle," Bowers, a former West Coast Surf Shop employee, said.

Jim Brady said that after 48 years, he and Roni are looking to retire, but he doesn't expect a quick sale.

"We've been talking about retiring for five years and just decided to see what happens if it's on the market. If it sells, it sells. If not, we'll keep on surfing," he said with a laugh.

"But it's a great business," Brady added. "Surfing is popular and so is the shop. We wouldn't have remained here all these years if it wasn't."

## Luncheon feast, then breakfast

The Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce will hold its September networking luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, at The Feast Restaurant, 5404 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach, in the Island Shopping Center.

Cost of the event is \$15 for members and guests, and members are encouraged to bring a guest. Guests are required to make a reservation and lunch selection in advance.

The chamber's monthly Sunrise Breakfast is from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, at the Gulf Drive Cafe, 900 Gulf Drive N., Bradenton Beach.

Cost of the breakfast is \$8 and members are requested to bring a guest.

For further information on the lunch or breakfast, or to make a reservation, call the chamber at 941-778-1541.

## LBK chamber hosts network, lunch events

The Longboat Key/Lido Key/St. Armands Key Chamber of Commerce will host its third annual East Meets West business after-hours networking event from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, at the Sarasota

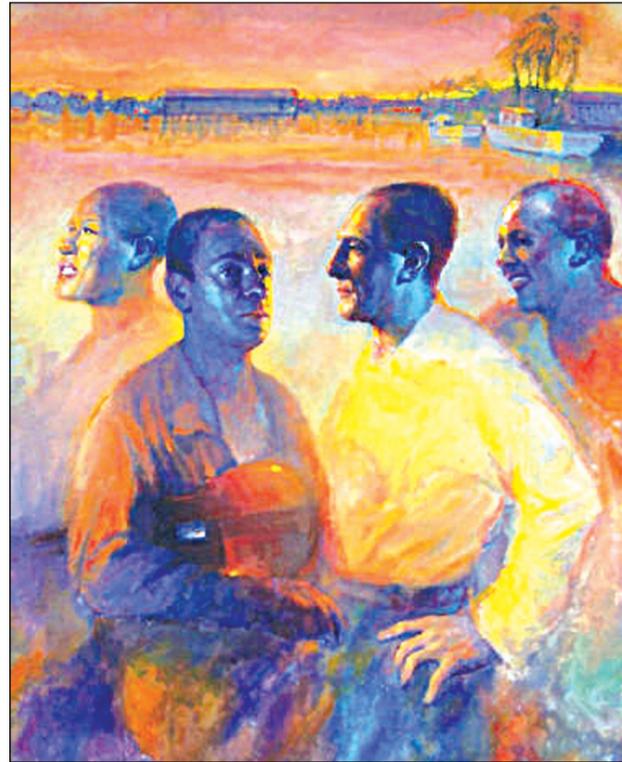
Municipal Auditorium, 801 N. Tamiami Trail.

Cost of admission is \$8 in advance for members of any sponsoring organization and \$10 at the door for members and the public. Reservations are requested and a cash bar will be available.

For lunch, the chamber will host its monthly Networking at Noon luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 8, at the Holiday Inn, 233 Ben Franklin Drive, Lido Beach.

This month's event is sponsored by the Dattoli Cancer Center. Cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members and reservations are requested.

For more information on either event, call 941-383-2466.



MartiniVille restaurant has commissioned well-known muralist John Allinson to paint a four-panel mural that will be installed Sept. 8 on the facade of the building at the corner of Gulf Drive and Holmes Boulevard in Holmes Beach.

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# Obituaries

## Alice Domey

Alice Domey, 57, of Bradenton, died Aug. 26.

Mrs. Domey was a member of the Anna Maria Island Privateers and was known by her Privateer name, "Splash." She operated Splash Graphics in Bradenton, and used her talents and sign business to help promote the Privateers. The nonprofit organization plans to host a memorial service at a later date.

A family-planned service also will be held at a later date.

Survivors include daughters Pamela Stocks and Nabelle Mejout; son Baron; sisters Lou Gallagher and Gail Kimbell; brothers Daniel, Martin, Andrew, Charlie and Duke Kimbell; mother Mona Kimbell; and three grandchildren.

## James O. 'Jim' Britt

James O. "Jim" Britt, 86, of Markle, Ind., and Bradenton Beach, died, Sept. 2. He was born April 23, 1925, in Rock Creek Township, Huntington County, Ind.

Mr. Britt served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946. He was a tool-and-die engineer and was the shop foreman for Yeoman Engineering from 1960 to 1991. He attended Markle United Methodist Church. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Markle and Bluffton. He also belonged to the Scottish Rite of Fort Wayne.

He enjoyed fishing for bluegill in Indiana and snook in Florida.

A service was held Sept. 7 at Myers Funeral Home of Markle. Memorial donations may be made in care of Myers Funeral Home to Markle Fish & Game Club Park, P.O. Box 403, Markle IN 46770. Condolences may be made at [www.myersfuneralhomes.com](http://www.myersfuneralhomes.com).

Mr. Britt is survived by daughters Brenda K. of New Haven, Ind., Beverly and husband Greg Wilson of Markle and Becky and husband Morgan Hughes of New Haven; son Jack and wife Judy of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

## Robert A. Hinsch

Robert A. Hinsch of Bradenton died Aug. 30. He was born in Ypsilanti, Mich., and moved to the Bradenton area in 1982 from Ann Arbor, Mich.

Mr. Hinsch was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He attended Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and was the former owner of 307 Pine Avenue General Store. He was a member of the Elks Lodge, American Legion and the Moose Lodge.

A memorial service will be at a later date. Brown & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory 26th Street Chapel of Bradenton is in charge of arrangements. Memorial donations may be made to TideWell Hospice Inc., 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota FL 34238. Online condolences may be made at [www.brownsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.brownsfuneralhomes.com).

Mr. Hinsch is survived by sons Alexander and wife Deanna and Robert, all of Anna Maria Island; daughter Christine and husband Ed Martin of Ann Arbor, Mich.; sister, Virginia and husband Mel Ellis of Saline, Mich.; two grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.



Keane

## Edward M. Keane

Edward M. Keane, 74, of Bradenton, died Sept. 2. He was born in Somerville, Mass., Jan. 18, 1937.

Mr. Keane served in the U.S. Marines during the Korean War.

He was a member and governor of the Moose Lodge No. 2188, Bradenton Beach.

There will be a memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Anna Maria Island Moose, 110 Gulf Drive S., Bradenton Beach. Brown & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory 43rd Street Chapel in charge. Condolences may be made at [www.brownsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.brownsfuneralhomes.com). Memorial donations may be made to Moose Heart at [mooseheart.org](http://mooseheart.org).

Mr. Keane is survived by his loving wife, Ellen A.; daughters Debbie Savarese, Ellen Hall and Sheila; son Edward F.; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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## Island real estate transactions

By Jesse Brisson

Special to *The Islander*

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2312 Gulf Drive N., Unit 202, Sunset Terrace, Bradenton Beach, a 1,180 sfla / 1,340 sfur 2bed/2bath Gulf front condo with shared pool built in 1982 was sold 08/12/11, Waterman Investments LLC to Jackson Florida Properties LLC for \$385,000; \$399,000.

615 Gladstone Lane, Holmes Beach, a 1,684 sfla / 2,124 sfla 2bed/2bath/2car canalfront pool home built in 1972 on a 90x114 lot was sold 08/12/11, Ryan to Copen for \$350,000; list \$399,000.

308 Bay Drive S., Unit 11, Old Bridge Village, Bra-

denton Beach, a 1,543 sfla 2bed/2½bath condo built in 2004 was sold 08/11/11, Orr to Roberts for \$275,000; list \$319,000.

2502 Gulf Drive, Unit 207, Club Bamboo, Bradenton Beach, a 476 sfla 1bed/1bath condo with shared pool built in 1975 was sold 08/15/11, Stewart to Aqua Props LLC for \$229,000; list \$229,000.

6300 Flotilla Drive, Unit 85, Shell Point, Holmes Beach, a 804 sfla / 932 sfur 1bed/1bath condo with shared pool built in 1973 was sold 08/15/11, Elliott to Ducharme for \$160,000.

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

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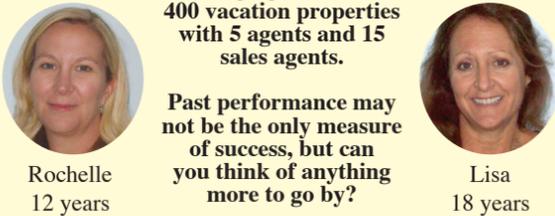
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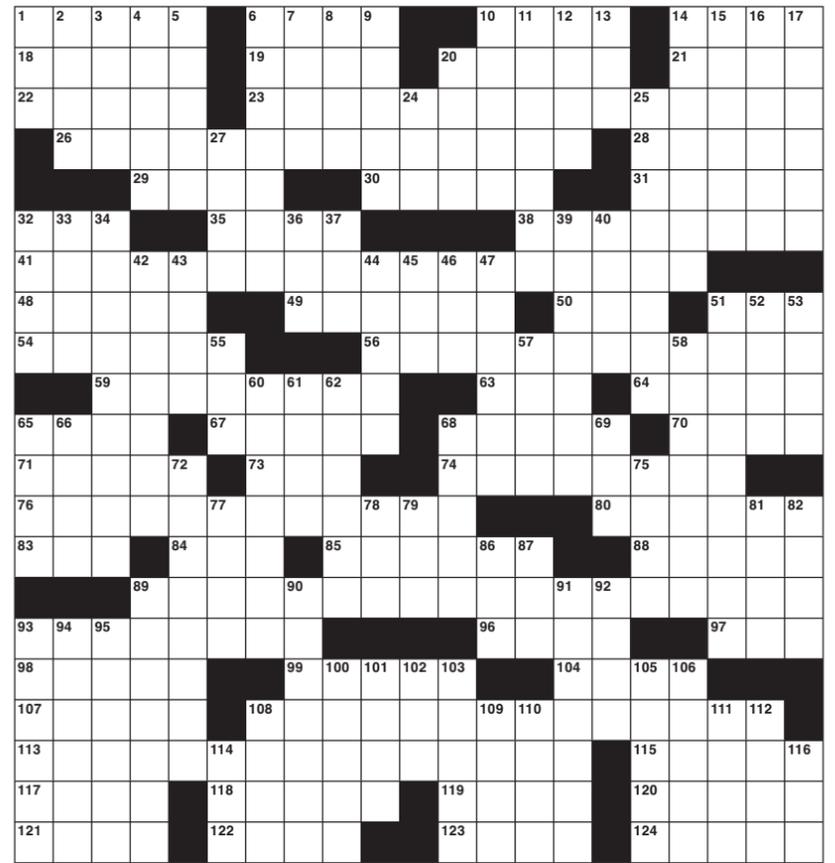
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|---|--|--|---|
| Across  | 50 Smoke   | 108 Interstellar valet's job?                | 15 Hoi ____                                 |
| 1 Director  | 51 Web address component                                       | 113 Ship info kept for the Spanish Armada?   | 16 Compound also called an olefin           |
| 6 Stereo syst. component  | 54 Beat soundly  | 115 Foo Fighters frontman Dave               | 17 Puts on the ballot                       |
| 10 Recipe abbr.   | 56 Encounter with an Alaskan bear?                             | 117 Golf rarities                            | 20 Mathematician Gödel                      |
| 14 Number crunchers, for short                                      | 59 Beneficiary of a 2008 bailout                               | 118 Drew on a screen                         | 24 Comrade                                  |
| 18 State capital whose name comes from the French for "wooded area" | 63 Expected  | 119 A.L. M.V.P. in 2005 and 2007, informally | 25 Continuing to criticize unnecessarily    |
| 19 Mississippi River's largest tributary                            | 64 Very unpleasant   | 120 House that won't catch fire              | 27 Pop name                                 |
| 20 The Hermit Kingdom, once   | 65 Red Scare prosecutor Roy                                    | 121 Old Harper's Weekly cartoonist           | 32 Border                                   |
| 21 Lie a lot  | 67 Mr. of old cartoons   | 122 Wheelless vehicle                        | 33 "What nonsense!"                         |
| 22 Island from which Tiberius ruled                                 | 68 1813-14 vice president                                      | 123 Desires                                  | 34 Plan for the evening?                    |
| 23 Lively dance performed as a six-pack is being laid to rest?      | 70 Fan club focus  | 124 Bygone communication                     | 36 Start of a Wagner title                  |
| 26 Canine king's regime?  | 71 Stockpile   | Down   | 37 Biblical priest at Shiloh                |
| 28 Small chain component  | 73 Hundred Acre Wood young 'un                                 | 1 1970 #1 hit for the Jackson 5              | 39 Stable sounds                            |
| 29 Baker of jazz  | 74 Not permanent   | 2 Waterfall sound                            | 40 Hurt badly                               |
| 30 Dominant theme   | 76 Set of shot glasses for Christmas?                          | 3 Sufficiently aged                          | 42 Opposing                                 |
| 31 West African monetary unit                                       | 80 A man or a mouse  | 4 "Hamlet" courtier                          | 43 Snug retreat                             |
| 32 Ones crunched during crunch time?                                | 83 ____ equivalent (measure of explosive strength)             | 5 Consider carefully                         | 44 "Wall Street" character Gordon ____      |
| 35 Tanned skin  | 84 Eggs served raw   | 6 Stiffly awkward. as movement               | 45 ____ Chicago Grill                       |
| 38 Hostile feelings   | 85 W.W. II title   | 7 One doing course work                      | 46 Far-away connector                       |
| 41 Eco-warriors?  | 88 Native New Zealander  | 8 ____ Minh (1940s independence movement)    | 47 Notorious investor                       |
| 48 Grammatical topic  | 89 Sharpshooter Oakley when she was a charming young musician? | 9 "Miss Julie" composer Ned                  | 51 Brabantio's fair daughter                |
| 49 Earth tone   | 93 Have an emotional impact                                    | 10 Shinto shrine entrance                    | 52 Not deceived by                          |
|   | 96 "Or ____ what?"   | 11 Filled in                                 | 53 "Gotta go," in chat rooms                |
|   | 97 Interject   | 12 Cook so as to lock in the flavor, say     | 55 "Last Time I Saw ____" (Diana Ross song) |
|   | 98 Canning seal  | 13 Comrade                                   | 57 Seer's perception                        |
|   | 99 Paterson's successor as New York governor                   | 14 Bogeymen's hiding places                  | 58 Blue uniform wearer                      |
|   | 104 Newborn on a ranch   |  | 60 All-Star Dick of the 1960s-'70s Knicks   |
|   | 107 Sneaky trick   |  | 61 Dumbfounded                              |



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| 62 Knuckle-headed action?           | 77 Smidgen                             | 91 Is caught up in the Rapture, e.g. | 105 Aboveboard              |
| 65 U.S.N. rank                      | 78 Workers' rights agcy.               | 92 "Cool"                            | 106 Valley ____             |
| 66 It's due south of Iran           | 79 W.P.A. initiator                    | 93 Dennis of the court               | 108 Ring                    |
| 68 "C'mon, sleepyhead!"             | 81 Like the climate of 66-Down         | 94 Orchestral work premiered in 1805 | 109 Richard of "Bee Season" |
| 69 Starchy staple of Africa         | 82 "So I ____"                         | 95 Moves laterally                   | 110 Outhouse door symbol    |
| 72 Bloodmobile supply               | 86 "Evita" narrator                    | 100 Tried to convince                | 111 Take turns?             |
| 75 Tuscaloosa university, for short | 87 Predatory fish                      | 101 "That's fine"                    | 112 One going on foot?      |
|                                     | 89 Like the day of the summer solstice | 102 Thousand thou                    | 114 HP products             |
|                                     | 90 Smiley's creator                    | 103 Certain dental repair            | 116 Salty fillet            |

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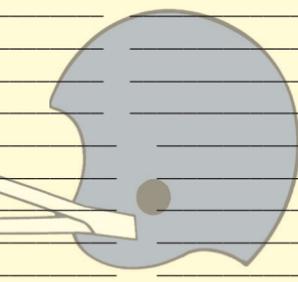
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