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REMEMBERING 9/11 ON 9/11/11



West Manatee Fire Rescue Chief Andy Price offers a remembrance during the memorial and concert marking the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States. Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and WMFR in Holmes Beach hosted the event, one of several on the Island. Islander Photo: Edna Tiemann



Motorcyclists travel Gulf Drive toward Coquina Beach during the fifth annual 9/11 Remembrance Ride. The event was one of several on the Island marking the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States. More on 9/11, page 4. Islander Photo: Lisa Neff

AMI cost of living: Higher prices

By Rick Catlin
Islander Reporter

Islanders like to say they live in “paradise,” and the Bradenton Area Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Island chamber of commerce go to great lengths to advertise “paradise” around the world.

But paradise comes with a cost of living higher than mainland Bradenton.

For essential items for daily living, such as groceries, over-the-counter medicines and household products, Islanders pay about 7.5 percent more for goods from the same store than do mainland residents, according to the results of an *Islander* survey of items sold at Publix, the Island’s only grocery store.

The prices of the same items surveyed at Publix in Holmes Beach and at Publix on Cortez Road West in Bradenton were, on average, 7.6 percent higher at the Island store.

Publix officials at the corporate headquarter—**PLEASE SEE AMI LIVING, PAGE 2**



Groceries from the Holmes Beach Publix, including these staples, can cost more than from a Publix on the mainland. Islander Photo: Rick Catlin

Coquina Beach patrols reduced

By Lisa Neff
Islander Reporter

Manatee County plans to reduce its funding for beach law enforcement in Bradenton Beach in the new fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1.

The reduction is outlined in a memo from the county parks and recreation department to the Bradenton Beach Police Department.

The county, wrote parks and recreation director Cindy Turner, provides financial assistance to assist with the expense of providing police services to Coquina and Cortez beaches.

In 2011-12, the parks department will be reducing its allocation for beach patrols on weekends and holidays, Turner said.

“As you are aware, Manatee County has had to reduce its operating budgets again for the upcoming fiscal year,” Turner said. “One of the budget reductions for the parks and recreation department was funding for security services at our parks and beaches.”

In the 2011-12 budget, there is funding for eight hours of beach policing on specific holidays — Easter, five days of local spring break, Cinco de Mayo, Memorial Day, July 4 and Labor Day.

Manatee County contracts with BBPD to patrol its parks in Bradenton Beach, specifically Coquina Beach on both the bayfront and Gulf of Mexico.

On major holidays, especially during the winter-spring tourist season, the MCSO assigns added security to the beach.

Beach disturbance results in arrests

A fight at Coquina Beach last week resulted in the arrest of three men for disorderly conduct.

The incident took place at about 8:30 p.m. Sept. 3 at Coquina Beach, according to a Manatee County Sheriff’s Office report—**PLEASE SEE COQUINA, PAGE 12**

Plan proposed to remove pines

By Rick Catlin
Islander Reporter

Anna Maria public works director George McKay told the city commission he needs direction on a controversial issue and commissioners at their Sept. 8 meeting agreed to take on the matter.

They requested a study.

An unnamed person apparently wants to renourish Gulf Park on the Gulf of Mexico with native plants as well as remove some Australian pines, and is willing to fund the work.

The Manatee County Sheriff’s Office earlier this summer dug several large holes in the park in an effort to find the body of a missing Holmes Beach resident—**PLEASE SEE PINES, PAGE 9**



Australian pines in Anna Maria’s Gulf Park along the Gulf of Mexico may be removed and replaced with native species of trees if a landscaping plan for the park proceeds. Islander Photo: Rick Catlin

AMI LIVING CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ters in Lakeland declined to comment, but others familiar with the grocery store business said the practice of “geographical pricing” is common.

“They know they have the only supermarket on the Island and many people, especially tourists, aren’t going to drive off-Island to save a few dollars,” said a former grocery store executive who requested anonymity.

Publix prices are set by corporate headquarters in Lakeland and management knows it has a monopoly on the Island. The store here can charge a bit more than normal without any problem because there’s no competition, the former executive said.

In an unscientific survey taken Sept. 8 at the two Publix stores, with a shopping list prepared in advance, the prices found and percentage of increase were:

Item	Cortez Road	AMI	Increase
chicken, whole	\$1.19 lb	\$1.29	8.4
hamburger, 80/20, lb	\$2.99	\$3.29	10.0
eggs, dozen, large	\$1.69	\$1.99	17.8
lettuce, iceberg	\$1.69	\$1.79	5.9
6.5 oz juice	\$2.59	\$2.75	6.6
instant coffee, 8 oz	\$6.59	\$6.69	1.5
oil, 12 oz.	\$4.24	\$4.39	3.5
Publix bread, loaf	\$1.07	\$1.39	29.9
Pop Tarts, box	\$2.19	\$2.59	18.3
Liquid detergent, 50 oz.	\$6.59	\$6.99	6.1

There was no difference in price between the Island and Cortez Publix for a 12-pack of 12-ounce cans of Coca-Cola at \$4.99, seedless red grapes at \$1.69 per pound, a gallon of Publix milk at \$3.89 and Post Raisin Bran cereal in a 12-ounce box for \$3.99.

Of the 10 items in the survey that were priced higher at the Island Publix, the total purchase price would have been \$33.16 on the Island, and \$30.81 at the Cortez store.

The survey used only the base price of items and products on sale were not included. No items were found at the Island Publix with a lower price than the mainland store.

Based upon the survey results, a family of four that spends an average of \$500 per month on groceries at the Island Publix pays about \$456 more annually for its



Publix is Anna Maria Island’s only supermarket. Some items cost more than at the Publix on Cortez Road West in Bradenton. Islander Photo: Rick Catlin

food than a mainland resident shopping at the Publix Cortez store.

The Island’s two chain pharmacies, CVS and Walgreens, also appear to have higher prices on the Island for some items than at their mainland stores. The two stores also had a price variance between each other for several of the same items.

An *Islander* survey conducted Sept. 7 of the following items at Walgreens Island store and at Walgreens on Cortez Road West found these price differences and percentage of increase:

Item	Cortez	AMI	Increase
Tylenol gels, 100 ct	\$8.79	\$9.29	5.7
Advil, 100 ct, 200 mg	\$6.99	\$7.99	14.3
Vitamin E, 400 IU	\$12.49	\$14.99	20
Aspirin, 81 mg.	\$3.99	\$4.99	25.1

For some survey items, such as Old Spice After-shave and Gillette Foamy, there was no change in price between the two Walgreens stores.

The Island Walgreens and CVS stores offered dif-

fering prices on some of the same items in the survey, including:

Item	Walgreens	CVS
Tylenol gels 100 ct	\$9.29	\$10.79
Advil, gels 100 ct	\$7.99	\$9.39
Old Spice deodorant	\$2.99	\$3.49
Aspirin, 100 ct., store brand	\$4.99	\$5.49

Gasoline also was higher on the Island than the mainland when the survey was done.

The lowest price for unleaded regular at any of the three Island gas stations was \$3.59 per gallon when paying with cash. On the mainland, Racetrack the same day was \$3.47 per gallon.

However, Islanders can take heart that they don’t live on south Marco Island near Naples. Unleaded regular gas there sold for \$3.89 a gallon last week, said south Marco Island resident Valerie Simon.

There is only one gas station and one super market on the south end of Marco Island, Simon noted.

Residents there who want cheaper gas or groceries have to drive about five miles. “And I’m sure we’re paying a lot more for groceries than people on Anna Maria Island,” Simon noted.

The only super market in her area of Marco Island is Publix.

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League, newspaper to host election forum

The League of Women Voters of Manatee County and *The Islander* will host a Beaches Candidate Forum from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 17.

The event, with refreshments, will take place at the Island Branch Library, 5701 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach.

For more information, call 941-729-9248.

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Meetings

Anna Maria City

- Sept. 14, 6:30 p.m., EEEEC meeting.
- Sept. 20, 9 a.m., LDR meeting.
- Sept. 21, 6 p.m., budget adoption.
- Sept. 22, 6 p.m., city commission meeting.

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

Bradenton Beach

- Sept. 15, 1 p.m., city commission meeting.
- Sept. 21, 1 p.m., CRA meeting.
- Sept. 21, 1:30 p.m., capital improvements committee meeting.
- Sept. 21, 5 p.m., budget hearing.

Bradenton Beach City Hall, 107 Gulf Drive N., 941-778-1005, www.cityofbradentonbeach.org.

Holmes Beach

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

Holmes Beach City Hall, 5801 Marina Drive, 941-708-5800, www.holmesbeachfl.org.

West Manatee Fire Rescue District

- Sept. 15, 6 p.m., tax appeals, budget hearing, commission meeting.

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

Of Interest

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

- Sept. 19, 2:30 p.m., Island Transportation Planning Organization meeting, Anna Maria City Hall.

- Sept. 20, 9 a.m., Manatee County Board of Commissioners meeting, administration building, 1112 Manatee Ave., Bradenton.

- Sept. 21, Barrier Island Elected Officials meeting, TBD.

Send notices to Lisa Neff at lisaneff@islander.org.

Brighter boat ramp

Work crews from Diversified Services Inc. of Alabama erected electrical poles and fixtures needed for the six lights planned for installation at the Kingfish Boat Ramp. The LED lights will improve nighttime safety and operations.

Kingfish Boat Ramp and its parking lot are in Holmes Beach, but are maintained by Manatee County.

Islander Photo: Rick Catlin



Sex offender moves to Bradenton Beach

A man convicted in Lakeland in 1995 of two sexual offenses involving a minor recently moved from Tampa to Bradenton Beach.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement reported the 65-year-old man moved to the 1600 block of Gulf Drive North in late August. The address is listed as temporary by the FDLE.

The man was convicted of one count of sexual battery/solicitation of a child, and in the same case convicted of one count of sexual battery/solicitation by an adult of a child under the age of 12.

He has since been released from custody and probation, but is still required to report his address to local and state authorities.

With the recent departure of two convicted sex offenders from Bradenton Beach, the subject is the only known convicted sex offender living in the city.

Two convicted sex offenders live in Holmes Beach, one in the 6400 block of Flotilla Drive and the other in the 600 block of Dundee Lane.

No convicted sex offenders are listed in Anna Maria, according to the FDLE website.

Two convicted sex offenders live in the Cortez area, including a 72-year-old man residing in the 4400 block of 125th Street West. He was convicted in Manatee County in May 2010 for possession of child pornography. The FDLE reported he is under house confinement and moved to the Cortez address in August.

The other convicted sex offender in the Cortez area lives in the 4200 block of 129th Street West, according to the FDLE.

Bradenton Beach Police Chief Sam Speciale said his department is aware of the recent arrival of a sex offender to Bradenton Beach and officers already have been to the address to speak to the man and verify his identity.

Information on sex offenders listed with the FDLE can be found at www.fdle.state.fl.us. A link is provided at *The Islander* website, www.islander.org, under community links.

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REMEMBERING 9/11 ON 9/11/11



ABOVE: American flags from the Bridge Street Bistro on Sept. 11. The bistro, and many Island restaurants, offered specials to first-responders on Sunday, the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. LEFT: Motorcyclists travel south on Gulf Drive in Bradenton Beach to Coquina Beach in the 9/11 Remembrance ride. Northbound travelers stopped for the lengthy parade, which began in Bradenton. Islander Photos: Lisa Neff



The 9/11 memorial event, which included a service, music and a picnic at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, drew more than 250 people. Islander Photos: Edna Tiemann

Nenita Gollamudi and kids Sheema and Destin get to know Lucky the fire dog at the 9/11 picnic at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

Congressman addresses issues on AMI

By Bonner Joy

U.S. Rep. Vern Buchanan, R-Longboat Key, organized a town hall meeting on short notice at Holmes Beach City Hall Sept. 10 and arrived to a full house.

He gave a short talk on the federal budget, but dedicated the bulk of the hour-plus meeting to addressing issues with constituents.

Buchanan answered questions about fair trade, jobs and business credit, immigration, offshore and Everglades oil drilling, taxes, home and healthcare insurance, social security and Medicare, while avoiding questions about politics and the upcoming presidential campaigns.

Then one speaker really got the congressman's attention. Charlie Cawein of Anna Maria challenged Buchanan to do more to resolve the \$60 billion-\$90 billion cost of Medicare billing fraud.

Cawein said he wrote to newspapers detailing his problems with Medicare, as well as U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson and Buchanan, and only Buchanan responded.

Cawein retired from a hospital administrator's job in New York to Anna Maria, only to find more than \$25,000 in fraudulent charges on he and his wife's Medicare account. Citing poor results from the Medicare Florida hotline regarding such problems, he suggested Congress should spend \$4 billion to hire 100,000 auditors for \$50,000 per year to put an end to Medicare fraud.



U.S. Rep. Vern Buchanan greets the audience at his town hall meeting Sept. 10 at Holmes Beach City Hall, including host Mayor Rich Bohnenberger and wife Phyliss, front row, along with attorney David Miner, foreground, and Bradenton Beach Commissioner Jan Vosburgh, second row. Islander Photo: Bonner Joy

Work requires water shut off on Spring

The Manatee County Utilities Department will shut off water Wednesday, Sept. 14, on Spring Avenue between Gulf Drive and Tarpon Street in Anna Maria.

The shut off is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., when the MCUD will be lowering a water main.

For more information, call James Faulkner at MCUD at 941-792-5268.

Medicare crooks are getting paid within 30 days and they then move on, he said.

Since Medicare client summaries are delivered quarterly, "the crooks have their money before we know about it," he said.

"I see there are a lot of things that could be done," he told Buchanan.

"Since I have this knowledge, can I help get seniors together so we can identify this?"

Buchanan invited Cawein and wife Ruth, a retired nurse, to Washington, D.C., to appear on a hearing panel for a House sub-committee on health for the ways and means committee.

The Caweins accepted the invitation.

The town hall meeting continued on a mostly high note, with some political posturing by the audience, deftly avoided by Buchanan.

"I'm not here for politics," he said, to another of many rounds of applause.

Buchanan said he would work to have Social Secu-

rity removed from the budget revenue stream for general funds and to reinstate the lock-box on spending for other expenses.

He clearly stated he will work for compromise in D.C., and acknowledged his efforts will continue on jobs, spending, limiting tax cuts for big business and, with the help of the Caweins, Medicare fraud.

In closing, Buchanan said, "My focus is, for the next 18 months, I'm going to push a constitutional balanced budget amendment. I'm going to focus on jobs and the economy. And I'm going to do everything I can to work together on a bipartisan basis for Americans and America."

"Because, as I said earlier on, I'm very fortunate, my parents worked in a factory all their life, I'm one of six kids. And this country's given me an incredible opportunity. I want to make sure these same opportunities exist for our kids and grandkids."

"We've got to get people back to work and get our financial house back in order."

Aubry: Cell tower could pay for \$2.8m lot purchase

By Rick Catlin
Islander Reporter

Anna Maria Commissioner Gene Aubry says he has the solution to pay for the city's upcoming \$2.8 million acquisition of six vacant lots across from the city pier.

"Put up a (cell tower) flag pole down there and you'll get more money than you need," he said at the Sept. 8 commission meeting.

Aubry has lobbied for a cell tower in the city since last year, when he said he spent hours trying to make a cell phone call, but the call kept getting dropped.

After that incident, he wondered what would happen if someone had an emergency and needed to reach 911, but couldn't because a cell phone connection was unavailable.

Aubry said he was at the Verizon store in Bradenton recently getting a new cell phone and asked the agent why Verizon didn't have a tower in Anna Maria. The response was that "Anna Maria won't let us put up a cell tower there," Aubry said.

The city's cell tower ordinance is old and outdated. Technology has changed significantly the past decade. Cell towers no longer need to look like the one in Holmes Beach, and can be disguised as working flagpoles that can accommodate numerous carriers. It's time for the city to wake up, said Aubry. The city needs more revenue and a cell tower is a revenue source.

According to several wireless experts who made presentations to the Anna Maria Island Community Center in April, the fees to the city for tower space could be significant. One representative estimated the center could get about \$72,000 in annual revenue.

Anna Maria property owner Stacey Frank, an attorney who owns a company that builds cell towers, said the cell towers her company built on Hillsborough County public school property return about \$300,000 annually to each school where a tower is located.

Commission Chair Chuck Webb said no company has applied to build a tower, although the ordinance was passed in 2003.

"That's because the ordinance is too tight," replied Aubry.

Webb said it was because cell tower builders don't want a 30-foot flagpole, but something a lot higher. The city's ordinance restricts a cell tower to 30 feet in height.

City attorney Jim Dye, however, reminded commis-

sioners they hired cell tower expert Rusty Monroe several months ago to review the city's wireless ordinance and cellular services plan.

Monroe told commissioners that cell tower companies wouldn't build in Anna Maria unless they can generate at least \$90,000 per month in gross revenues from one tower.

Monroe's review should be ready for presentation in the near future, Commissioner John Quam said.

More on the six-lot purchase, page 12.



Cell towers sometimes serve as a flag pole. *Islander File Photo*

2011 ELECTIONS

Election 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 and new office-holders at the newspaper office, 5404 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach.
- Nov. 8: Election day in Anna Maria and Holmes Beach.

For more information about the election, go to 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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This grant takes unforested public land and landscapes them to create small public "pocket parks." Native or Florida-friendly trees, scrubs, groundcovers and mulch are used creating a low maintenance landscaping.

Turner's Tree Service provided the initial installation, but the Public Works crew is responsible for ongoing maintenance of the newly planted areas. Support was also provided by Keep Manatee Beautiful (KMB), the City's Parks and Beautification Committee and residents of Holmes Beach.

By the end of May, this project was complete and an "overnight" tree canopy was created in the Kingfish Boat Ramp area, a real plus for the community.

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Our Opinion

The price to play

There is, of course, a price to living in paradise. We all realize real estate taxes are higher on Anna Maria Island than on the mainland.

Taxes are higher because properties are valued higher, and, in some cases, too high. But that's another discussion.

You've got to wonder why Publix prices would be higher here, with two stores just miles away. Surely there are more remote areas to deliver to from the warehouses.

But when has it not always been so?

Time was — back in the day — well, back in the 1960s and well into the 1980s, there were several grocers on Anna Maria Island.

Most well known — as was its cigar-smoking owner Mayor Ernie Cagnina — was the IGA store in Anna Maria. The store had the atmosphere you expect being run by family who treated all customers just like family. It's now a coffee/bakery shop and collectibles store.

There was a smaller market with a great meat-cutter and friendly atmosphere on Bridge Street, and one just like it in Cortez for a time.

In Holmes Beach, there was a large Island Foods store and a Foodway, where respectively Publix and the AMI Chamber of Commerce are today. They were bigger, but no less friendly, and Island Foods sponsored many a Little League team and employed many a youngster.

Were the prices fair? There was little to compare, to be honest, and toward the end, before the sale to Publix, the Island Foods store had high prices for some items, while sale items were attractively priced. Even then, you might have to go "to town" for some items, and the writing was on the wall for the independents.

We embraced Publix. They're clearly not as involved in the community as we'd like, mostly because they're run by folks who don't know our hyper community. We're loath to see friends outdoors in frigid weather ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at Christmas, but corporate won't allow that in the lobby, not even in extreme weather.

They don't sponsor teams and the management tries, but has little discretion for helping local nonprofits.

It's corporate. And it's friendly. There's always a friendly greeting and nice folks working in our Publix. Ooops. Our Publix?

Of course, we take ownership. We even wish sometimes — don't say you heard it here — it were a bigger store.

Shopping is a pleasure at our Island Publix, just pricey. Thankfully, there's a plethora of really good, local restaurants, priced right, too.

And thankfully, we live in paradise.



Your Opinion

Doo-doo by the dunes

I walk our beach daily and pick up bags of trash that visitors leave. I personally do not care to add dog poo to my bag. Any animal not native to our beaches needs to be left at home.

How about doubling the fine for dogs and other pets on our beaches?

Leigh Woolf, Holmes Beach

Not-so-fair-weather policy

The stormy season is here, and though it does add a little variety, cools the water temperature and sends us comforting, fresh-smelling breezes, it also makes my two favorite shows, impossible to do sometimes.

This can be confusing for someone planning to attend or those who are trying to decide where to direct some of their visiting friends and family.

So, here is my official no-so-fair-weather performance policy for the Katie Pierola Sunset Picnic on Wednesdays and the Anna Maria Island Beach Cafe sunset parties on Fridays: Both shows will go on, every week, unless it is storming at show time.

To clarify, sometimes it will rain during the day and sometimes it will be sprinkling at show time, but neither of these will cause me to cancel either of these shows.

Rest assured, I will not let you down over a little bit of wind and clouds. I love singing for you.

Mike Sales, Anna Maria

Congrats and thanks

Congratulations to Mike and Katie O'Connor for an unbelievable first year at the helm of the "new" O'Connor Bowling Challenge.

Kudos to John Horne and the wonderful staff at the Anna Maria Oyster Bar for an awesome awards party.

This event has always had the feeling of an annual Island family reunion where everyone dons bowling shoes and gathers for fun and a wonderful cause.

The 21st Annual O'Connor Bowling Challenge

raised \$10,052.00, bringing the total over the past 21 years to over \$178,552. These funds will continue to help the Anna Maria Island Community Center to better meet the needs of our youth sports programs and provide much needed educational equipment at the center.

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Pierrette Kelly, Anna Maria Island Community Center



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A covered pavilion/ bandstand at the Holmes Beach soccer field is nearly complete and will be used when events with entertainment, speakers or awards ceremonies take place at the field. An art show is planned for October, said Holmes Beach building official Bob Shaffer. The \$24,000 cost was paid with administrative funds budgeted for such projects, Shaffer said. *Islander Photo: Bonner Joy*

The two shelters at the entrance to the Anna Maria City Pier are open and the north shelter is in use as the Island Trolley stop. The north and south boardwalks along the pier shoreline also are open. The Florida Department of Transportation's boardwalk project is expected to finish in October. *Islander Photo: Rick Catlin*



Pier shelters, boardwalk open

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10 years ago

Headline news from the Sept. 14, 2001, issue of *The Islander*

- Manatee County work crews, aided by prisoners, volunteers and the Bradenton Beach sanitation department, cleaned up dead fish on Anna Maria Island beaches left by an outbreak of red tide. Officials of the county parks maintenance department said crews would first clean up county parks before turning their efforts to beach access points and the remaining coastline.

- Holmes Beach cell tower owner Crown Castle Inc. agreed to lower the height of its proposed tower from 169 feet to 155 feet after city attorney Jim Dye said the taller tower violated the site plan, which had set the height at 155 feet. Crown Castle officials said they raised the height to accommodate West Manatee Fire Rescue District. WMFR would have to apply for a variance, Dye said, and the city would require a \$5,000 deposit.

- Sarasota Turtle Watch volunteers delivered about 30 hatchlings to Anna Maria Island Turtle Watch executive director Suzi Fox after the hatchlings failed to enter the Gulf of Mexico where they were born. Sarasota officials said the hatchlings were disoriented by inshore lights that attracted them away from the Gulf. Fox reported the hatchlings responded to better conditions on Bean Point and entered the water without further problems.

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Sept. 6	77	88	0.53
Sept. 7	73	86	2.68
Sept. 8	75	86	trace
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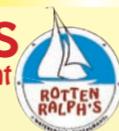


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Census details change view of Bradenton Beach

By Lisa Neff
Islander Reporter

Go “knock, knock” at doors in Bradenton Beach’s Ward 3 this time of year and the “Who’s there?” replies can be scarce.

September and August are sleepy months in the city’s largest geographic ward, which is generally bordered by the Gulf of Mexico on the west, the bay on the east, the center of Second Street North on the south and about 1800 Gulf Drive North on the northern end.

Earlier this month, the qualifying period for the Nov. 8 municipal election in Bradenton Beach passed with no one filing to run for Ward 3 city commissioner.

Current Commissioner Janie Robertson, who can not run again because of a term limit, repeatedly has raised concerns about a lack of civic involvement from Ward 3, and she’s urged consideration of a change in the commission structure.

Robertson has suggested either going to an at-large election of commissioners, which is how Anna Maria and Holmes Beach officials are elected, or creating three small wards and one at-large ward. Either change would require a city charter amendment.

Robertson and other commissioners also have raised concerns about the number of residents — and eligible voters — in Ward 3.

A general survey of the area finds a scarcity of occupied housing in September and August.

Much of the ward consists of condominium and resort communities — lots of winter-spring residents and vacationers who likely are registered to vote elsewhere.

“We usually rent the month of September right on Gulf Drive,” New Jersey vacationer Sally Ebbetts said last week. Her car, on a recent weekday, was one of just three in the parking lot of one condominium development in Ward 3. “And it’s our favorite time because we feel like we have the place to ourselves. I don’t know think I know anyone who lives here.”

Block-by-block or ward population maps for Bra-



An aerial view of Bradenton Beach, including portions of Ward 3 and Ward 4. *Islander Photo: Jack Elka*

denton Beach were not available last week. But the 2010 Census suggests a change in population citywide — more snowbirds and vacationers than in 2000.

The city’s population in 2010 was 1,171 people, with 37 percent of the residents over age of 65 and the median age at 58.8. The census count showed 643 households.

The 2000 census count put Bradenton Beach’s population at 1,482 people.

In its 2010 housing count, the census bureau reported 1,859 housing units in Bradenton Beach, with just 35 percent of them occupied full-time. Of the 1,216 “vacant” housing units in the city, more than 700 — 38 percent — are for seasonal or occasional use.

In 2000, the U.S. Census Bureau counted 1,762 housing units in Bradenton Beach. At that time, 45.6 percent were occupied by residents.

Citywide, the number of registered voters has declined — from 947 in 2005 to 913 this August.

If it appears that Bradenton Beach’s population decline was not evenly distributed among the city’s four wards — if Ward 3 lost a higher number than another ward — the city likely will have to redraw the districts.

That process would be initiated by the city commission and could be handled with the adoption of an ordinance, said city attorney Ricinda Perry.

Bradenton Beach election law states that the wards shall be established by ordinance, that each shall contain approximately the same number of residents, and that the mayor and the two commissioners from the odd-numbered wards are elected in odd-numbered years and the two commissioners from the even-numbered wards are elected in even-numbered years.

This year, in addition to a lack of a candidate in Ward 3, there is no opposition to Gay Breuler, the incumbent commissioner in Ward 1, and John Shaughnessy, the mayor-elect and a former commissioner.

For Ward 3, the commission will nominate candidates after Nov. 8.

Currently, Perry said, it appears the lack of a candidate in Ward 3 is the result of a lack of interest in running for office, not an unequal distribution of residents.

“Should the commission wish to look at redistricting — no indication to date — the city of Bradenton Beach would provide the supervisor of elections our boundaries and ask for them to provide options that would help keep the wards equal as to the number of residents.”

The county supervisor of elections office already is at work on the redistricting process for Manatee County government. The county’s District 5 is the largest in land mass and the smallest in population. In 2005, when boundaries were last redrawn, District 5 was expected to grow but with the economic slow-down it has 13,000 fewer residents than District 1, according to the census.

County redistricting maps should be available later this year.

Federal and state districts also are being redrawn.

Tourism, resort tax payments climb

By Rick Catlin
Islander Reporter

As resort tax collections have increased, so has tourism, although not at the same rate as collections the past several months, according to monthly tourism reports. Area tourism was up 6.5 percent in June compared with the same month in 2010, and July tourism jumped 8 percent from the previous July, according statistics provided to the Bradenton Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce president Mary Ann Brockman said she expects August tourism to also be above last year.

Surprisingly, a number of Island accommodation and rental property owners, managers and agents say September tourism reservations are ahead of last year’s pace for traditionally the industry’s slowest month of the year.

Angela Rodocker of BridgeWalk Resort in Bradenton Beach said the resort is “already up 10 percent in advance reservations for September compared with last year,” and August occupancy was 20 percent ahead of the same month in 2010.

At the White Sands Resort in Holmes Beach, co-owner Jeff Geary said he’s booked 90 to 95 percent occupancy for September, and he’s already up to 80 percent occupancy for November.

Jesse Brisson of Gulf-Bay Realty said his vacation rental reservations for September are up by 15 percent compared with September last year, and October reservations appear ahead of last year’s pace.

“It’s not slowing down much and we’re getting a lot of European visitors.”

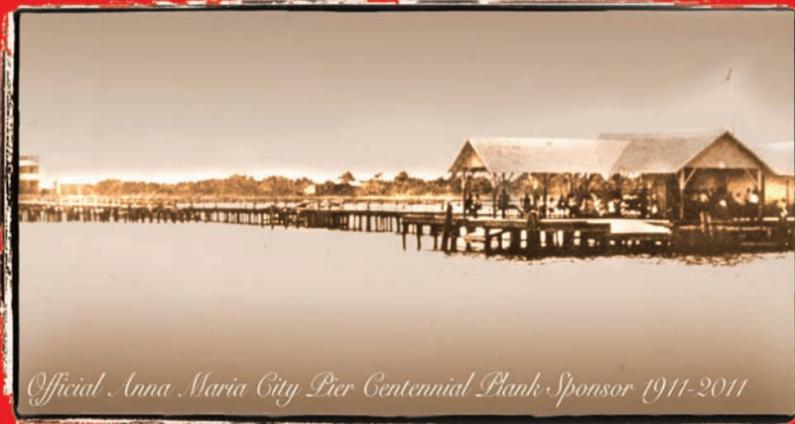
The tourism boom is happening in spite of the weak national economy, Brisson observed.

“It’s odd, but the economy does not seem to have much affect on the Island. Business has been great and we’re looking for an excellent fall and winter.”

Anna Maria Island itself is the attraction, said David Teitelbaum of the Tradewinds, Seaside and Tortuga resorts in Bradenton Beach.

“We offer the real old Florida, real rest and relaxation, and the tourism figures for the past summer show it,” he said.

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PINE TREE REMOVAL CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1
Beach woman, McKay said. The plan involves filling those holes with dirt and native plants.

However, if the donor provides the funds and the project proceeds, it would mean removing six or seven invasive Australian pines, McKay noted.

He asked commissioners if he should continue working with the donor, or just let the landscape try to recover on its own.

If the project does proceed, McKay said commissioners should expect controversy as people are divided on the issue, even though experts have said Australian pines are an invasive species that threatens native plants and trees.

The commission consensus was to go forward, but first have the individual provide a landscaping study.

"If they want to contribute, they pay for the expert," said Commission Chair Chuck Webb.

McKay warned again that some people or groups might get offended by the removal of Australian pines, and commissioners and Mayor Mike Selby could expect telephone calls.

Commissioner Dale Woodland suggested McKay notify property owners on Cedar and Willow avenues of the possibility of removing some pines from the park and get their reaction. Gulf Park borders the beach access ends of Cedar and Willow avenues.

McKay agreed, but said he would get both sides of the issue in the survey.

Webb said nothing grows under an Australian pine anyway because it sheds its small limbs and twigs. These pile up on the ground, killing the nutrients in the ground that allow other plants to grow. The pines also block sunlight and topple easily in a hurricane because of their shallow root structure, he said.

A number of native Florida trees are better for the city than Australian pines, Webb observed.

Webb suggested that McKay also contact the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to see if any permits are needed to remove those pines seaward of the coastal construction control line.

"We just might need permits," Webb said.

Regardless of permits, the commission was unanimous.

"Take 'em out," Webb said, with commissioners Woodland, Jo Ann Mattick, John Quam and Gene Aubry in agreement.

Pine controversy

In 2004, the DEP issued a notice to Florida municipalities and county governments to remove Australian pines and other invasive species on public property "where possible."

When then-Mayor SueLynn in October 2004 ordered the removal of an Australian pine that was encroaching a North Shore Drive right of way, members of the Stop Taking Our Pines organization presented her with a petition and more than 100 signatures opposing the removal. STOP said then that the issue of removing Australian pines should be decided in a voter referendum, not by the mayor or DEP.

Despite the petition, the pines were removed. Local landscape specialist Mike Miller said then that Australian pines were an invasive, non-native species that kill native vegetation and should be removed whenever possible.

Miller frequently advises the mayor, public works and the environmental education and enhancement committee on public issues related to trees, plants and landscaping in Anna Maria.

Expect Gulf Drive lane closure Sept. 14

The Florida Department of Transportation said the northbound lane of State Road 789 (Gulf Drive) between Ninth and 10th streets north in Bradenton Beach would be closed from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, while Verizon work crews repair cable in the area.

A flagging operation will be in place and motorists are advised to use caution when driving in the area.

The DOT also is advising motorists in Anna Maria driving near the boardwalk under construction along the Anna Maria City Pier shoreline to exercise caution when in the area.

A DOT press release said the 850-foot boardwalk is open for use, as are the two shelters at the pier entrance, but some construction is still occurring on the south portion of the project and heavy equipment is in use.

The project is expected to finish by mid-October, the DOT said.

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Island happenings

AMIP hosts soup contest

Anna Maria Island Privateers are looking to Island galleys to raise money for youth and community programs.

AMIP is organizing the Bone Soup and Sea Biscuit Cook-Off, with the inaugural event set for 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6 at the Gulf Drive Cafe Tiki Hut, 900 Gulf Drive N., Bradenton Beach.

AMIP is seeking chefs and amateur cooks to compete in a pirate-style bone soup/chili cook-off. Bone soup, according to AMIP's collection of pirate lore, consisted of anything and everything when rations got low. A key ingredient was vinegar, which helped force calcium to dissolve from the bones into the broth.

The event also will feature beverages, raffles and a live auction.

Admission is a \$20 donation.

For more information, contact Tim "Hammer" Thompson at 941-780-1668 or tlt_florida@yahoo.com.



ISLANDER CALENDAR

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.

Friday, Sept. 16,

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. — The Pine Avenue Front Porch Party takes place at businesses on Pine Avenue in Anna Maria.

Saturday, Sept. 17

8:30 a.m. — Kiwanis Club of Anna Maria Island welcomes guest speaker Mark Bryant from Publix at the Anna Maria Island Beach Cafe, Manatee Public Beach, 4000 Gulf Drive, Holmes Beach.

10 a.m. to noon — Island candidate forum hosted by the League of Women Voters of Manatee County and *The Islander* newspaper at the Island Branch Library, 5701 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach. Information: 941-729-9248.

Monday, Sept. 19

Noon — Anna Maria Island Democratic Club will host guest speaker Digna Alvarez, regional director for U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson's office, during lunch at the BeachHouse Restaurant, 200 Gulf Drive N., Bradenton Beach. Information: 941-779-0564. Fee applies.

Tuesday, Sept. 20

7 p.m. — Sarasota-Manatee American Guild of Organists concert featuring Dwight Thomas at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 6608 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach. Information: 941-778-1813.

Ongoing:

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

- Tuesdays, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., coffee and conversations for seniors at the Anna Maria Island Community Center, 407 Magnolia Ave., Anna Maria. Information: 941-778-1908.

- 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

Whitney bank collects for meals on wheels

Whitney Bank is collecting non-perishable food items for the Food Bank of Manatee operated by Meals on Wheels.

Collection barrels are located within the bank lobby at 5324 Gulf Drive, Holmes Beach.

For more information, call the food bank at 941-747-4655.



Kiwanis realize Bradenton

The Kiwanis Club of Anna Maria Island welcomed Johnette Isham, executive director of Realize Bradenton, to a recent meeting at the Anna Maria Island Beach Cafe. Isham spoke about plans to revitalize downtown Bradenton's RiverWalk. Pictured are Kiwanis president Sandy Haas-Martens and Isham. *Islander* Photo: Courtesy Ralph Bassett

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. 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.

Off-Island

Friday, Sept. 16

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

Saturday, Sept. 17

9 a.m. — Wagon tours through Robinson Preserve, 1704 99th St. NW, Bradenton. Information: 941-748-4501 ext. 4605. Fee applies.

11 a.m. — Manatee Players' "Ladies Day Out" fashion show and luncheon at IMG Golf and Country Club at El Conquistador, 4350 El Conquistador Pkwy., Bradenton. Information: 941-748-5875. Fee applies.

Wednesday, Sept. 21

10 a.m. — Bradenton Opera Guild meeting with guest performance by Christina Pier at IMG Academies Country Club at El Conquistador, 4350 El Conquistador Pkwy., Bradenton. Information: 941-755-7426.

Coming Up:

- Sept. 22, "The Sound of Music," Manatee Players.
- Sept. 23, Contender Film Series: "Murderball," South Florida Museum.

- Sept. 23, Starry night paddle, Robinson Preserve.
- Sept. 24, Cornhole Tournament, Anna Maria Island Community Center.

- Sept. 24, Music on the porch, Florida Maritime Museum.
- Sept. 27, Inquiring Minds, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

Save the Date:

- Oct. 14-15, Bayfest, Pine Avenue.

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Scheduling for season

The *Islander* encourages local organizations to submit their fall-winter calendars for events, large and small, to news@islander.org.

Island happenings



CAN collects personal milestones

The American Cancer Society's Cancer Action Network, which supports laws and policies to help people fighting cancer, is celebrating its 10th year with an invitation to people to share their milestones.

CAN is asking people to share stories of hope and promise that cancer research has given them.

Milestones are any goals a person with cancer wants to achieve as well as the events that have been realized thanks to cancer research.

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that will be presented soon to U.S. Sens. Mark Rubio and Bill Nelson.

CAN representatives will be at Publix Super Market, 3900 E. Bay Drive, Holmes Beach, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, to collect milestones.

Milestones also can be shared from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Creations by L, 5500 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach, through Sept. 24.

For more information, call Nancy Ambrose at 941-779-2181.

Church organ concert to help local firefighter

The Sarasota-Manatee Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will perform at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 6608 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach.

The concert will feature Dwight Thomas, organist and choirmaster of St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral in St. Petersburg and former performer on the Roaring 20s Pizza and Pipes Wurlitzer theater organ in Ellenton.

Thomas will play on the church's newly installed organ — the old original Wicks pipe organ enhanced with a new Allen digital organ to create a state-of-the-art instrument that church organist David Stasney said looks

good and sounds great.

The concert is free, but a good will donation will be appreciated. All funds donated will be given to the family of West Manatee Fire Rescue reserve firefighter Chris Hayslip, who suffered burns caused by steam while responding to a fire earlier this year.

Hayslip is still recuperating and has not yet returned to his full-time job with the West Coast Southern Ambulance Service. He is the father of two school-aged children and a baby.

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



And baby makes 3

Siblings Sela, 10, and Jack, 20 months, welcome baby Jesse, center, now 4 months old, to the family of Holmes Beach Commissioner David Zaccagnino and Mauri Greenberg.

Introducing baby Zoé

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Anna Maria \$2.8m lot purchase moving on fast track

By Rick Catlin
Islander Reporter

Looking to close the deal on Anna Maria's \$2.8 million purchase of the six vacant lots across from the city pier on Sept. 22, commissioners Sept. 8 unanimously approved a number of resolutions needed to proceed.

Commissioners agreed by resolution that Branch Banking and Trust could transfer the purchase bond, and authorized the mayor, city clerk and treasurer to sign the purchase agreement and mortgage documents. Commissioners also approved a resolution that the city is authorized to purchase the property and affirmed the city is financially able to make the payments.

The agreement with BB&T calls for interest-only payments of \$110,000 for the first two years followed by a 20-year amortized loan at 4 percent annual interest that will cost the city about \$200,000 annually. If the loan goes the full 20 years, the city would pay about \$4.8 million for the property.

City attorney Jim Dye said the resolutions were needed to satisfy the title insurance company that Anna Maria can afford to buy the property under the BB&T rates and conditions.

"All the number-crunching to this point says the city can afford it," Dye told commissioners.

Commissioners also unanimously approved a resolution from Commissioner Dale Woodland to form a public/private partnership to raise funds to finance future payments. Dye said the city is allowed to raise funds for public purposes. Woodland said a successful partnership will allow the city to pay the loan off early and considerably reduce the total cost.

City planner Alan Garrett, however, said a comprehensive-plan amendment is required if the city enters into a public-private fundraising partnership for the property.

Commissioner Jo Ann Mattick added that if the city wants to qualify for grants to add improvements on the property, the land should be rezoned to a public use.

Dye suggested the city decide the use of the property while he prepares the comp-plan amendment. What goes on the property will determine its land use. He indicated he plans to bring a number of land-use amendments to the commission in the near future.

Commissioners agreed by resolution to create a six-

member committee headed by Mattick to prepare a list preferred uses of the property for the commission.

Mattick said she is aware of a grant offered by the Sarasota Bay Estuary Program and a large transportation enhancement grant from the Florida Department of

Transportation.

While the estuary funding might not require the property usage, Mattick said the DOT would need to know the land-use designation and what the city plans to construct there or how it will be used.

Streetlife

Island police blotter

Anna Maria

• Sept. 2, 700 block of North Shore, trespass. The Manatee County Sheriff's Office issued a trespass warning after receiving a complaint about five juveniles loitering on a private deck at a rental home.

• Sept. 3, 400 block of Pine Avenue, battery. The MCSO responded to a residence where a disturbance was taking place involving at least three people. One was arrested for pushing another.

• Sept. 4, 300 block of North Bay Boulevard, domestic disturbance. The MCSO responded to a report of an argument between a man and a woman. Both said the incident did not get physical.

• Sept. 4, 200 block of Willow Avenue, theft. The MCSO took a report that someone stole fishing rods and reels from a boat at a dock. Total value was \$100.

• Sept. 6, 500 block of Kumquat Drive, theft. The MCSO reported the theft of a kayak left in a back yard by a canal.

Bradenton Beach

• Sept. 3, 2000 block of Gulf Drive South, disorderly conduct. A Bradenton Beach Police Department officer arrested three men for fighting in the parking lot at Coquina Beach.

Cortez

• Sept. 6, 4500 block of Osprey Harbour Loop, domestic disturbance. The MCSO responded to a complaint of a domestic disturbance involving a man and a woman. Neither wanted to pursue charges.

Holmes Beach

• Sept. 3, 5300 block of Gulf Drive, warrant. A 28-year-old Bradenton man was arrested on an out-of-county warrant.

• Sept. 5, 5100 block of Gulf Drive, driving without a license. The Holmes Beach Police Department stopped a 44-year-old motorist for passing another vehicle on the

right side. The woman was arrested for driving without a license, a misdemeanor.

• Sept. 6, 300 block of 61st Street, domestic battery. The HBPD arrested a 37-year-old man for pushing his girlfriend and then littering their front yard with garbage.

• Sept. 6, 4000 block of Gulf Drive, weapons. The MCSO and HBPD recovered a rifle and a handgun from the floor of a truck parked at the Manatee Public Beach.

• Sept. 8, 3200 block of Sixth Avenue, vehicle burglary. The HBPD reported the theft of prescription pills from an unlocked van parked in a driveway.

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

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tee County Sheriff's Office probable cause affidavit.

A Bradenton Beach Police Department officer was dispatched to the beach parking lot where anonymous callers to 911 had reported a large group of people, some of them fighting.

The 911 report indicated that someone in the group had fired gunshots into the air in a failed attempt to quiet the fight.

When the BBPD officer arrived, he saw a large group and a scuffle taking place.

With the report of gunshots, the officer stepped out of his patrol vehicle carrying his rifle.

He stated, in the report, that several people approached him to explain what had happened.

The officer took three men into custody. All were angry and yelling profanity, according to the report.

With numerous witness statements, the officer arrested a 24-year-old man from Sarasota, a 22-year-old man from Port Charlotte and a 23-year-old man from North Port.

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Island studio hosts excursions to shore

By Lisa Neff
Islander Reporter

Dozens of Anna Maria Island art enthusiasts took excursions to the Hudson River Valley, as well as the south of France.

They took these excursions — and will take two more this month — without ever leaving the four-walled media room of the Studio at Gulf and Pine, 10101 Gulf Drive, Anna Maria.

From late June through September, the Studio screened “Landscapes Through Time with David Dunlop,” a 13-part instructional series about art, history, travel, science and philosophy. The program takes viewers from Giverny and Provence in France to the Hudson River Valley in New York.

On Thursday mornings at the Studio, each 30-minute episode — which ends with the engaging host Dunlop proudly proclaiming himself a “landscape painter” — was followed by discussion among the viewers.

Rhea Chiles, an artist and the founder/owner of the Studio, said sharing Dunlop’s series with a group that began with eight people and expanded to more than 30 as the summer progressed had a profound impact.

“When we started, I didn’t know whether anybody would come,” Chiles said. “But people are enjoying it. They love it. The quality of the presentation is top-notch.”

She described her role as “convener,” and said the bond that developed among the participants “is very special.”

The group includes local artists, many of them shown in Island galleries and members of arts groups, as well as art enthusiasts.

The group began small, but participants brought friends who brought friends.

“This was a gift because of the way it evolved,” and



also because of what participants learned, Chiles said.

“It’s freeing people,” she said. Dunlop talks about perception, emotion, luminosity, mystery, “putting feelings back on the canvas.”

Chiles said there is an over-riding message to the artist: “You don’t end up saying, ‘Did I get it?’ You say, ‘I got what I wanted to see.’”



Tommy Fagen and Rhea Chiles of the Studio at Gulf and Pine. *Islander Photos: Lisa Neff*

tell.

Additionally, Chiles said she’d like to bring Dunlop to Anna Maria Island.

“I’ve lived a long time and seen a lot of art teachers,” she said. Dunlop “is by far the most incredible I’ve ever seen.”

ABOVE: A discussion on landscape painting at the Studio at Gulf and Pine. The session artists are participating in a show at the gallery.

Studio hosts artists celebration

The Pine Avenue Porch Party, which takes place on the Anna Maria main street the third Fridays of each month, is set for 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sept. 16.

At the Studio at Gulf and Pine, the celebrating will include demonstrations by artists Mary DuCharme and Dee Pastorious, music by students of popular performer/music teacher Koko Ray — and visits with local artists featured in the September exhibit.

Martiniville stirred by mural artist

By Diana Bogan
Islander Reporter

Welch artist John Allinson found a permanent home for himself and his art on Anna Maria Island. The British transplant who exhibits work in Key West and Fort Lauderdale galleries, wandered onto the Island for the first time 15 years ago, while exploring the state.

Allinson and wife Mair have spent the past five Christmas holidays vacationing at the Rod & Reel Motel.

Now that Mair has retired from her midwifery practice, the couple is putting down roots in Holmes Beach.

“This is a lovely community and it has been easy to settle in,” said Allinson. “As long as I breathe in and out, I plan to stay.”

John Allinson says that back in the U.K., he earned the nickname “the urban painter” because he was frequently seen lying on a street while painting a wall. Painting murals is something he loves to do, and at age 69 he’s still willing to climb scaffolding to create a work of art. The only challenge at his age, he says, is perhaps he climbs with more caution and than he did 10 years ago.

“It’s an ongoing passion, and I don’t want to stop doing it,” he said.

Allinson has created his first mural on AMI for Martiniville restaurant in Holmes Beach. The art installation was completed Sept. 8 and hangs on the peaked entrance above Fins, the adjoining bar.

Allinson’s mural depicts an underwater scene of fish, dolphin and manatees painted with acrylics on 3/4-inch plywood. The mural was painted on four panels and varnished with a sealant to protect it from weather.

The mural will be lighted at night. “I can’t wait to see it lit up,” said Allinson. “The cadmium-based paints should make it glow.”

Underwater scenes are second nature to Allinson. It is figurative work that he says he finds most interesting. The process is slower for him, and it’s the process of painting he enjoys.

“The whole point of painting is that when you’re doing it you’re pouring yourself into it. I’m only a painter when I’m painting,” said Allinson. “When its finished, it’s a piece of merchandise and I’m just a guy trying to sell art.”

Stateside, Allinson has painted large canvases at the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables, and in Hemingway’s

garden and the Hard Rock Cafe in Key West. He has had a prolific art career, which began with an education at the Central School of Art in London, as an illustrator and graphic designer in North Africa, and raising funds for “War on Want” through his artwork.

His work experience is equally rich, including traveling through Europe working just about any job he could find from fairground mechanic to technical writer.

“I never plan anything in my life,” said Allinson. “I never know what I’m going to do next. But all of that life experience comes into one’s work doesn’t it? And I truly do have a lot to draw from.”

“Life has two driving forces: passion and compassion,” he said. “In my opinion, everything is about that and if you get to a point where it hurts, then you have a right to try to be creative about it. Something in there has to come out.”

Allinson gets up early in the morning to get started on art, scientific interests and his novel. He works until the evening, breaking for lunch with his wife.

In the evenings he can be found on the Anna Maria



Muralist John Allinson was commissioned by Martiniville restaurant to create an underwater-themed mural to hang above the entry to the restaurant’s bar, Fins. Allinson is pictured with two of the panels in the mural prior to the installation. *Islander Photos: Bonner Joy*

City Pier enjoying a beer and socializing.

“I’ve met a lot of Vietnam vets in my age group, and I was in the Army. They’re a bunch of marvelous, ancient hippies who haven’t forgotten where they came from. It’s peculiar to the Island. They have that spark still in them,” said Allinson.



The finished, lighted mural is installed above the entry to Fins on Holmes Boulevard.

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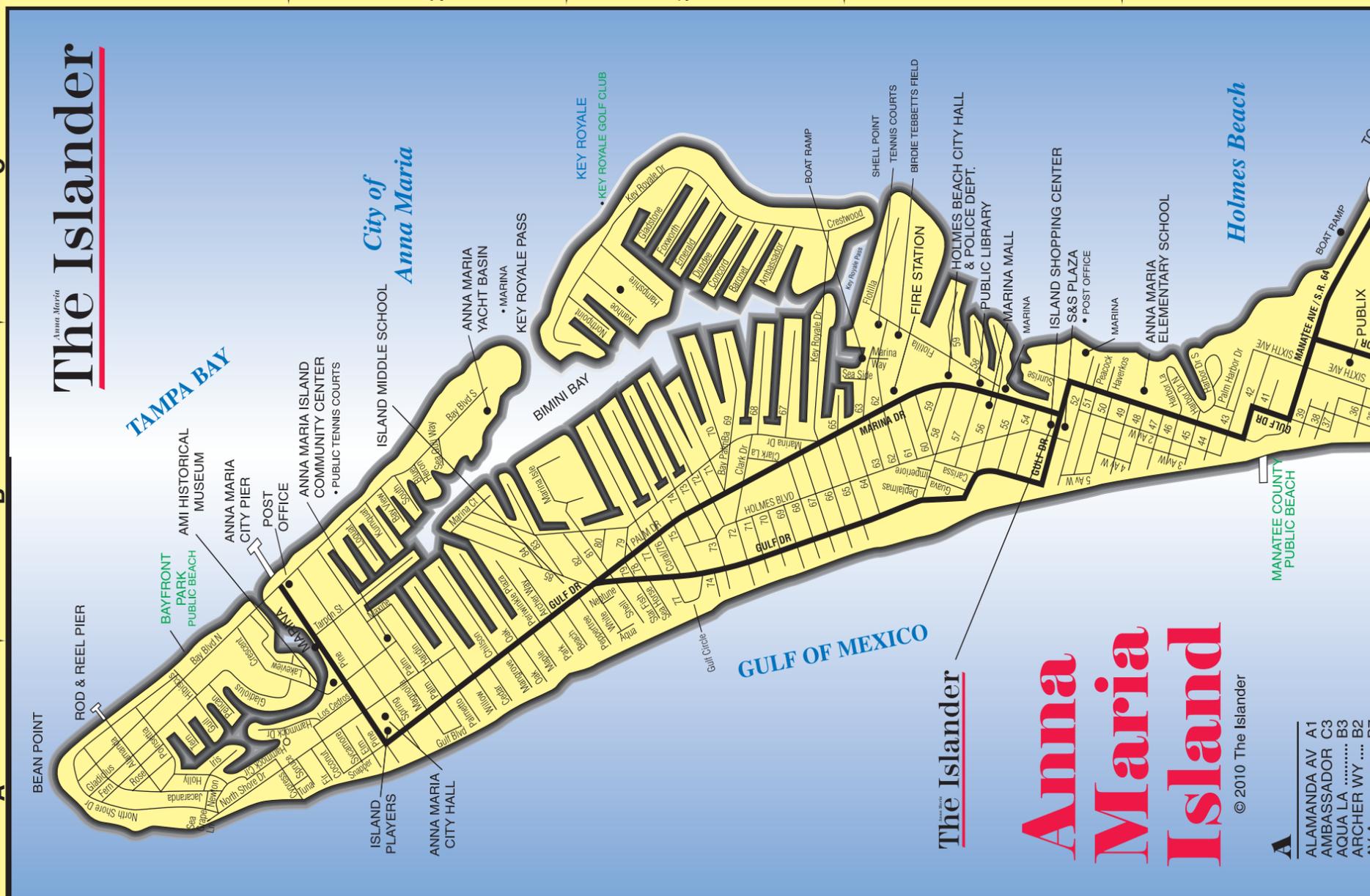
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Map of Cortez Island

Map showing streets and landmarks including: Bradenton Beach, Cortez, Intracoastal Waterway, Coquina Beach, and various streets like Gulf Drive N, Cortez Rd, and others.

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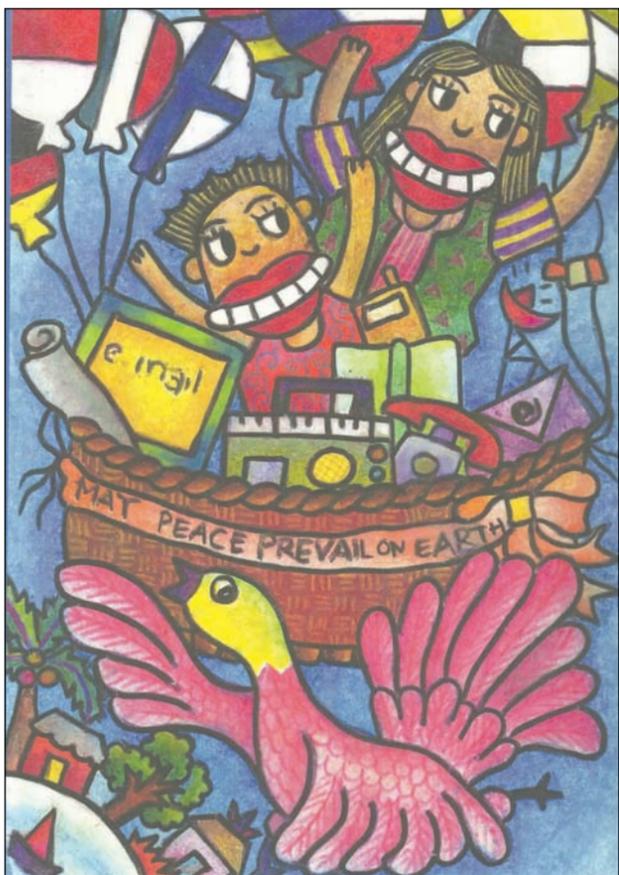
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Checking out store stock

Second-grader Emma Nebra admires items in the Anna Maria Elementary School store before making a purchase. Islander Photos: Karen Riley-Love

School



New shopper

AME fourth-grader Noah Fischer welcomes kindergarten Jack Love for his first visit to the school store operated by the Parent-Teacher Organization and located in the school's red caboose. The store is open from 8 a.m. to 8:25 a.m. and this year is managed by parent-volunteer Stephanie Fischer.

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, 6 p.m., PTO budget adoption meeting.
- Sept. 21, 7 p.m., 10th annual Peace Day event.
- Sept. 22, progress reports are sent home.
- Sept. 23, 8:30 a.m. to noon, blood drive.
- Sept. 28, 10:30 a.m., birthday book club in the media center.

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AME first-grade teacher Laura Redeker is "hooded" at the Aug. 20 commencement at Argosy University in Sarasota. Redeker earned a doctorate in instructional leadership. Her career path may lead to teaching at the university level, but Redeker says she is happy teaching at the "little school by the bay." Islander Photo: Courtesy Kit and Dale Redeker

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Tuesday, Sept. 20

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

Wednesday, Sept. 21

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

Thursday, Sept. 22

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Anna Maria Elementary School fifth-graders join representatives from Anna Maria Island Turtle Watch and Shorebird Monitoring on the beach Sept. 9 to learn about nesting loggerhead sea turtles. Islander Photos: Lisa Neff



Glenn Wiseman of AMITW talks to AME students about sea turtle tracks.

Brooke Caparelli, Jacob Castro and Adam Tontz attend an outdoor class on sea turtles Sept. 9.





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FWC proposes protection for some sharks

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission said last week it would propose adding four more shark species to its list of protected sharks after a final public hearing in Key Largo in November.

The additional shark species to go on the FWC no-fish list are scalloped hammerheads, great hammerheads, smooth hammerheads and tiger sharks.

Research indicates that scalloped hammerheads are

overfished and “experiencing pressure too high” to continue normal population levels, an FWC press release said. It also indicated the three other shark species also are suffering population declines.

Along with the no-fish list, the FWC said it will “work with stakeholders and anglers to develop an educational campaign highlighting proper fishing and handling techniques when catching and releasing sharks.”

The staff also was directed to “explore a trophy tag program for these important sharks,” which would allow anglers to harvest a shark for record purposes.

Shark fishing in Florida has been regulated since 1992, when the FWC introduced a “one-share-per-person, two-sharks-per-vessel daily bag limit for all recreational and commercial harvesters, a ban on shark finning and a prohibition on 24 overfished, vulnerable or rare shark species,” according to the release.

FWC Chair Kathy Barco said the FWC is committed to “maintaining healthy shark populations,” and realizes sharks are “critical to the sustainability of our marine ecosystem. The additional protections we are proposing would help preserve Florida’s valuable marine resources.”

Adding the four species to the no-fish list would bring the number of sharks banned from harvest to 25, including lemon sharks, which were added in 2009.

Some charter fishing captains opposed the addition of more sharks to the no-fish list. Capt. Bill Goldschmitt of Sarasota told FWC officials at a June hearing in Sarasota that he thinks the goal of the FWC is to stop shark fishing in Florida waters altogether.

In June, several Anna Maria residents proposed shark fishing be banned entirely from the Rod & Reel Pier and the city pier, and requested that chumming for sharks be prohibited. The proposal came after the residents saw a picture in *The Islander* of a bullhead shark that was caught at the R&R Pier. That shark was released unharmed.

After the November hearing in Key Largo, the FWC will meet and formally adopt new regulations.

Green turtle nest hatches on time

By Lisa Neff
Islander Reporter

A green turtle nest — a rarity for Anna Maria Island — hatched Sept. 11, its anticipated due date.

Anna Maria Island Turtle Watch said the nest was made on Coquina Beach July 18-19.

The nest was relocated the beach at Fifth Street South in Bradenton Beach because of renourishment work taking place on Coquina Beach.

More recently, AMITW set up a cage at the nest because of concerns for lighting issues at a nearby home. AMITW reported to Bradenton Beach officials that “big barn lights” were left on at the property that could have disoriented the hatchlings.

“Not only are we watching this nest, but the whole Island and county is watching this nest,” AMITW executive director Suzi Fox said last week.

On Sept. 11, about 100 hatchlings emerged from the protected nest.

AMITW planned to release the hatchlings at dusk Sept. 12.

The only other known green turtle nest on Anna

Maria Island was laid in July 2002 near 10th Street South after the turtle crawled ashore twice and took an arduous trek through an obstacle course of beach furniture, according to *Islander* archives.

The green turtle is an endangered species, protected by federal and state law, as well as international accords.

The much larger loggerhead is the sea turtle most likely to nest on Anna Maria Island beaches.



Nesting by the numbers

As of Sept. 9, Anna Maria Island Turtle Watch and Shorebird Monitoring was reporting:

- Number of turtle nests: 147
- Number of false crawls: 138
- Number of hatchlings to the sea: 7,436
- Number of hatched nests: 115
- Number of nests washed out in rain, surf: 6

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AMITW volunteers teach on the beach

By Lisa Neff
Islander Reporter

Glenn and Claudia Wiseman no longer correct papers, assign lessons or award grades.

But the retired educators continue to teach.

The Anna Maria Island Turtle Watch and Shorebird Monitor volunteers teach mostly on the beach, leading tours to loggerhead sea turtle nests where their students learn about the protected species.

Sometimes the Wisemans also return to the classroom, where they lead school children in lessons about loggerhead nesting habitat, migration patterns and life cycles.

Until this year, the two taught in AMITW's education program during their brief summer breaks from Michigan, where Glenn Wiseman was a special education teacher and Claudia Wiseman worked in a middle school.

Their pending arrival to Anna Maria Island often was announced by AMITW executive director Suzi Fox as "the teachers from Michigan are coming," recalled Glenn Wiseman.

After 15 years of part-time status on the Island, the Wisemans moved to Holmes Beach this past year.

And, in addition to expanding AMITW's education program with other volunteers and Fox, the Wisemans became coordinators of AMITW section seven, as well as worked on launching the nonprofit's Facebook page and updating its website.

Facebook, said Claudia Wiseman, "is proving to be a phenomenal tool."

The Wisemans became involved in AMITW about 14 years ago, after attending a turtle talk similar to the events they now lead.

"We saw an announcement in the paper," Claudia Wiseman said.

Tom Buehler and wife Sabine led the talk, then recruited and mentored the Michiganders.

Claudia Wiseman of Anna Maria Island Turtle Watch and Shorebird Monitoring discusses the life of a loggerhead with a crowd assembled for a nest excavation in Bradenton Beach.



Glenn Wiseman of Anna Maria Island Turtle Watch and Shorebird Monitoring talks with a group on the beach about loggerhead sea turtles. Islander Photos: Lisa Neff

For years after, the Wisemans served as AMITW substitutes, helping out when regular walkers ailed or took a vacation, as well as with such night-time duties as responding to hatchling disorientations, which usually are caused by artificial light drawing the turtles from waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

When they give their turtle talks, the Wisemans make sure to talk about keeping lights out along the beach and furniture off the shore during nesting season.

"It seems now that there is more public awareness about doing the right thing," Glenn Wiseman said.

"We get a lot of locals who come to the talks," Claudia Wiseman added, noting that some are seeing a nest verification or excavation for the first time.

In addition to the turtle talks on the beach, the Wisemans are part of the AMITW team educating Island businesses and condominium associations about turtle-friendly operations.

Several Island resorts — the Umbrella Beach, Via Roma and Resort 66 — have become so involved that they host AMITW presentations for guests, as well as send guests to the turtle talks on the beach.

The Wisemans might have a crowd of 50 people who meet on a Wednesday morning at Manatee Public Beach for the talks. But sometimes the audience can be as large as 200 people.

In the fall and winter, the Wisemans lead more institutional programs, talking with church groups, classes and clubs about loggerheads. Last week, the couple and Fox led a group of Anna Maria Elementary School fifth-graders to the beach for a nest excavation, and this week the AMITW teaching team went to AME to talk about loggerhead migration patterns.

"We wondered when we retired whether we were going to keep busy enough," said Claudia Wiseman, who also volunteers at Wildlife Inc. in Bradenton Beach.

The turtle teachers, over the years, have amassed a knowledge of loggerheads to answer many questions: How many eggs do they lay? What is the survival rate? How do they breathe? Where do they swim to?

Their answers often surprise their students, especially their explanation that as few as one in 1,000 hatchlings survive.

The Wisemans also have their own questions left to answer about their subject.

"How fast do they swim?" Glenn Wiseman wonders. "And how deep do they dive?"

Perhaps there's homework for the teachers in the off-season.

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Spirit week, spaghetti banquet kick off fall soccer season

Kevin Cassidy
Islander Reporter

The fall soccer season is here! Almost.

The Anna Maria Island Community Center's annual, kick-off-the-season spaghetti dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, in the center gym. There players will meet coaches, receive uniforms, practice and game schedules and enjoy spaghetti, salad and garlic bread, once again donated by the Beach Bistro.

There is a \$6 fee for dinner to benefit the soccer program and beverages will be provided. Everyone is welcome to attend. Players' parents are asked to bring a dessert to share.

Next up is the opening event, an all-day jamboree Saturday, Sept. 17, and then Spirit Week. The jamboree gets started at 9:30 a.m. at the center with a series of quick "mini" games that serve as a dress rehearsal for the regular schedule, which gets under way Monday, Sept. 19.

What the jamboree does for the players preparing for soccer season, Spirit Week does for the fans. Team supporters are encouraged all week to come out "dressed to the nines" in team colors and showing their allegiance. The center will have judges taking copious notes on the levels of enthusiasm generated, although Spirit Week winners won't be announced until the end-of-season awards ceremony.

The season is looking strong with a record number of participants. The 4-5 and 6-7 age instructional divisions have a combined eight teams, while Division III for players ages 8-9 has five teams. Division II for ages 10-11 has three teams, while the age 12-13 Division I has four teams. The Premier Division for ages 14-17 has only two teams, but they round out the league's 22 teams, not including the adult coed division.

Look for weekly featured games and game recaps in the Islander sports section throughout the season.

See you on the pitch!

Horseshoe news

Three teams emerged from pool play during Sept. 10 horseshoe action at the Anna Maria City Hall horseshoe pits. Tim Sofran and Larry Livrago drew the bye into the finals and watched Jeff Moore and Jerry Disbrow slip past George McKay and Ron Pepka by a 21-20 score. The finals was an exciting match that saw Disbrow-Moore again win a close match, defeating Sofran-Livrago 21-18.

The Sept. 7 horseshoe games saw the team of Norm Good and Sam Samuels take first place as the only team with three pool-play wins. The Disbrow brothers, Jerry and Jay, managed a 2-1 record and took home second-place honors.

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.

Bradenton Beach P&Z delays dock proposal

By Lisa Neff
Islander Reporter

A Bradenton Beach commission review of an application for a resident's replacement dock on Sarasota Bay will share a calendar month with Thanksgiving rather than Labor Day.

The Bradenton Beach Planning and Zoning Board recently continued a hearing on the request for a special exception for the dock at 500 Bay Drive S. until Nov. 15. It was the third continuation of the hearing. Two of the delays were due to the planning board lacking complete information from the applicant.

The request is for two special exceptions from 500 Bay Drive S. to build a private dock that exceeds the 65-foot length limit in the city's land-development code. The proposed dock would extend 176 feet beyond the mean high-water line and the overall size would be 777 square feet.

The planning board has recommended such requests

in the past without much debate or discussion. The extensions have been required by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, which wants the replacement docks to extend beyond beds of seagrasses.

"As we do a better job of cleaning up ... Sarasota Bay, the seagrass comes back," Bradenton Beach building official Steve Gilbert said, explaining the need for the longer dock.

However, planning board members, as well as a local property owner, raised questions about navigability at an Aug. 23 meeting that led to a continuation to Aug. 30.

Boaters and residents in the area from Longboat Pass north to about Fifth Street South have requested a survey of what seems to be an unmarked, nearshore channel. Both city and county commissioners have endorsed such a survey.

One resident-boater, Greg Watkins, attended the Aug. 23 meeting to ask whether boats will be able to get around the proposed dock, as well as whether the structure "is

still going to hit seagrass."

Jeffrey Hostetler, who requested the special exceptions on behalf of the property owner, said, "I'm confident I can demonstrate to you guys there is plenty of room to get around the dock."

Planning board members asked Hostetler to provide that information before they resumed the hearing. They also requested a copy of the DEP permit for the dock, which was not included in their initial information packet.

When the board met again Aug. 30, the DEP permit had been received from Hostetler, but it contained an expiration date of July 24, 2011.

Gilbert and Hostetler said that likely was a typographical error, but the planning board members seemed exasperated, and they did not receive Hostetler's water survey until the meeting began.

Chair Rick Bisio did not attend the meeting, but sent a statement recommending a continuation because the board had not received the "requested surveys ... at least 24 hours" in advance.

Vice Chair Jo Ann Meilner said, "I don't feel that we have enough time to look at this. ... We need more than 30 seconds to really look at this."

Planning board member Bill Shearon, who has vision challenges, noted that he could not read the document and participate in the review if it continued.

"I don't think common courtesy has been given to the public and to this board," said Shearon. He made a motion to recommend against the application, but that died for lack of a second.

Then board member Pat Whitesel made a motion, which was seconded, to continue the meeting to the next available date, Nov. 15.

Hostetler said he would prefer the board recommend denial of the application than delay the hearing until mid-November. With a denial, he could take the issue to the city commission at its mid-September meeting.

The board, however, approved the continuation to November.



Prize, surprise catch

Alex Garcia was somewhat surprised to catch this late-season tarpon, his first, while fishing on the shore at Bean Point in Anna Maria. The fish was caught at about 11:30 p.m. Sept. 3 and was released. Alex and his parents, Joan and Al Garcia, are from Tampa and own a home on the Island.

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Keep an open mind fishing to reap rewards

Capt. Danny Stasny
Islander Reporter

Inshore fishing around Anna Maria Island remains consistent as long as you're willing to fish for numerous species throughout the day.

On the lower tides, the redfish bite has been consistently good in deeper potholes and ditches.

On the rising tides, trout fishing has been good, although most are undersized. Being able to switch your tactics and target different species is key to achieving nonstop action throughout the day.

On the higher tides, ladyfish and Spanish mackerel are corralling bait schools on the deeper edges of the grass flats adjacent to channels. For all three species, live bait fishing is working, you just have to move around a bit.

Another good example of switching up is taking place at the local piers. Typically early mornings this time of year at the Anna Maria City Pier are good for Spanish mackerel. As the sun gets higher in the sky and the mackerel bite turns off, you'll notice that the pier regulars switch to fishing under the pier for mangrove snapper. Again, being aware of your options can turn a mediocre day of fishing into a great day of fishing.

When you're having a tough day on the water, don't forget to consider all your options. Look at the conditions, tides and water quality. Figure out what species are best suited for the conditions you're fishing and adapt. The fish are waiting for you.

Bob Kilb at the Rod & Reel Pier says due to wind and rain, not many pier fishers were venturing there last week. The few he's seen are catching mangrove snapper on live shiners. Fish in the 12-inch range are being caught, but most are smaller. Pier fishers willing to brave a storm are being rewarded with slot-size redfish. Live pinfish drifted under the pier are getting the bite.

Jonny Keyes at Island Discount Tackle is hearing about schools of redfish being spotted on the grass flats of Sarasota Bay and Anna Maria Sound. Fishers stalking these schools are using weedless gold spoons or top-water lures. When not catching reds, fishers in the backwater are catching spotted sea trout, bluefish and ladyfish.

On the beaches, fishers using Berkley Gulp shrimp are catching small flounder, ladyfish and lizardfish. "Beach fishing has been most prosperous around the passes," Keyes says. Structure such as rocks, seawalls and pilings are the best places to begin your hunt.

Reports of Spanish mackerel are coming in daily. "The early morning bite seems to be the strongest," says Keyes. Fishers using Clark spoons trailed behind a popping cork have been getting quick results.

Due to strong winds, moving to canal fishing is proving prosperous. Mangrove snapper, redfish and spotted sea trout are being caught in the canals of Bimini Bay on live shrimp. Night fishing around the snook lights is your best bet to target the spotted sea trout. Live shrimp or live shiners free-lined on the outskirts of the light can be an effective way to hook trout in numbers. If you do night fish, be courteous of the residents along the canals. Fish quietly so you don't wake up the neighborhood, and no bright spotlights.

Capt. Mark Johnston of Just Reel fishing charters is catching slot-size spotted sea trout around Jewfish and Sister keys in Sarasota Bay. Live shiners under a cork or free-lined shiners are techniques Johnston is using to



Capt. Rick Gross, wife Kelly and son Brandon had a triple hookup on redfish using live shiners. Kelly landed this potbellied 34-incher and Brandon shows off his and his dad's catch. The fish were released.

entice these tasty fish. Grass flats with depths of 4-6 feet are prime territory to find the bite. "Make sure you've got moving water," says Johnston.

The tail ends of the tides — whether incoming or outgoing — are the best time to catch trout.

Johnston also is fishing ledges in Longboat Pass, catching flounder and mangrove snapper. A small split shot placed a foot above your hook is usually enough to get your bait in the strike zone. Again, live shiners are Johnston's bait of choice.

Capt. Rick Gross of Fishy Business charters is working the grass flats of southern Tampa Bay in search of bull redfish. Gross is targeting these fish on the lower tides, which makes them easier to spot. Shallow grass flats, oyster bars and mangrove islands are all ideal spots to find schooling redfish.

On a recent fishing trip with wife Kelly and son Brandon, Gross came across a school of bull reds. The biggest fish was caught by Kelly.

"We drifted up to a pothole with a school of mullet in it," says Gross. "We pitched some baits in and figured out that the reds were mixed in with the mullet. After 15 minutes of drag-screaming action, Kelly landed a 34-inch redfish."

Gross is hooking up spotted sea trout, bluefish and Spanish mackerel on the deeper flats most days where the schools of Spanish sardines gather. Free-lining live shiners on the edge of these bait schools is a sure-fire way to get a hook up.

Mangrove snapper are still on the menu for Gross' charters. "Try any of the small structures in lower Tampa Bay for mangos," says Gross. "They're making a late showing."

Most of the snapper caught are in the 12-inch range. Live shiners free-lined to shallow-water structures are producing success.

Capt. Warren Girle is fishing artificial and live baits to target redfish in Sarasota Bay. "I like to fish artificials in the morning and on higher tides," says Girle. "But when the tide is low, I like using live shiners in the deeper potholes and ditches throughout the flat."

Due to overcast days, Girle was fishing with top-

water plugs well into the late morning. "The top-water action is where it's at," he says.

A redfish's mouth is located on the bottom of its head, so hitting a top-water plug is extremely visual. The fish has to come out of the water to eat that lure.

Spotted sea trout are in the mix on the flats. Girle is catching spotted sea trout in the 18-inch range with the average number of 25 per day. "It's been tough to catch a keeper trout out there," says Girle. "You have to catch a dozen before you catch a slot-fish."

For catch-and-release action, Girle says he's seeing numerous bonnethead sharks patrolling the shallow flats in the bay. You can target these little sharks with both fresh-cut or live bait. For rigging, a 1/0 long-shank hook with 30-pound leader will usually suffice.

Moving offshore, Girle is still catching juvenile red and gag grouper on the artificial reefs and ledges. Mangrove snapper up to 18 inches are available for those looking to bring home dinner.

Jeff Medley at the south bait shop on the Sunshine Skyway Bridge Fishing Piers says the Spanish mackerel and jack crevalle have "arrived in full force." Schools of both species are gorging themselves on bait balls as they wash out on the tide. Both artificial lures and live bait are producing good numbers of these high-activity fish. "The schools of jacks are so voracious, that you can hear them under the pier tearing up bait schools," says Medley.

Catch-and-release gag grouper action is consistently good. Keeper-size fish are being hooked on live pinfish and free-lined to artificial reefs just off the pier. "The gags are biting good right now," says Medley. "But I'm sure they'll stop when the season opens up," he chuckled.

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Sep. 16	1:39	2.5	3:23	1.9	8:45	0.4	7:59	1.3	
Sep. 17	2:09	2.6	4:18	1.7	9:33	0.4	8:21	1.4	
Sep. 18	2:46	2.6	5:35	1.6	10:32	0.5	8:42	1.5	
Sep. 19	3:31	2.6	—	—	11:43	0.5	—	—	
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By Rick Catlin

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12th and East Home on the Beach, 5416 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach, in the Island Shopping Center, is spicing up September with an open house Thursday, Sept. 15.

Owner and interior designer Jessica Holmes and partner Adam Holiday, an antique specialist, plan to have a regular open house — Party in the Plaza — monthly on the third Thursday at the Island Shopping Center, and they're hoping other merchants in the center will join them to offer a night out in Holmes Beach.

This month they have a number of featured local artists attending and live music and performance art from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Featured artists are Dustin Cole, Greg Lowman, Jessica DellaTorre, Breslyn Reiber, Lola Love and Nautical Nonsense. Live art will be provided by Cheeta, while live music will be from the guitar of Trevor Bystrom.

For more information, call 941-778-7440.

Beach Bums expands

Beach Bums beach and water-sports equipment rentals, 427 Pine Ave., Anna Maria, is offering paddleboards for use in the waters of Anna Maria Island.

In addition to paddleboards, the store rents bicycles, golf carts, surreys and kayaks, among other items.

Beach Bums is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

For more information, call 941-778-3316.

Chamber breakfast alert

The Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly Sunrise Breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, at the Gulf Drive Cafe and Tiki, 900 Gulf Drive N., Bradenton Beach.

Sign up now for golf

The Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce is already planning its 12th annual charity golf tournament to benefit the chamber's college scholarship program. The tournament will be held Monday, Sept. 26, with a shotgun start at 11:30 a.m. at the Bradenton Country Club, 4646 Ninth Ave. W., Bradenton.

Foursomes are welcome and singles will be paired for the scramble format tournament, which will be followed by a banquet, auction, awards and prizes.

Entry is on a first-come, first-serve basis and organizers warn that last year's tournament was a sell out. The tournament is open to anyone and entry forms are available at the chamber office, 5313 Gulf Drive, Holmes Beach. Call 941-778-1541 to have an entry faxed or e-mailed.

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

For further information, call 941-778-1541.

New to the chamber

The Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce recently welcomed the following new members:

- H2O Watersportz, 4110 127th St., Cortez, Chris McBeach.
- Minto Communities, 12300 Manatee Ave. W., Bradenton, Bradley Anderson.
- Eat Here, 5315 Gulf Drive, Holmes Beach, Sean Murphy.
- Sea-renity, 112 Bridge St., Bradenton Beach, Amanda Escobio.
- The Island Cabana, 403 Unit C, Pine Ave., Anna Maria, Nancy Lee.
- Sign of the Mermaid, 9707 Gulf Drive, Anna Maria, Andrea Spring.
- Wavesplash Watersportz, 4110 127th St. W., Cortez, Louis Mardel.
- Best Pest & Termite Control, 5712 10th Ave. W., Bradenton, Robert Glenn.
- Discount RX Direct, 6270 N. Lockwood Ridge Rd., Sarasota, Judy Vobroucek.
- TIFF/To Inform Families First, 4550 47th St. W., Bradenton, Christine Olson.
- Suncoast Workforce, 3526 Ninth St. N., Bradenton, Ralph Morgan.
- Envera Systems, 8132 Blaikie Court, Sarasota.

Realty raves

Gulf-Bay Realty Inc., 5309 Gulf Drive, Holmes Beach, has named Robert St. Jean as its top listing agent for August, while Jesse Brisson garnered the top sales honor.

Wagner Realty, with offices at 2217 Gulf Drive N., Bradenton Beach, and 5360 Gulf of Mexico Drive, Longboat Key, has named Jerry Cunningham as its top listing agent at the Longboat Key office for August, while Jenniffer Sumnerals won the honor at the Anna Maria Island office.

Top sales honors for the Anna Maria office went to Penny Bray and at the Longboat Key office, Teresia Bradford received the award.

Obituaries

Domey service planned

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

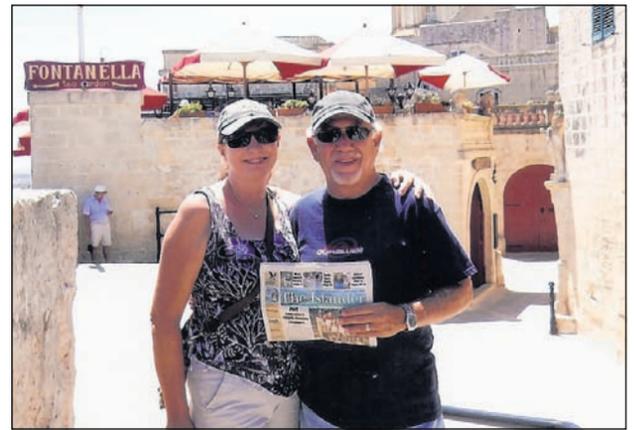
Mrs. Domey was a member of the Anna Maria Island Privateers and was known by her Privateer name, "Splash." She operated Splash Graphics in Bradenton, and used her talents and sign business to help promote the Privateers.

Tim "Hammer" Thompson of the AMIP announced this week that the Privateers will host a memorial beach party and cook out starting at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, Gulfside at Coquina Beach in Bradenton Beach. They plan a sunset farewell celebration at sunset at the water's edge.

"Everybody is welcome," Thompson said. We are planning an appropriate "sendoff for Splash in keeping with our pirate roots and the pirate way of doing things. We'll have flags flying and cannons firing."

Thompson said the crew will fire up the grills and pull some picnic tables together for the celebration. He suggested folks bring a covered dish to share, wear bathing suits and make a splash for "Splash."

"Everyone is welcome," he said.



Mediterranean holiday

Susan and Len Tabicman of Holmes Beach visit Mdina, the old capitol of Malta, an island in the Mediterranean. The couple also vacationed on the island of Gozo to celebrate an anniversary.



Sifting sand

A renourishment crew removes rock from sand that was pumped to Coquina Beach earlier this year. The renourishment project in April built up the beach at Coquina as well as a small section in Anna Maria. Now the contractor is removing rock from the sand pumped to Coquina. Islander Photo: Lisa Neff

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Janice 'Jeanne' DiDario

Janice "Jeanne" DiDario, 66, of Bradenton, formerly of Dunellen, N.J., died Sept. 2.

Visitation was held at Brown & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory 43rd Street Chapel of Bradenton. There was no service. Memorial donations may be made to Tidewell Hospice Inc., 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota FL 34238, or the American Heart Association, www.heart.org. Online condolences may be made to www.brownsandsonsfuneral.com.

Mrs. DiDario is survived by her husband of 29 years, Joseph; son Michael Bogdan of Sarasota; daughter Denise Minner of Parrish; sister Joyce O'Halloran of Holmes Beach; and grandson Kevin.

Richard L. 'Dick' Dotterweich

Richard L. "Dick" Dotterweich, 67, of Holmes Beach, died Sept. 2. He was born Sept. 1, 1944, in Pittsburgh, and then resided in Lakeland, before settling permanently in Holmes Beach.

Mr. Dotterweich graduated from Millvale High School in 1962. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps and received training in mine demolition and helicopter support. He served in Vietnam. He was a member of the Anna Maria Moose Lodge No. 2188. He worked for the city of Holmes Beach in the public works department and considered it his "dream job."

Throughout his working career, he was a model builder, piping designer, estimator and project manager. He worked at numerous engineering firms and construction companies. A pinnacle for him was getting the bid and working on the launch towers at NASA. He enjoyed many special hobbies and activities, including street rods, artistic works and living a beach lifestyle. His wit and humor allowed him to make many friends.

A celebration of life will be announced later. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, Tidewell Hospice & Palliative Care, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota FL 34238, or Moose Heart at www.mooseheart.org. Covell Funeral Home and Cremation in Bradenton was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Dotterweich is survived by his wife of 46 years, Anita; mother Elizabeth; brother Gary and wife Chris of Pittsburgh; aunt Marlene Miller and husband Bill of Tampa, and numerous other family members and friends.

James W. 'Hooky' Hall

James W. "Hooky" Hall, 92, of Bradenton, died Sept. 9. He was born on Aug. 9, 1919, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to the

late James Oscar and Anna Charlotte (Johnson) Hall.

Mr. Hall moved to Bradenton in 1980, coming from Staten Island, and was an original member of the Anna Maria City Pier Regulars.

Mr. Hall served his country during World War II in the U.S. Army. He retired from the New York City Fire Department where he achieved the rank of lieutenant.

There will be no services in accordance with his wishes. Condolences for the family may be made online at www.shannonfuneralhomes.com. Arrangements were by Shannon Funeral Home Westview Chapel, Bradenton.

Mr. Hall is survived by two children, Kenneth Hall of St. Augustine and Janet Martens of Bradenton, and five grandchildren.

Brian James Harris

Brian James Harris, 49, of Holmes Beach died Sept. 5. He was born Aug. 23, 1962, in Knox, Ind. He moved here from Indianapolis in 1995.

Mr. Harris served 13 years in the U.S. Air Force and served duty in Desert Storm. He was employed at Home Depot.

Visitation and services were to be Sept. 12 at Brown & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory 43rd Street Chapel in Bradenton. Memorial donations may be made to the Diabetes Foundation. Condolences may be made online at www.brownsandsonsfuneral.com.

Mr. Harris is survived by his longtime partner, Donna Carlton; and brothers Pat of Arkansas and Dan of Indiana.

Kenneth Jens Lohn

Kenneth Jens Lohn, 77, of Bradenton, formerly of Bradenton Beach and Cape Haze, died Sept. 4. He was born Nov. 26, 1933.

Mr. Lohn served on the Bradenton Beach Board of Adjustment and chaired the board for four years.

A memorial service was held Sept. 10 at Brown & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory 43rd Street Chapel in Bradenton.

Mr. Lohn is survived by his wife of 13 years, Yung of Bradenton Beach; a son; step-daughters Vina of Sarasota, Vera of Gainesville, Vania of Orlando, and Vicki of Tampa; one sister; and eight grandchildren.

Barbara A. Murphy Joseph

Barbara A. Murphy Joseph, 83, of Hancock, N.H., died Sept. 10. She was born May 25, 1928, in Rumford, Maine.

She attended St. Athanasius in Mexico, Maine, and Simmons College, Chamberlain School of Retailing, Boston. She lived in Hancock 56 years after moving from

Maine. She married Irving F. Joseph in 1955, and was preceded in death by him in 1965.

Mrs. Joseph was a flight attendant with Northeast Airlines before devoting her life to raising her six children. She was a member of St. Peter Divine Mercy Parish.

A Funeral Mass was held Sept. 14 at St. Peter Church in Peterborough. Jellison Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice at HCS, P.O. Box 496, Peterborough NH 03458.

Mrs. Joseph is survived by daughter Lisa and husband Gary Williams of Hancock; sons Irving F. "Chip" Jr. and his companion Ann Marie Dandeneau of Errol, Kyle, Christopher and wife Kelly of Holmes Beach, Brooke and wife Teresita Ching of Brisbane, Calif., and Linden and wife Ellen of Westerville, Ohio, Todd and wife Joan of Hancock; 17 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and sister Janice Aborn of Hancock.

Carol A. Rothenberger

Carol A. (Hanawalt) Rothenberger, 68, of Anna Maria Island and formerly of Allentown, Pa., died Sept. 5.

She fought a courageous eight-year battle with cancer. She graduated from William Allen High School in 1960. She was a devoted wife and mother while still having a successful career with Leggs and then State Farm Insurance for 30 years. She retired in 2008 and moved from Bloomington, Ill., to Florida to enjoy her granddaughters.

Survivors include her husband of 49 years, Otis; mother Doris Hanawalt of Allentown; sons Craig and wife Tina of Atlanta and Christopher and wife Magda of Bradenton; brother Robert Hanawalt and wife Gloria of Emmaus; sisters-in-law Joyce of Kutztown and Jeanne Kushinsky of Metuchen, N.J.; four granddaughters; and five nieces and nephews.

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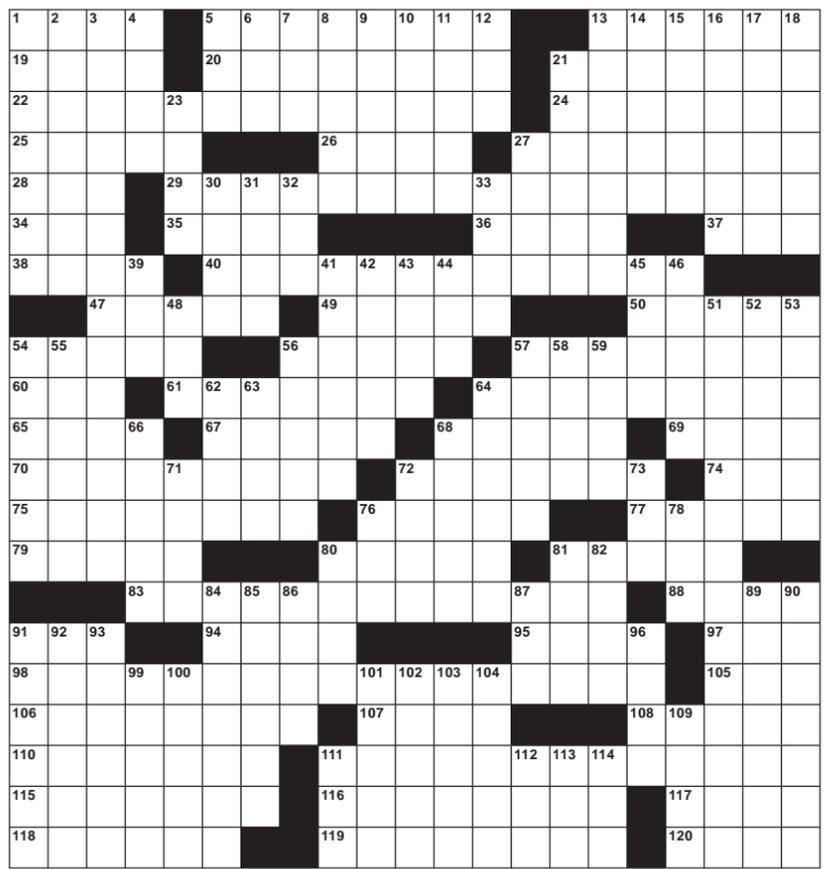
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| Across | 54 Willing to do | 105 Surrealist who avoided the draft by writing the day's date in every space on his induction paperwork | 15 Tumbler |
| 1 Word with liberal or visual | 56 Fluid | 106 Victuals | 16 Architectural space |
| 5 Foliose | 57 Boxer on Season 4 of "Dancing With the Stars" | 107 Michael of "Juno" | 17 Regular price |
| 13 Hero of a John Irving best seller | 60 Aggregate | 108 "Who ya ___ call?" | 18 Set for a detective, maybe |
| 19 Beverage whose logo was once the bottom half of a woman's legs | 61 Like items at a supermarket checkout | 110 Unnatural | 21 "Eek!" e.g. |
| 20 Actress who co-starred in "Havana," 1990 | 64 "I feel the earth move under my feet," e.g.? | 111 Extremely occult? | 23 Yearn (for) |
| 21 Protect | 65 Q.E.D. part | 115 Happy | 27 Suffix with problem |
| 22 Heads-up in Ireland? | 67 Paris's Musée ___ | 116 Set sail | 30 Watch from the sidelines |
| 24 Danish cheese | 68 Benjamin | 117 Tick off | 31 Río makeup |
| 25 "Gerontion" poet | 69 W.W. I German admiral | 118 Deeper blue? | 32 Kind of pad |
| 26 "Yikes!" | 70 Fancy garb for Caesar? | 119 O.K. | 33 Certain triple-decker |
| 27 Australia's Great ___ Basin | 72 Characterized by | 120 "The War Is Over" writer/singer | 39 U.K. decoration: Abbr. |
| 28 Dorm police, for short | 74 Suffix with absorb | Down | 41 Bitter, in a way |
| 29 Superman's attire, e.g.? | 75 Exploited | 1 Ticked off | 42 "Ghosts" playwright |
| 34 Head of London? | 76 Sugar providers | 2 Beer served without artificial carbonation | 43 What Bryn Mawr College is not |
| 35 Venezuela's Chávez | 77 Flower also known as love-in-idleness | 3 Vacation spot that's crazily busy? | 44 N.Y.C. subway inits. |
| 36 Security interest | 79 French school | 4 Round storehouse | 45 Skyscraping |
| 37 Metric liquid meas. | 80 "___ my case!" | 5 Cousin of Inc. | 46 Wows |
| 38 Achievement | 81 "Button your lip!" | 6 "Ick!" | 48 Married couple? |
| 40 Farm pails? | 83 Antisthenes, notably? | 7 Tennis's Ivanovic | 51 Prank involving a hammer and nails? |
| 47 City raided in "Godzilla Raids Again" | 88 Veronese masterpiece "The Feast in the House of ___" | 8 Cabbies' clients | 52 1986 film shot partly in a decommissioned power plant |
| 49 Cloud producer, informally | 91 ___ Canals | 9 End of July by the sound? | 53 Mint on a hotel pillow, e.g. |
| 50 ___ Highway (route from Dawson Creek) | 94 Birthplace of the Rep. Party | 10 Pelvis-related | 54 Good for something |
| | 95 First tribe met by Lewis and Clark | 11 Somewhat informal? | 55 What karats measure |
| | 97 Hard butter | 12 Grade school subj. | 56 Reversed |
| | 98 Something talked about on "Today"? | 13 Pointer's words | 57 Columbia athletes |
| | | 14 Start of all Oklahoma ZIP codes | 58 Bread on the table, maybe |
| | | | 59 "___ that a lot" |

Answers found on page 24.



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| 62 Salsa singer Celia | 78 Bother | 89 Nail polish, e.g. | 103 Speak to the masses |
| 63 U.S. visa type issued to visiting diplomats | 80 Word derived from the Latin "uncia," meaning "one-twelfth" | 90 Collisions | 104 Betray |
| 64 Labyrinthine | 81 Baked ___ | 91 Sticky roll? | 109 Capital near the 60th parallel |
| 66 Complete: Prefix | 82 Uncle Sam, for one | 92 "C'est si bon!" | 111 No. typically between 2.0 and 4.0 |
| 68 Gradual increase in vol. | 84 "Hmmm ..." | 93 Put in one's two cents' worth | 112 Omaha Beach craft, for short |
| 71 Row | 85 Quick | 96 Like custard | 113 One of these days |
| 72 Strip | 86 Followers: Suffix | 99 "This has got me fuming!" | 114 Kind of jacket |
| 73 Yes, to no: Abbr. | 87 French vote | 100 Die out | |
| 76 Woman's support | | 101 Creamy shades | |
| | | 102 Dashes may be part of them | |

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