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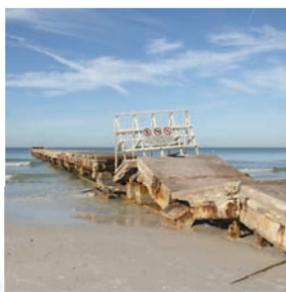
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# The Islander

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## TS Debby drenches Island; threatens sea turtles

By Mark Young  
Islander Reporter

Tropical Storm Debby meandered northeast through the Gulf of Mexico the night of June 23 and parked itself approximately 190 miles southeast of the mouth of the Mississippi River.

The storm's most severe weather was to its southwest and, from where the storm stalled June 24, sent bands of heavy rains and tropical storm force winds across the Island.

As of 11 a.m. June 25, the storm was moving north, northeast at 3 mph toward the Big Bend area of Florida.

In Bradenton Beach, an estimated 1-3-foot storm surge June 24 sent Gulf waters within a few feet of the Moose Lodge, 135 Gulf Drive S. On the bay, choppy waters rocked boats loose from moorings, sending some slamming into the Historic Bridge Street Pier.

Bradenton Beach police reported damage to the pier, but had yet to assess the damage as of presstime for *The Islander*.

As of June 24, at least three small craft had sunk, with one small sailboat meeting its fate on the pier's rocks. Reports of other boats sinking, including a houseboat in Cortez and one docked on a Holmes Beach canal came in Monday morning.

The Rod & Reel Pier and Anna Maria City Pier both closed June 24. While the city pier expected to reopen at 4 p.m. June 25, the Rod & Reel had some repairs to make.

As of *Islander* press time, coastal flooding remained a concern for the National Weather Service, as minor to moderate flooding was predicted through Tuesday.



*A boat broke from its mooring June 24 in the wake of Tropical Storm Debby, smashing it into the rocks next to the Historic Bridge Street Pier, Bradenton Beach. The boat sank and spilled its contents.*  
Islander  
Photo: Mark Young

Six- to 10-foot waves were expected to maintain the crashing effect on Island beaches, causing significant shore erosion.

Manatee County officials were still assessing damage as of press time. According to Laurie Feagans, Manatee County chief of emergency management, emergency operations center personnel planned a June 25 meeting to discuss Debby's present and potential impact.

Holmes Beach Police Chief Jay Romine advised people planning a trip to the Island to delay those plans June 24, while heavy rains and flooding temporarily closed Marina Drive.

As of Monday morning, Marina Drive was reopened with traffic slowing considerably in front of the Island Branch Library and Holmes

Beach City Hall, where roadway waters measuring some 6 to 8 inches deep in areas.

Rain totals from Sunday through Monday morning varied across the Gulf Coast, with some areas receiving up to 10 inches of rain.

While TS Debby still in the Gulf, an estimated 3-5 inches of additional rain was forecast for June 25-26 in some areas. Storm forecasters reported Debby's path was difficult to predict with no real driving force in the atmosphere to push the storm one way or the other.

The Sunshine Skyway Bridge linking Manatee and Pinellas counties was closed during the afternoon of June 24 and remained closed June 25 by presstime for *The Islander*.

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## County eyes major beach renourishment

By Rick Catlin  
Islander Reporter

Manatee County natural resources director Charlie Hunsicker is planning what he calls the "central beach" renourishment project for Anna Maria Island starting in 2014 or early 2015.

Hunsicker told the Manatee County Tourism Development Council at its June 18 meeting that the project would encompass much of the middle portion of the Island's beaches, along with Bean Point and other Anna Maria areas.

The major problem, he said, is funding the estimated \$19 million project.

It seems like every state along the Gulf of Mexico has a beach renourishment project planned, and 48 Florida coastal cities have applied to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for permits, along with funding by the state Legislature, Hunsicker said.

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## Key Royale man arrested for shooting, beating bird

By Mark Young  
Islander Reporter

A 75-year-old Holmes Beach man faces felony cruelty to an animal charge after what police say was a deadly attack on a great white heron.



Pardee

Laurie Pardee, 671 Key Royale Drive, Holmes Beach, was arrested June 16 after allegedly shooting the heron with a .22 caliber handgun from his porch.

According to police, Pardee shot the heron, but it did not die. Pardee then allegedly began beating the bird with a net and ultimately stomped it to death before throwing it into Tampa Bay.

Three witnesses saw the incident and contacted police, who noted that Pardee initially admitted to the incident. The bird's body was recovered.

The Holmes Beach Police Department reported that a representative of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

identified the bird as a great white heron.

During the investigation, Joyce Parker, 76, who was at the scene, also was arrested for felony tampering with evidence.

According to the report, Parker attempted to hide the handgun from police by placing it in a closet under some linen. Police allege that Parker "made several false statements" during the investigation.

Pardee was charged with felony cruelty to an animal and misdemeanor discharging a firearm within city limits, and booked into the Manatee County jail. Pardee posted \$1,500 bond the same day.

Parker was charged with felony tampering with evidence and misdemeanor obstruction. She initially was held overnight on \$1,500 bond, but was released on her own recognizance June 17, according to the MCSO website.

Parker and Pardee were scheduled for arraignment July 13, at 9 a.m.



Parker

# Mosquito-control helicopter sprays Island for pests

By Rick Catlin  
Islander Reporter

For the first time in possibly 15 years, the Manatee Mosquito Control District performed a fly-over of Anna Maria Island in an effort to eradicate, or at least control, the annoying insects.

The mosquito population of the Island has increased dramatically in recent weeks, said Chris Lesser of the MMCD, because the insects have bred in the many locations of standing water from recent heavy rains.

“We hadn’t aerial sprayed Anna Maria Island for around 15 years, maybe 10,” Lesser said. “Normally, there’s not a problem on the Island,” he added, and spraying with trucks has been effective in the past for AMI

mosquito control.

However, he said his office recently has received a number of complaints about the size and number of mosquitoes on Anna Maria Island. An investigation revealed the spray trucks would not be able to eliminate the problem and it was time for the helicopter to spray.

The district’s trucks can only go 20 mph, while the helicopter travels much faster, and can spray the entire Island in one evening, Lesser said.

The helicopter applied the control treatment over the Island June 21.

A chemical that is non-toxic to humans and pets was used by the helicopter when it sprayed the Island, Lesser added. The days of using a spray harmful to humans and

animals are long gone, he noted.

Lesser said good weather was needed for the flight, although the helicopter doesn’t wait for perfect conditions.

He cautioned Island residents not to be alarmed by a low-flying, slow-moving helicopter over the Island in the future. It will be the district’s helicopter either making a test flight or spraying.

“It’s only us,” Lesser said.

Information on the district and its spray schedule can be found online at [www.manateemosquito.com](http://www.manateemosquito.com). Residents also may submit service requests for mosquito control on the website.

## HB v. BB: Lawsuit errs on Sandpiper name

By Kathy Prucnell  
Islander Reporter

On behalf of Sandpiper Resort Co-op, local attorney Charles H. Webb filed a motion June 15 to nullify the effect of a recent lawsuit served on Sandpiper Co-op Resort Inc. in Bradenton Beach.

Holmes Beach filed suit in the 12th Judicial Circuit Court against the Sandpiper — the nonprofit association representing 120 owners in the mobile home park — and the city of Bradenton Beach last month, seeking to void Bradenton Beach’s 2008 quitclaim to Sandpiper of 27th Street, at the border of the two cities.

Webb’s motion asks the court “to quash service of process” because “Doug Lefevre is not the registered agent or officer of any corporation named Sandpiper Co-Op Resort Inc.” It also states there is no such Florida nonprofit corporation as named by the city of Holmes Beach in the suit.

The Florida Department of State Division of Corporations lists the nonprofit as “Sandpiper Resort Co-Op Inc.”

The Holmes Beach lawsuit asks the court to declare the street — running east of Gulf Drive to Sarasota Bay on the north side of the park — a public right of way.

The suit seeks a court order requiring the Sandpiper to remove the gates and private property signs from the fence, and a portion of the fence to provide access from an adjoining Holmes Beach alley to 27th Street.

The court assigned Judge Diane L. Moreland to the case.

Attorneys for the two cities agreed June 1 to extend the time allowed for Bradenton Beach to respond to the complaint. A stipulation, signed by the respective city attorneys, gives Bradenton Beach until July 6 to file its answer or other response.

As of *The Islander’s* presstime, no responsive pleading by the city of Bradenton Beach had been filed.

The dispute first arose in December 2008 when Holmes Beach learned of the impending Bradenton Beach quitclaim deed and an ordinance in support of the conveyance.

While Holmes Beach commissioners dropped the matter shortly after it advised Bradenton Beach of its objections to the quitclaim deed, the issue arose again last summer when the Sandpiper erected a fence, installed gates and posted no trespass signs along the border.

Settlement discussions and meetings between the cities in the fall last year failed to resolve the conflict.

### Why do we kill mosquitoes?

Mosquito control manages the population of mosquitoes to reduce their damage to human health, tourism and enjoyment. Mosquito control is a vital public-health practice throughout the world and especially in the tropics, where mosquitoes spread many diseases, such as malaria.

MMCD recommends reviewing outdoor areas to eliminate mosquito breeding opportunities and taking actions, including:

- Potted plants with pans underneath that hold water.
- Drainage ditches with vegetation in them.
- Standing water in low grassy areas, tire tracks and swales.
- Unused or poorly maintained pools.
- Bromeliads and other plants that hold water, including water-filled tree holes.
- Trash or stored spare parts, tires.
- Flat roofs that get lots of leaf litter.
- Natural or man-made ponds.
- Boats left unused for extended periods.
- Bird baths, barbecue grills, ash trays, and other small containers.
- Clear roof gutters plugged with leaves.
- Replace water in pet dishes.
- Cover rain barrels with house screening.

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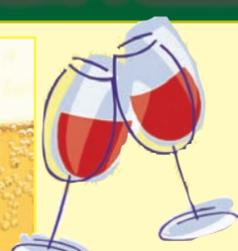
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# Law enforcement says 'no' to illegal fireworks

By Rick Catlin  
Islander Reporter

Anyone planning a private fireworks display or even setting off a few firecrackers in Anna Maria and along the beaches July 4 should heed a warning from Sgt. Dave Turner of the Manatee County Sheriff's Office-Anna Maria substation.

"Anything that makes a bang is a fireworks and will be confiscated," Turner said.

He said state statutes require MCSO deputies to seize fireworks as it is illegal to set off fireworks without a permit. It will be up to the confiscating deputies to determine if the situation also warrants a citation for illegal fireworks, Turner added.

And there will be plenty of deputies on Anna Maria beaches this July 4.

Turner said he would have three extra deputies on patrol that evening, along with his regular complement of deputies.

Additionally, the MCSO may have a tactical area control team searching the beach areas of the city on the lookout for any use of illegal fireworks.

There are usually about eight deputies on a TAC team and they would comb the beach in all-terrain vehicles, Turner said. The decision to use a TAC team is under consideration.

Only fireworks displays that have been licensed and permitted are allowed, Turner said.

Beachgoers with illegal fireworks won't fare any better in Holmes Beach, and definitely should exercise caution on the roads.

Holmes Beach Police Chief Jay Romine said patrols will be stepped up for the July 4 holiday, with a special emphasis on "impaired and careless driving."

The chief urged people to "enjoy the holiday, but to do it with safety in mind."

He also reminded residents and visitors to "be aware of the county fireworks ordinance and understand that officers will be confiscating illegal fireworks."

Additionally, the chief said anyone traveling to the beach for the fireworks should "avoid leaving valuables"



MCSO deputies confiscate fireworks in Anna Maria.  
Islander File Photo

in their vehicles. If beachgoers plan to place valuables in the trunk, Romine recommends he or she do so before arriving at their parking destination on the beach.

Bradenton Beach also is well-prepared for the expected July 4 crowds and illegal fireworks, said Police Chief Sam Speciale.

"We'll have our normal complement of officers plus all reserve officers on duty July 4," Speciale said.

In addition, the MCSO will operate a horse patrol along the public beach areas.

The same personnel will be at work the evening of July 3, when the BeachHouse Restaurant holds its annual fireworks display, he added.

He cautioned that anyone thinking of bringing fireworks to the beach or anywhere in the city should think twice.

"We're going to confiscate illegal fireworks and make sure it doesn't get out of hand," Speciale said.

The 19th annual fireworks display at the Sandbar Restaurant July 4 in Anna Maria will begin after dusk and the event has a permit for its pyrotechnical display.

On July 3, the BeachHouse Restaurant, 200 S. Gulf Drive, Bradenton Beach, also will have a permitted fireworks show starting shortly after dark.

The MarVista restaurant on the north end of Longboat Key will hold its fireworks display shortly after dark on July 2.

Island law enforcement officials said the same rules apply to July 3 as July 4, and extra deputies and officers will be available both evenings looking for illegal fireworks.

## What's a legal firework?

Most fireworks are illegal for consumer use in Florida — even if they are available for purchase at stores and roadside stands.

Legal fireworks include sparklers and small fireworks that emit only colored smoke, and glow worms that burn bright colors but do not explode.

Florida law classifies the use of fireworks without a permit as a first-degree misdemeanor, which means those convicted could face up to a year in prison, a \$1,000 fine and court costs.

A loophole in the law allows customers to buy fireworks if they state they will use the fireworks for lawful purposes, including certain uses in agriculture and mining. In stores, this can be as simple as filling out a form.

But if it explodes, flies or lifts off, the law prohibits you from lighting it for entertainment. That includes the popular Roman candles.

The state fire marshal website has a lengthy list of allowed fireworks, including brand names, at [myfloridacfo.com/sfm/sparklerindex.htm](http://myfloridacfo.com/sfm/sparklerindex.htm).

## Island watch

To report information on an illegal use of fireworks, call the Manatee County Sheriff's Office Anna Maria substation, 941-708-8899; Bradenton Beach police, 941-778-6311; Holmes Beach police, 941-708-5807.

Regardless of location, in the event of an emergency, call 911.



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# Holmes Beach code enforcement sends warnings

By Kathy Prucnell  
Islander Reporter

Code enforcement officer Dave Forbes sent letters June 18 to owners and rental agents that “lay the foundation” for future code violations based on noise complaints to the Holmes Beach Police Department.

The letters were sent to five property owners, two to Sato Real Estate, one to Anna Maria Vacations, one to Island Real Estate and one to Mike Norman Realty, Forbes said.

If these owners or agents are involved in future noise complaints, they may face a notice of violation and an action against them before the city’s code board. The city’s code board held three hearings in the first six months of 2012. No code hearing is scheduled for June.

Focus groups headed by city commissioners recently recommended the city hold owners and rental agents — as well as the renters who may cause the problem — responsible for code violations.

The groups were formed after some 100 residents packed a meeting in December to address problems relating to rental properties, including garbage, noise, parking and rental agents and builders circumventing city codes.

Another recent issue Forbes has tackled, with the help of Commissioner Pat Morton, includes a backlog of 105 unpaid Waste Management accounts that the waste hauler has threatened to close and cease pick up.

The city contracts with Waste Management Inc. for solid-waste removal, recycling and yard-waste removal.

Morton and Forbes said the city wasn’t looking to be a collection arm for the WMI, but rather to avert potential garbage problems if residents’ collection is halted.

After some 84 letters went out, 20-some old accounts were closed, and Forbes and Morton fielded numerous calls from property owners, “we’re down to 30 or so,” said Forbes.

Morton said if the problem accounts are not resolved by July 1, violation letters may be sent to the owners.

Also on Forbes’ code enforcement complaint list is website advertising.

At a June 12 city commission meeting, Commissioner Jean Peelen flagged website advertising of three- to six-day rentals in the R-2 district, where minimum seven-day stays are allowed. She also said some online advertising indicates first-floor recreation rooms in violation of Federal Emergency Management Agency rules.

Forbes said that while the city can’t regulate advertising, he is investigating Peelen’s complaints and the use of advertising as evidence of code violations. He said he’ll be working on a letter to go out to real estate agents to

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“There’s a lot of competition out there,” he said.

The good news is that the Anna Maria Island project is presently at the top of the state’s priority list of needed beach renourishment projects, he said.

Hunsicker estimated the state would fund about \$4.6 million of the project, while the county beach renourishment fund should provide about the same amount. That leaves around \$10 million to come from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

But there’s still no guarantee the corps will provide sufficient funding to make all parts of the project feasible, he cautioned.

“It’s possible we won’t have the \$19 million when the corps makes its budget. It will give us some funding,” he noted, but he can’t guarantee it’s going to be enough from the federal government to cover the projected cost.

The county beach renourishment fund comes from the 5 percent tourism development tax collected on rentals of six months or less. The tax is often called the resort, or bed, tax. The county reserves 1 cent of every 5 cents collected for beach renourishment projects.

Hunsicker estimated the renourishment fund currently holds about \$3 million.

Some portions of the project not included in the \$19 million estimate are funded by other sources.

Before dredging begins in one designated borrow area in the Gulf of Mexico, Port Dolphin LLC, the company constructing a pipeline facility to accommodate natural gas transfers by tankers about 20 miles west-northwest of the Island to Port Manatee, has pledged \$4.8 million to the county. Those funds were designated because the transfer facility and pipeline will prohibit future dredging there of the sands — prime beach sands — for renourishment of AMI beaches.



Holmes Beach code enforcement officer Dave Forbes checks over warning letters he’s about to mail June 18 to owners and rental agents. The letters address five noise complaints reported to the city’s police department in June. Islander Photo: Kathy Prucnell

address the website issues.

## Code officer earns praise

Kudos about one city employee who’s been in the hot seat as the city focuses on strict code enforcement have been consistent in the past several months.

At city commission meetings, work sessions and after meetings, from longtime resident Mary Buonagura to first-term Commissioner Jean Peelen, and others, come compliments for Forbes for a job well done.

Forbes came to the position a year ago from the city’s public works department.

“He’s even-tempered and has a quiet demeanor,” said public works superintendent Joe Duennes.

“He doesn’t come out after you with all guns blazing, but he has the ability to be tough when he needs to be,” he said.

Forbes views his work as being “about one word — compliance,” with field visits, letters and phone calls.

But, if there are uncooperative or repeat code violators, he lets the offender know he or she “can go the route

Most of the sand dredged from the pipeline borrow area, which is near the north end of Anna Maria Island, would be used for Anna Maria’s beaches, Hunsicker said.

Included in the plan is the removal and replacement of the three groins erected in the 1950s at Cortez Beach in Bradenton Beach. The groins would be replaced with semi-permeable groins that allow some sand to pass underneath. In their current condition, Hunsicker said they are in danger of collapsing and are closed to the public.

TDC board member Barbara Rodocker questioned the wisdom of spending all that money to “fool Mother Nature,” but Hunsicker said renourishment does more than just keep the beaches looking good for visitors.

A solid, renourished beach supports beachfront structures, roads along the beach, houses and apartments near the beach, and keeps Gulf Drive — the Island’s north-south artery — operational, he said.

It’s still a lot of money for sand that washes away, Rodocker responded.

Hunsicker also said BP, as part of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill settlement, is providing a large sum of money to the five Gulfcoast states for environmental restoration.

How the money received by Florida is distributed has yet to be determined, he said, but all of Florida — except Okeechobee County — is considered a coastal area.

Hunsicker said he and county commissioners are writing state legislators about Anna Maria Island’s needs, and asking them to consider allocating some BP funds to Manatee County for coastal repairs.

The renourishment project is expected to begin sometime in 2014, Hunsicker said.

of a code board hearing,” Forbes said.

## City signage sparks controversy

A new city policy in Holmes Beach has resulted in posting “code enforcement” signs on all vehicles driven by maintenance workers in the public works department.

It’s the same sign that’s on the green SUV driven by code enforcement officer Dave Forbes.

“I think it’s a sham played on people of the city,” said Holmes Beach Commissioner Pat Morton of the new policy. “There’s one code enforcement officer, and there are numerous cars with the sign on them.”

Morton raised the issue at the June 12 city commission meeting, calling it “a misrepresentation.”

After the meeting, Morton said it’s no different than allowing regular city workers to drive a marked police car.

Duennes said the reasoning behind the new signage is “to make the public aware of the fact that there are eyes looking out” for code violators.

He said the maintenance workers can be the “eyes and ears of the city” and “valid witnesses if the situation calls for it.”

Building inspector Bob Shaffer has the skills to identify code violations, and he drives one of the vehicles, said Duennes.

In addition, maintenance workers have been given a complaint form to use if they come across a potential code violation. It includes general categories, including address, type of complaint, such as overgrown lawns, trash, illegal parking, rental violations, no permit, as well as the complainant’s name and address.

About the new policy, Forbes said, “I’m scared it’s a misrepresentation,” but he also agreed with Duennes, that it is important to create a public consciousness of strict code enforcement.

## HB cancels meeting

The city of Holmes Beach has canceled the Tuesday, June 26, commission meeting and work session due to two commissioners being out of town and, based on limited agenda items, no need to meet twice a month, according to Stacey Johnson, Holmes Beach city clerk.

The next Holmes Beach city commission meeting and work session will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, at city hall, 5801 Marina Drive.

## Meetings

### Anna Maria City

- June 28, 6 p.m., city commission.
- July 10, 6 p.m., planning and zoning.
- July 11, 6:30 p.m., environmental, enhancement and education.
- July 12, 6 p.m. city commission work session.
- July 26, 6 p.m., city commission.

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

### Bradenton Beach

- June 28, 3 p.m., planning and zoning board.
- Bradenton Beach City Hall, 107 Gulf Drive N., 941-778-1005, [www.cityofbradentonbeach.org](http://www.cityofbradentonbeach.org).

### Holmes Beach

- July 10, 7 p.m., city commission.
  - July 19, 10 a.m., code enforcement.
  - July 24, 7 p.m., city commission — canceled.
- Holmes Beach City Hall, 5801 Marina Drive, 941-708-5800, [www.holmesbeachfl.org](http://www.holmesbeachfl.org).

### Manatee County

- July 24, county commission.
- Administration building, 1112 Manatee Ave. W., Bradenton, 941-748-4501, [www.myanatee.org](http://www.myanatee.org).

### West Manatee Fire Rescue

- July 19, 6 p.m., district commission.
- Administrative office, 6417 Third Ave. W., Bradenton, 941-761-1555, [www.wmfr.org](http://www.wmfr.org).

### Of Interest

- July 4, most government offices will be closed for Independence Day.

# First 'Top Notch' deadline July 6 for cover spot

If you've got a great snapshot, we've got a contest you could win.

The *Islander* Top Notch photo contest will begin publishing weekly winning photos July 11. Six weekly winning pictures will be featured on the cover of *The Islander*, and one photo will be a grand prize winner of \$100 cash prize from *The Islander* and other prizes and gift certificates from local merchants. Weekly winners receive a "More Than a Mullet Wrapper" *Islander* T-shirt.

The weekly deadline is noon Friday throughout the contest, with the first deadline July 6.

Top Notch judging begins with a selection of pictures that may include family, landscapes and scenics, candid snapshots, action, holidays, humor and animal pictures. Nothing is overlooked, including kid pics, sentimental moments and moments of personal triumph. This year judges also will be looking for photos in a category of its own: Pets. First- through third-place pet photos will earn special prizes appropriate to the pet from Perks 4



Top Notch past winner by Carolyn Norwood.

Pets and *The Islander*.

Digital contest entries should be submitted in original camera format via e-mail to [topnotch@islander.org](mailto:topnotch@islander.org) or on a non-returnable disc.

Only photo cropping is allowed. No retouching, enhancements or computer manipulation is allowed.

Digital entries are encouraged, but contestants may send or deliver photo prints to Top Notch Contest Editor, The Islander, 5404 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach FL 34217.

Complete rules and entry criteria for the contest are published weekly and online at [www.islander.org](http://www.islander.org).

E-mail entries must include only one photo attachment/entry per e-mail with the required information in

the e-mail text. There is no limit to the number of weekly entries. Entries need not be repeated weekly. Any photos not selected but preferred by the judges are moved forward each week of the contest.

Photos without the required entry information will be disqualified.

## Top Notch contest rules

1) The Islander Newspaper Top Notch Photo Contest is strictly for amateur photographers — those who derive less than 5 percent of their income from photography.

2) Black-and-white and color photographs taken after Jan. 1, 2011, are eligible. Photos previously published (in any format/media) or entered in any Islander or other competition are not eligible.

3) Photographs may be taken with any camera. No retouching or other alteration (except cropping) is permitted; no composite or multiple print images will be accepted. Digital photos must be submitted in JPG file format. Prints from digital or film are accepted. Slides are not accepted.

4) Entrant's name, address and phone number must be included either in the e-mail or affixed to the back of each print submitted. One e-mail per photo submission. E-mail single entries to [topnotch@islander.org](mailto:topnotch@islander.org). Mail or deliver print entries to The Islander, Top Notch Photo Contest, 5404 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach FL 34217.

5) Entrants by their entry agree that The Islander may publish their pictures for local promotion. Entrants must provide the original digital image or negative if requested by the contest editor. All photos submitted become the property of The Islander. Photos will not be returned. The Islander and contest sponsors assume no responsibility for materials submitted.

Entrant must provide the name and address of any recognizable persons appearing in the picture with the entry.

6) Employees and paid contributors to The Islander and their immediate family members are not eligible.

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# Our Opinion

## Sending out an SOS

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## Ketchup:

In the catching up department, there's no update following the abrupt departure of manager Mark Bryant from the Holmes Beach Publix, and don't hold your breath to hear one. After 40 years of service, he may be happily settling into retirement, although there are many among us who would have liked to say our thank yous and goodbyes.

Tropical Storm Debby was no surprise to us, but for a storm with only 60-mph winds and some 172 miles west, northwest of our shore, it surely packs a wallop. Please, make sure you're ready for more. Stay in touch online at [www.islander.org](http://www.islander.org).

The story this week about the Key Royale man who brutally killed a great white heron topped our internet news last week. It generated a number of hits from people and it is a sad commentary on the low regard for wildlife by one individual. You can follow it on our website.

Lastly, prepare for the worst, expect the best. The July 4 holiday will see a full house — visitors, friends and family. The beaches will be packed with folks and fireworks. Be safe. Mind the laws and let the professionals handle the pyrotechnics. Have fun out there.

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# Your Opinion

## What will be done?

A month or so ago, I wrote to the Holmes Beach commissioners concerning rental noise. I offered the suggestion that all owners and rental agents be required to advise prospective renters of the current rental regulations, specifically the 10 p.m. noise curfew.

For myself, I have grown tired of calling the police to complain about midnight pool parties at my neighbor's rental. It certainly isn't fun and I usually stay up later on those nights in the hopes that they'll just quit early and go to bed. Similarly, I'm sure the police are tired of hearing my call.

I think that if renters know in advance of the curfew, a good 50 percent of noise complaints would not occur.

Isn't this a good thing? I'm under the impression some rental agents already do this, so why not just make this a rental requirement.

How about two- and three-day weekend rentals? Not allowed, you say. Well, a dozen people came in next door Friday for the Memorial Day and left on Monday morning after a weekend stay, and the owner was back to clean up right after.

I guess they rented for the week but left early, right? Right. Why have a rule if it can't be enforced?

Two city commissioners, Jean Peelen and David Zaccagnino answered my e-mail. Both seemed genuinely interested in what I had to say, which was appreciated.

Now the question is whether anything will get done.

*Greg Paszko, Holmes Beach*

## Some progress

Congratulations and a hearty "Thank you" to all the Holmes Beach residents who attended the June 12 city commission meeting.

The only way we are going to get action is to be vocal and continue to demand our rights be respected.

How an individual developer can run amuck with

mega-built, supersize rentals — that sleep 16-18 people — is beyond me.

We let it happen folks, and we have only ourselves to blame.

On a more positive note, last week's city meeting was an excellent example of democracy in action. The commission members agreed 3-2, although still not official, to limit floor-area ratios for housing to .30 of the property.

FAR is the square footage of a home's living area, divided by the square footage of the lot. It does not include porches or garages.

Some of the mega rental properties have a FAR of as much as 5.5 or 6.0.

A thank you goes to some of our residents who have diligently done research and collected facts to support the FAR limits.

We need to continue to be attentive to what is happening in our town. Only by continuing to attend city meetings, asking questions and demanding results, can we protect our rights as Holmes Beach citizens. If we don't, in five years or less, our town will become a full-fledged rental community.

Thank you also to the city commissioners for listening to their constituents.

*Tom Sabow, Holmes Beach*



## Chime in

*The Islander* has an active Facebook community of more than 1,600 users, so we're sharing some of the conversations we've been having with our fans. If you would like to become a fan and join the conversation, we provide a direct link to our fan page from [www.islander.org](http://www.islander.org).

# Your Opinion

## The other side of the story

Back in the later part of 2008, my wife and I made a decision to follow our dreams of living in a coastal community. We started exploring the Gulfcoast from South Padre Island, Texas, the Gulf Shores of Alabama and the Panhandle of Florida to the beaches of Venice.

A little island called Anna Maria was never on our radar but, by chance, we stumbled across it. Until we found Anna Maria, we were on the verge of looking westward.

The one thing we consistently found along the Gulf-coast was a very stagnant economy, uncared for properties, abandoned construction sites and suffering businesses. However, on Anna Maria, the first thing we noticed were signs of activity and progress. We dug a little deeper and within two weeks made a commitment to build a new home on the Island. Yes, it was "A Big Box Home," but we had done our research into coastal construction guidelines. From where we stood, it made perfect sense to build a house that is suited to the local environment. New, elevated homes offer the amenities you need for fulltime living on the Island; off-street parking, plenty of living space and storage and quality construction.

While I can certainly understand the nostalgia in the classic Island ranch homes built in the 1960s and '70s, I'm sure there were locals who disliked those houses. With respect to the ground-level remodels of the homes built in the 1950s, '60s and '70s, it seems public opinion is favorable, but there are no clear cut guidelines for these type of projects and due to functional obsolescence, the only alternative is to build up.

Hopefully our building department can establish guidelines that will allow these remodels to continue. Without progress, there is stagnation.

A lot of the other coastal towns on the Gulf of Mexico would gladly change places with Anna Maria. The tourist industry is flourishing, the real estate market

is ahead of the rest of the country and our tax base is strong and growing. The shops and restaurants have people waiting in line and we have one of the top 10 beaches in the country.

I would like to offer a thank you to city councils for taking the time to do proper due diligence, listening to all sides, and keeping an eye on the future. Hopefully any changes in our building codes will reflect the opinion of the majority of the Islanders.

I am not one for public speaking, but it would be great to hear from others who have similar feelings. In fact, it would be very interesting to have a professional public opinion poll, one that includes anyone who owns property on Anna Maria Island.

*Gregg Bayer, Holmes Beach*



First-graders from Bashaw Elementary School, Bradenton, learn the difference between recreational and commercial fishing during a recent field trip to the Florida Maritime Museum, A.P. Bell Fish Co. and the U.S. Coast Guard Station, all in Cortez. *Islander Photo: Karen Riley-Love*

# The Islander 10 years ago

## Headlines from the June 26, 2002, issue of *The Islander*

- Attorney Dan Lobeck, who represented several parties in a lawsuit against the city of Bradenton's approval of a 686-condominium project for north Perico Island by Arvida Inc., said that after talking with Arvida attorneys, the company appeared to be losing interest as a result of the litigation. The two lawsuits filed by Lobeck against Arvida and Bradenton could tie up the project in the court system for several years, Lobeck said.

- Several locations in Cortez will be used in the filming of the Denzel Washington movie, "Out of Time," said Richard Storm, spokesperson for owners of the former Sigma fishing house, where a number of scenes were to be filmed. Other parts of the film would be shot in Boca Grande, Storm said.

- A 4-foot high escarpment along portions of Anna Maria Island beach from Bradenton Beach to Anna Maria was leveled by county workers after Anna Maria Island Turtle Watch executive director Suzi Fox said the drop-off was hindering the ability of sea turtles attempting to nest on the beach. Fox said eyewitnesses told her they saw one turtle struggle to get over the escarpment, then give up and return to the Gulf waters.

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# Island tourism continues uptick, caution sounded

By Rick Catlin  
Islander Reporter

Tourism to the Bradenton area increased 11.6 percent in May 2012 compared with the same month last year, reported Walter Klages, head of Research Data Services, the firm hired by the Bradenton Area Convention and Visitors Bureau to follow tourism and prepare its monthly and quarterly reports.

Speaking at the June 18 Manatee County Tourism Development Council, Klages said the “state of tourism” for the BACVB area is quite good.

“Up to here, we have done very well,” he said.

But Klages cautioned TDC and BACVB members and everyone in the industry to “look at where the world is going.”

Worldwide, income is not keeping up with output, he said. The BACVB must be careful to position itself “in the wave of the future economy.”

He also said it’s more important to look at economic spending and residual expenditures than the number of visitors to the BACVB area.

For May 2012, the total economic impact of visitor spending was \$35.1 million, up 15.4 percent from the May 2011 figure of \$30.4 million.

Through the first five months of 2012, the total economic impact of visitors to the BACVB area is \$341 million, a 13.2 percent jump from the \$301 million recorded for the same period in 2011.

“This has been a very good time for us,” Klages said.

He also said pricing in the area is a key issue. The average daily rate for an accommodation in the BACVB area is up just 2.1 percent for 2012 when compared with the same five-month period in 2011.

“So there is a lot of wiggle room with the average daily rate,” which is still lower than other Florida destinations, he said.

And there is room and opportunity to grow, Klages observed.

A recent survey by RDS determined a new hotel in Lakewood Ranch, across the county line in Sarasota,



Holmes Beach Commissioner Jean Peelen takes her place on the dais of the Manatee County Tourism Development Council at its June 18 meeting. Peelen was appointed by the county commission to represent Anna Maria Island, replacing long-time TDC member-Holmes Beach Commissioner Sandy Haas-Martens. *Islander Photo: Rick Catlin*

would be feasible, he said. Additionally, a major international airline is considering flights to Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport.

The bottom line, Klages said, is the tourism industry can’t sit still and rest on its laurels.

“Tourism has structural changes over time and the community is growing.” The BACVB and TDC must keep up with those changes.

For the year to date, Klages reported visitors to the area are up 10.3 percent when compared with the first five months of 2011.

Klages reported 251,400 visitors January-May 2012, compared with 228,000 in the same period in 2011.

### Key statistics

The Internet and social networks have become huge mediums for information on Anna Maria Island and Longboat Key, and for making vacation reservations, Klages said.

Of those who made reservations to the area in 2012, 57.2 percent used the Internet, while 89.1 percent used the Internet to obtain information about the area.

For AMI and LBK, the average base budget per visitor was \$607.37, with an average of \$1,579 budgeted for a group vacation.

Attributes that visitors ascribe to the Island and Longboat Key are, in order of preference, beautiful beaches; good food and restaurants; clear, blue water; complete relaxation; safe destination; and reasonably priced lodging.

The satisfaction level of a vacation to the area was 97 percent for May 2012, while 94.4 percent said they planned a return visit. Ninety-two percent said they would recommend the Island and Longboat Key to friends as a vacation destination.

Of the 36,600 visitors in May this year, more than 66 percent had previously visited the Island or Longboat Key.

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## Resort tax collections dip slightly in April

By Rick Catlin  
Islander Reporter

After 13 consecutive months of setting new records for resort tax collections when compared to the previous month and year, the Manatee County Tax Collector's Office reported April saw a drop in collections.

The resort tax — officially known as the Manatee County Tourism Development tax and often called the bed tax — is the 5 percent charged on accommodations in the county rented for six months or less.

April's decline, however, was only 1.4 percent when compared with bed tax collections in April 2011.

The resort tax collections division of the MCTCO reported \$763,423 collected in May for April rentals — the tax is paid one month in arrears — compared with \$774,345 collected in April 2011, a \$10,922 drop.

For the fiscal year-to-date, Oct. 1 - Sept. 30, resort tax collections are still ahead of last year with a 15.5 percent increase. Through the first seven months of fiscal year 2011-12, \$5.28 million in resort taxes have been collected compared with \$4.57 million for the first same months in the 2010-11 fiscal year, a gain of \$710,000.

Sue Sinquefield of the resort tax collections office credits improved collection methods as part of the 15.5 percent increase. She also noted more accommodation owners have come into compliance with state and county laws the past 15 months and tourism has continued to rise, all contributing to increased collections.

"I believe we are leveling off, but if tourism continues to increase and our collection methods improve, we should still have gains in collections in many months, just not as dramatic as the past 13 months," Sinquefield said.

She said the record for collections in one month was March, when \$1.35 million was taken in by her office. That broke the previous monthly collections record of \$1.067 million set just one month earlier in February.

Sinquefield said a licensed vacation rental owner must register with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation and the Florida Department of Revenue and collect the 5 percent resort tax and the 6.5 percent state sales tax. These owners also must apply and be approved for a resort tax collection license.

For April, Holmes Beach led all Island cities and Longboat Key with \$206,043 in bed tax collections; Longboat Key brought in \$132,840; Bradenton Beach \$78,656 and Anna Maria \$68,439. Unincorporated Manatee County paid \$243,292 in resort taxes in April.

Anna Maria Island and Longboat Key's combined share of the \$763,423 in bed tax collections for April was

\$485,978, or 63.7 percent of the total collected.

The resort tax contributes to the county's share of beach renourishment projects, funds the Manatee County Convention Center, the Bradenton Area Convention and Visitors Bureau and its budget, the Crosley Mansion and various other tourist attractions in the county.

## AM election makes New York news

By Rick Catlin  
Islander Reporter

Anna Maria has certainly received its share of publicity of late, particularly in tourism and wedding magazines, on websites and in newspaper articles.

The city probably got publicity it didn't want or need June 17 when the *New York Daily News* ran a story about the lack of a candidate for mayor in the November city election

The article, some of which was taken from *The Islander's* June 13 issue, said it was the first time in the town's history, which incorporated in 1923, that there was no candidate for mayor.

Several people interviewed for the story, such as Sandy Rich of Anna Maria, said they were surprised no one stepped forward to qualify. Others said they didn't think the job paid enough, and was too demanding for many people with a fulltime job elsewhere.

Following publication of the story, Mayor Mike Selby said he had calls from several New Yorkers asking if they could move to Anna Maria and be the mayor.

"One lady said it looks so lovely here, she wanted to know when she could start," Selby said.

Selby said he informed all the callers that the nomination period had ended.

Selby said he believes the job of Anna Maria mayor requires too much time for the benefits.

"What's needed is a city manager," he said.

Selby and former mayor-now Commissioner Sue-Lynn agree that being mayor of a barrier island resort city is a fulltime position and the annual salary of \$9,600 is not sufficient compensation. During her tenure, Sue-Lynn lobbied commissioners for a city manager, but the

proposal was turned down by successive commissions.

Previous commissions the past few years have discussed raising the salaries of both the mayor and commissioners, but no action has been taken.

Any resolution raising the salaries would not take effect until a new commission is sworn into office.

The city hasn't raised its pay for the mayor or commissioners — \$4,800 annually — since the 1990s, a fact the *Daily News* also noted.

For city and county commissioners and the mayor of various municipalities, the base annual salary is:

- Holmes Beach mayor, \$12,000; commissioner, \$6,000.
- Bradenton Beach mayor, \$9,600; commissioner, \$4,800.
- Bradenton mayor, \$56,865; council member, \$29,034.
- Longboat Key mayor \$0; council member, \$0.
- Palmetto mayor \$39,783; council member, \$7,723.
- Manatee County commissioner \$74,807

Manatee County commissioners can raise their annual salary during budget hearings, but the raise does not go in effect until the new fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

Longboat Key's charter does not provide compensation for the mayor or commissioners.

For the three Island cities, salary increases are approved by the commission, but raises do not take effect until the official is newly sworn into office.

The salaries for elected officials in Anna Maria and Bradenton Beach have not been increased in more than a decade, while Holmes Beach commissioners voted several years ago to raise their salary and that of the mayor.



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## Police seek information on burglary suspects

Holmes Beach police are seeking the identity of three suspects in connection to separate vehicle burglaries where checks and credit cards were stolen.

A Hispanic male was captured on video at a bank in Valrico, Fla., attempting to cash a stolen check by using a stolen driver's license, and attempting to look like the victim.

The suspect donned a woman's blonde wig in the Feb. 18 attempt. According to Holmes Beach Police Detective Sgt. Brian Hall, the Hispanic male is wanted in connection with a vehicle burglary where the man smashed out a window and stole a purse.

Police also are searching for a young man and woman who were captured on store video at an out-of-town Macy's and Best Buy stores.

Hall said the stolen credit cards used by the couple were taken during a Holmes Beach vehicle burglary.

If you have information as to the identity of these suspects, you are asked to contact Hall at 941-708-5815 or e-mail Detective@holmesbeach.org.



One of two suspects police would like to identify from a Holmes Beach vehicle burglary walks through Macy's with the intention of using a stolen credit card taken from the burglary. The man was accompanied by a woman, who also attempted to use the stolen credit cards.

## Minors recant, sex case dropped

By Kathy Prucnell  
Islander Reporter

A Cortez man arrested by the Manatee County Sheriff's office in December on charges of sexual battery by a custodian, unlawful sexual activity and child pornography will not be prosecuted.



Noble

"Both girls recanted their prior statements to law enforcement and have refused to cooperate further in the prosecution of the defendant," said assistant state attorney Julie Binkley June 18.

"Without their testimony, charges cannot be filed as there is no other evidence in the case," she said.

Todd Andrew Noble was arrested Dec. 3 following a Manatee County Sheriff Office investigation of an Aug. 16 incident at the Siesta Inn in Bradenton.

According to a MCSO detective's statement, deputies responded to a call from a manager who was worried about the safety of occupants in one of the inn's rooms. The manager said no one answered the door when he attempted to contact the occupants.

The statement also indicates that after three deputies arrived and, after 30 minutes of knocking, a 16-year-old and 17-year-old female were found in the room, report-

edly having just awakened.

A deputy observed sex and drug paraphernalia and a video camera in the room, and one of the girls offered a deputy some of the sex paraphernalia, according to the statement.

The girls indicated Noble was their "sponsor," had rented the room for them and that they had consensual sex with him, according to the statement.

One girl had reportedly run away from home, and her mother allowed Noble to be her caregiver, according to the statement.

Surveillance cameras indicated Noble had purchased sex-toys, a video camera and other items with the two teenage girls.

Noble bonded out of jail Dec. 4 and pleaded not guilty Dec. 14.

Binkley filed notice with the 12th Judicial Circuit Court May 29, stating the state attorney's office will not file criminal charges against Noble.

## Roadwatch, June 27-July 4

The Manatee County Utilities Department is continuing its preparation to install new sewer pipes along North Shore Drive, Anna Maria. The project is expected to take several months to complete, a MCUD press release said.

## Holmes Beach employees take home rewards

Gift certificates donated by local merchants for employee recognition were distributed to city employees June 12 by a drawing of names.

Mayor Rich Bohnenberger reports certificates were provided to:

- Don Gray, public works.
- Jan Gorman, code enforcement.
- Vernon McGowin, police department.
- Bonnie Lalos, police department.
- Steve Beck, police department.

The certificates were provided by Beach Bistro, Eat Here, Acqua Salon and Mote Marine Laboratory.

## Island watch

To report information on a felony crime, call Manatee County Crime Stoppers at 866-634-TIPS.

To report information on an Island crime, call the Manatee County Sheriff's Office Anna Maria substation, 941-708-8899; Bradenton Beach police, 941-778-6311; Holmes Beach police, 941-708-5807.

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# Streetlife

## Island police blotter

### Anna Maria

• June 4, 700 block of North Shore Drive, DUI with property damage. Michael Frieler, 21, was involved in a minor traffic accident when he backed his vehicle into a parked car. It was determined during the investigation that he was impaired and Frieler was arrested on misdemeanor DUI charges. He was booked into the Manatee County Jail on \$2,000 bond. According to the Manatee County website, Frieler posted bond June 4.

• June 15, 200 block of Lakeview Drive, suspicious incident. While on routine patrol near the Anna Maria Pier, a Manatee County Sheriff's Office deputy observed a vehicle approach at a high rate of speed. The deputy then observed the driver throw a green bottle into a trash can and upon investigating, determined it was a beer bottle. The deputy made contact with the 19-year-old man and asked why he had a beer bottle in his vehicle. The man said it was not his. The deputy escorted the man to his parents' house to talk over the situation with them, but upon arriving observed what appeared to be underage young adults running out of the back of the house. The parents were not home. Since the parents lived in Holmes Beach, HBPD was contacted to assist. The two officers explained that underage adults should not be drinking at the house. The man was cited for open container, but no further action was taken.

• June 14, 200 block of Gladiolus Street, battery. A boyfriend asked his girlfriend to leave because she was flirting with his friends. According to the report, the couple had recently broken up after a year of dating. The woman went outside and began to bang on the man's truck with her hands, at which time he yelled for her to stop. According to the report, the woman came back inside and jumped on the man, biting him in his upper arm area. The man was able to break free and told the woman to leave or he would call the police. She jumped on him a second time and bit him in the upper back shoulder area. Police were called and she was arrested for misdemeanor battery charges.

*Anna Maria is policed by the MCSO.*

### Bradenton Beach

• June 18, 1100 block of Gulf Drive, bicycle theft. Fun & More Rentals of Anna Maria had delivered a beach cruiser valued at \$100 to the residence under a porch, and it was stolen. The renters reported the incident, and told police that numerous people used their yard as an entrance to the beach that day.

• June 11, 1300 block of Gulf Drive North. Police requested an arrest warrant on felony child abuse charges be issued for a 36-year-old Gibsonton man after the

## Conley tops list for Anna Maria magistrate

Bradenton attorney Mike Conley received the most points from the five-member committee reviewing the candidates for the position of special magistrate to handle code enforcement violation cases in the city.

Committee members independently reviewed each candidate's resume and background and gave points to the candidate based upon criteria required of a special magistrate.

The tally sheets were submitted to deputy city clerk Diane Percycoc at the committee's June 18 meeting.

Percycoc reported that Conley received the most points, followed by Bradenton attorney Stephen Thompson.

Committee members Commissioner Chuck Webb,

Mayor Mike Selby, Jim Bennington and Dick Walters then voted to recommend to the commission that Conley be retained as special magistrate.

Committee member Bill Iseman was absent from the meeting.

Commissioners at their June 28 meeting will decide if Conley should be offered the position, with Thompson the alternate for the job. The city plans to have the special magistrate system in place by July 1.

The special magistrate system replaces the code enforcement board with a magistrate who does not reside in the city and eliminates the possibility that a neighbor might have to pass judgment on a neighbor in a code violation case.

## Center director list narrows from 46 to 9

By Rick Catlin  
Islander Reporter

The committee interviewing applicants to replace retiring Anna Maria Island Community Center executive director Pierrette Kelly should have a short-list of its preferred candidates. The list was given to center board chair Greg Ross this week.



Kelly

West Manatee Fire Rescue Chief Andy Price, who heads the search committee, said the committee already has reduced the original 46 applicants to nine who best qualify for the position.

Interviews with the nine remaining candidates were to be conducted June 23-25. From those interviews, the committee will present a list of its preferred candidates to Ross.

The executive board is expected to meet at 8 a.m. Monday, July 2, to review the committee's list and decide if it should interview any of the finalists.

Price said it would not be prudent to reveal the "final nine" on the list, although the board meeting to discuss these applicants will be public.

Center board member Monica Simpson and staff member Scott Dell applied for the position.

Kelly is scheduled to retire June 30, but also said she would stay until a replacement is hired and trained.

Price said he hopes the executive board will choose Kelly's successor at its July 2 meeting, or soon thereafter, and begin the transition process and training as quickly as possible.

Kelly announced in early May she was leaving her position after 22 years to pursue other activities.

In honor of her service, the board of directors has named its meeting room at the center as the "Pierrette Kelly Conference Room."

A private retirement party for Kelly will be held 5-7 p.m. Thursday, July 12, at the community center.

Members of the review committee include Price, Manatee County Commissioner Carol Whitmore, local restaurant owner Ed Chiles, former executive board treasurer Bill Ford and center board member Andy Guidus.

mother of two children signed a complaint.

The charges stem from separate incidents May 25-26 at the Silver Surf Resort, 1301 Gulf Drive N. The mother and two sons were taking a weekend trip with her former boyfriend. The first incident occurred upon their arrival, when, according to the police report, the man struck one son's leg after the child turned off a fan that he had just turned on. The report indicates the second incident occurred as they were leaving, and the man struck the other son's left collar area while telling the child he was not moving quickly enough. Police also reported the incident to the child abuse hotline.

*Bradenton Beach is policed by the BBPD.*

### Cortez

• June 18, 4200 block of 128th Street West, vehicle burglary. An unknown suspect is reported to have entered two unlocked vehicles stealing a total of \$85 in coins. According to the report, nothing else was taken. Fingerprints were secured at the scene.

*Cortez is policed by the MCSO*

### Holmes Beach

• Reports not received.

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*Streetlife is based on incident reports and narratives from the Bradenton Beach and Holmes Beach police departments and Manatee County Sheriff's Office.*

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# Island happenings

## AMIHS hosts raffle fundraiser

By Kathy Prucnell  
Islander Reporter

The Anna Maria Island Historical Society will choose one lucky winner of a two-night stay on Anna Maria's Pine Avenue at 2 p.m., July 1, at a raffle drawing to benefit those hungry for food and others hungry for baseball history.

Half the raffle proceeds will go to the food bank at Roser Memorial Community Church, and the other half to save baseball legend Warren Spahn's cottage, titled "Infield," according to Nancy Dorner, AMIHS museum manager.

A Pine Avenue business, Dogs for the Earth/Arts for the Earth is donating a two-night vacation stay at a Pine Avenue Restoration-owned accommodation.

Tickets — \$1 for one chance, \$5 for six tickets, or \$20 for 25 tickets — can be purchased at the museum, 402 Pine Ave., or Dogs for the Earth, 308 Pine Ave.

The society has been promised Infield by its current owner, Greg Spahn, son of the late baseball legend, if moved from its current location, 205 Spruce Ave., before its sale and subsequent demolition, according to AMIHS member Mary Selby.

Infield is the last of several of Spahn's cottages remaining in its 1950s original condition, bought by Spahn and his teammates for vacations and investments, she said.

"We want to make it a baseball museum. It's a very, very important part of the whole Island's history," said Selby, adding fundraising has already brought in donations from Anna Maria, Bradenton Beach and Holmes Beach businesses and the Manatee County Historical Society.

Spahn was a hall of famer and the sixth-most winning pitcher in Major League Baseball history who played for the Boston and Milwaukee Braves, the New York Mets and San Francisco Giants.

"It'll cost \$18,000 just for the move, and \$8,000 just for the foundation," said Selby. "That doesn't count the windows that will be broken, and all the other costs involved."

She estimated a total cost of \$30,000 to move the cottage to city property alongside the museum and Belle Haven cottage.

The society also is searching for baseball memorabilia for the new museum. Vintage baseball items can be donated or loaned to the society, according to Dorner.

For more information, call Dorner at 941-201-8423 or 941-778-0492.



This watercolor and other work by Caroline Whitmore will be featured in July at Island Gallery West, 5368 Gulf Drive, Holmes Beach. *Islander Courtesy Photo*

### IGW features 'By the Sea'

"By the Sea," an exhibit featuring watercolor paintings by Caroline Whitmore, will open Monday, July 2, at the Island Gallery West, 5368 Gulf Dr., Holmes Beach.

Whitmore of Venice is a longtime member of the IGW, a cooperative gallery of about 30 local artists.

The gallery offers original fine art, including watercolor, acrylic, oil and mixed-media paintings, fiber art, baskets, jewelry, scarves, photography, stained glass and greeting cards.

Whitmore's exhibit will run through July 31. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays.

For more information, call the gallery at 941-779-6648.



#### Friday, June 29

• 5-10 p.m. — Save Our Ship Concert to benefit Anna Maria Island Privateers, Holmes Beach city field, 5801 Marina Drive. Information: 941-536-4257

#### Monday, July 2

• Shortly after dusk — Fourth annual Boom Boom on the Bay at the Mar Vista Dockside Restaurant, 760 Broadway St., Longboat Key. Information: 941-383-2391.

#### Tuesday, July 3

• Shortly after dusk — 19th annual Fireworks Extravaganza, BeachHouse Restaurant, 200 Gulf Drive N., Bradenton Beach. Information: 941-779-2222

#### Wednesday, July 4

• Shortly after dusk — 26th annual Sandbar Fireworks Spectacular, Sandbar Restaurant, 100 Spring Ave., Anna Maria. Information: 941-778-8709.

• 10 a.m.-noon — Anna Maria Island Privateers Fourth of July Parade, Coquina Beach, Bradenton Beach, to Bayfront Park, Anna Maria, and 2012 Scholarship Award Party starting at noon, Anna Maria Island Beach Cafe, Manatee Public Beach, 4000 Gulf Drive, Holmes Beach. Information: 941-780-1668.

#### Off-Island

##### Friday, June 29

• 10 a.m. — Chamber of Commerce of Longboat Key, Lido Key, St. Armands Key Invitational Golf Tournament, Longboat Key Club Islandside, 301 Gulf of Mexico Drive, Longboat Key. Fee applies. Information: 941-383-2466.

#### Ongoing:

• Through July 14, "Fishing for Life," Mark Cohen photography exhibit, Florida Maritime Museum, 4415 119th St. W., Cortez. Information: 941-708-6120.

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

• Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m., teens meet at the Anna Maria Island

Community Center, 407 Magnolia Ave., Anna Maria. Information: 941-778-1908.

• Wednesdays and Saturdays, 7 a.m., Turtle Talks, weather permitting, Anna Maria Island Turtle Watch and Shorebird Monitoring, Manatee Public Beach, 4000 Gulf Drive, Holmes Beach. Information: 248-982-5600.

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

• Thursdays, 5-7 p.m., Thirsty Thursday hosted by Bridge Street Merchants, Bradenton Beach. Information: 215-906-0668.

• Fridays, Senior Adventures, low-cost field trips from Annie Silver Community Center, 103 23rd St., Bradenton Beach. Information: 941-962-8835.

• Third Fridays, 5-8 p.m., Pine Avenue Porch Party to benefit Roser Food Pantry at Anna Maria Pine Avenue stores and boutiques. Information: 941-896-3132.

• Saturdays, 8:30 a.m., Kiwanis Club of Anna Maria Island meets at the Anna Maria Island Beach Cafe, Manatee Public Beach, 4000 Gulf Drive, Holmes Beach. Information: 941-761-8834.

#### Coming Up:

• July 5, North End Merchants Organization third annual post-July Fourth cleanup, Pine Avenue General Store, 307 Pine Ave., Anna Maria. Information: 941-778-3316 or 248-568-2160.

• July 7, Turtle Walk, Manatee Sarasota Sierra Club, Longboat Key Turtle Watch Group Walk, Longboat Key Hilton, 4711 Gulf of Mexico Drive. Meet at the pool. Information: 941-752-3200.

• July 21, Wildlife Awareness Festival, Snooty's 64th Birthday, South Florida Museum, 201 10th St. W., Bradenton. Information: 941-729-9177, ext. 243.

#### Save the Date

• Sept. 24, 13th annual Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce Lucky 13 Golf Outing for Scholarships, Bradenton Country Club, 4646 Ninth Ave. W., Bradenton. Fee applies. Information: 941-224-1337 or 941-284-2523.

• Nov. 17, Enjoy the Bay, Sarasota Bay Water Festival, Sarasota Bay Estuary Program, Ken Thompson Park, 1700 Ken Thompson Parkway, Sarasota. Information: 941-955-8085.

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# Island happenings

## Privateers send out Mayday call



The Skullywag rests in port awaiting repair nearby the Holmes Beach public works department garage and the shuffleboard courts on Marina Drive. Islander Photo: Bonner Joy

By Kathy Prucnell  
Islander Reporter

Anna Maria Island Privateers last week sent out a Mayday call.

Repairs are needed to shape up the Skullywag.

The Skullywag, the 60-foot boat/float flagship of the Anna Maria Island Privateers, travels in parades, to festivals and is part of other Privateer events that spread cheer and do good deeds.

Originally christened "Mystic Lady" in 2001 after a major makeover from its origins as a used school bus, it was renamed in memory of one of the ship's builders and former president, the late Privateer Jim "Skully" Hungerford.

The Privateers will host a Save Our Ship Concert 5-10 p.m. Friday, June 29, at Holmes Beach city field, 5801 Marina Drive, in hopes of raising \$5,000 to fund repairs to the popular icon.

### NEMO hosts cleanup

The North End Merchants Organization is still looking for a "few good volunteers" for its annual post-July 4 Beach Cleanup, according to NEMO board member Diane Havelka.

Any member of the public may volunteer, and high school students who need community service hours can receive credit for joining the effort.

To sign up, call Diane Havelka at Beach Bums, 941-778-3316 or 941-962-4539, or John Ganfield of Feeling Swell at 248-568-2160.

All teams meet at 7 a.m. Thursday, July 5, at the General Store, 307 Pine Ave., for free coffee and cleanup assignments. The cleanup usually takes about two hours, according to past event participants.

For more information, call 941-778-3316.

### AMI turtle watch hosts beach-nest tours

Anna Maria Island Turtle Watch and Shorebird Monitoring announced this season's sea turtle nesting tours will be held — weather permitting — at 7 a.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays, at Manatee Public Beach, 4000 Gulf Drive, Holmes Beach.

For more information and to sign up for the free educational tours, call AMITW volunteer Claudia Wiseman at 248-982-5600.

### Solstice events postponed

Weather was a bummer June 21.

Harry's Continental Kitchen's Summer Solstice Soiree and the Waterfront Restaurant's first summer beer tasting — both scheduled for the first day of summer June 21 — were postponed due to inclement weather.

While no date has been set for the beer tasting, a tasting of Italian wines will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 28, at the Waterfront, 111 South Bay Blvd., Anna Maria.

The organizers of Harry's wine and food fundraiser are looking at October to reschedule the event, which was set to benefit the Suncoast Surfrider Foundation at Harry's Gourmet Deli, 5600 Gulf of Mexico Drive, Longboat Key.

On tap to perform at the SOS Concert are Scott's Garage, 5:30-7:30 p.m., and at 8 p.m., Highway 41. There also will be a screening outdoors of a children's movie at 8 p.m.

DJ Chris Grumley will be the master of ceremonies. There also will be food, vendors, arts and crafts, and sprinklers, bounce house, in addition to an outdoor screening of Wall-e for children.

Festivalgoers will be able to sample the Privateers' "buck-n-ear" corn and "scurvy" dogs. There will be a 50/50 drawing and a "Treasure Chest o' Grog Raffle." And the Privateers are upping the ante for large donations, offering a limited-edition Privateer 40th anniversary T-shirt to donors of \$50 or more.

Donations to Save Our Skullywag also can be made online at [www.amiprivateers.org](http://www.amiprivateers.org) or by sending checks to AMI Privateers, P.O. Box 1238, Holmes Beach FL 34218. Because donations generally go to scholarship funding, donors are asked to specify the donation is for SOS.

The Anna Maria Island Privateers is a nonprofit organization. Its mission is to support activities for the betterment of youth and to serve the community. The Privateers promote community events and fund a scholarship award program for Manatee County high school students.

For more information on the Privateers, go online at [www.amiprivateers.org](http://www.amiprivateers.org).

For event information, call 941-536-4257.

### 'Ruff life' to feature Skullywag

The Skullywag is pictured on the cover of Donna Harris' new novel, "Ruff Life."

Harris will sell and sign copies of her novel at the Privateers' Save Our Ship Concert.

"Ruff Life" features sites and events on Anna Maria Island, including the Skullywag.

### Longboat turtle watchers walk, meet

The Manatee Sarasota Sierra Club is joining with Longboat Key Turtle Watch to invite anyone interested to join their daily, early-morning searches for new turtle nests and the much-anticipated hatching of existing nests on the key beaches.

LBK Turtle Watch will demonstrate what they do on a group walk at 6:30 a.m. Saturday, July 7.

Several members will guide the group and share guidelines they use to check and document new nests. Group leaders also will share their efforts to preserve loggerhead turtles, the most frequent species nesting on LBK and Anna Maria Island.

Those interested in joining the walk are asked to park at the Longboat Key Hilton, 4711 Gulf of Mexico Drive, and meet at the pool.

The group will meet for breakfast — and more conversation — after the walk at the Blue Dolphin, 5370 Gulf of Mexico Drive, Suite 101, Longboat Key.

A donation of \$5 is suggested and reservations should be made by Thursday, July 5.

For information and reservations, call 941-752-3200 or e-mail [mecomary@aol.com](mailto:mecomary@aol.com).

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# County budgets \$2 million for BB groin repair

By Mark Young  
Islander Reporter

Bradenton Beach Police Department Lt. John Cosby announced at the June 20 city commission work/capital improvement projects meeting that the county has budgeted \$2 million to repair the groins at Cortez Beach.

“A couple of years ago, I met with (Vosburgh) to discuss the groins on the south end that were falling apart,” said Cosby. “The commission, at that time, gave the go ahead to speak with the county. I just found out today that the county has budgeted \$2 million to do those three groins.”

Cosby said the county wants to get the groins completed before they begin the 2014 beach renourishment project.

“So that will likely get started next year,” he said.

Commissioner Gay Breuler said she couldn’t imagine Holmes Beach not being upset because their groin had needed work, but was removed because the repairs were deemed too costly by the county.

“It’s a safety issue for Bradenton Beach,” said Cosby. “The groin in Holmes Beach was less accessible to the public than ours. The only way we could stop people from

walking all over them is to put up a chain link fence and that would look horrible.”

Public building official Steve Gilbert said Bradenton Beach also received priority because of the 2014 beach renourishment project.

“(Manatee County Natural Resources Department director) Charlie Hunsicker’s approach to the groins is for beach stabilization,” said Gilbert. “That’s primarily to ensure the groins are in place so when renourishment starts, the sand doesn’t flow to the south.”

## One-way parking at Cortez Beach?

Cosby also said he would like to see the city revisit a plan to alter parking at Cortez Beach.

“At one point there was a plan to shift parking to one way at Cortez Beach and make it all parallel parking,” he said. “We would have some bollards and vegetation put in to separate it from Gulf Drive.”

Cosby said if the commissioners were interested in revisiting the plan, he would discuss it with DOT, which did the study when the city first requested it a few years ago.

Breuler asked if the reason for the study was to pro-

vide more parking.

“More to control parking,” said Cosby. “When we have a big event, you have vehicles backing out into the road. There is a state law where you can’t back out onto a state road, and we have the biggest problem with it.”

Cosby said the problem gets even more serious when the Longboat Key Bridge goes up, creating gridlock from cars trying to back onto Gulf Drive from the beach parking area “with nowhere to go.”

Cosby said if they could get the traffic flow going into one direction, it would lessen the problem.

“It won’t solve all the problems, but it would be a fix for that area,” he said.

Commissioner Ric Gatehouse said he is hoping to develop a citywide parking policy and the study should be revisited.

“I know that plan has been on the backburner for a long time and I really think it merits further inspection,” he said.

Cosby said since the study was sanctioned by DOT, it “won’t be foreign to them when we propose it to them.”

Cosby said he was not seeking action at this time, but wanted to inform the commissioners that the subject may be brought up again in the near future.

# Canal dredging planned in Bradenton Beach

By Mark Young  
Islander Reporter

“This is going to make a lot of people very happy,” Bradenton Beach Commissioner Jan Vosburgh said following the June 20 announcement that two canal-dredging projects have been funded.

The news came from Bradenton Beach Police Lt. John Cosby at the city commission/capital improvement projects meeting at Bradenton Beach City Hall.

“A few years ago the city, in conjunction with the West Coast Inland Navigation District, asked to look at a couple of canals for dredging,” said Cosby. “So what’s happened is WCIND has the depths now on the south canal that runs to Coquina Beach and the one that ends around Leffis Key to the Longboat Key Bridge.”

Cosby said the dredging project has been approved and funded by WCIND and is ready for the next phase.

“WCIND will pay for the project, but since this was several years ago, I would suggest that this commission put in a letter asking WCIND to move forward,” said Cosby. “I think you also should ask Holmes Beach and Anna Maria for a letter of cooperation.”

Cosby said dredging projects also are needed and

planned in Holmes Beach and Anna Maria.

“If all three were done at the same time, it would save the county a lot of money. If you could provide us with a consensus to move forward and the next step would be to have the mayor sign a letter of cooperation, we could hopefully move along with this.”

The commissioners gave them approval, but Mayor John Shaughnessy was absent with excuse.

Cosby said once the commissioners sent a letter to WCIND and to the cities of Holmes Beach and Anna Maria, he would present the final details at a regular city commission meeting.

“Manatee County is actually pushing for us to have the canals in our cities dredged, so this should be all but a done deal,” said Cosby.

In other CIP matters, Cosby said negotiations with landowners continue in regard to placing new welcome signs at two of the city’s entryways.

“We got a copy of the easement and sent it to (them). I’ll try and get a hold of them, but if not, I’ll send a certified letter out by the end of the week,” said Cosby.

Cosby said CIP also is looking to improve a drainage issue at the S-curve near 12th Street South, and plans to meet with a Florida Department of Transportation representative to discuss the issue.



## Wildlife Inc. captures chickens

Wildlife Inc. gets roundup help June 19 from Devon Straight, 13, Tyler Russell, 13, and Laura Gutierrez, King Middle School teacher, collecting abandoned chickens and freshly laid eggs in the area of Belle Haven Cottage and the Anna Maria Island Historical Society, 402 Pine Ave., Anna Maria. *Islander Photo: Kathy Prucnell*

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# Anna Maria shuts down chicken coop

By Rick Catlin  
Islander Reporter

The roosters and chickens dropped off at the Anna Maria Island Historical Park on Pine Avenue, Anna Maria, Memorial Day weekend have found a home, according to Gail Straight of Wildlife Inc., Bradenton Beach.

She said a wildlife client who owns a farm in North Port has agreed to take all seven of the birds and raise them as domestic farm animals, ensuring they don't end



Some of the chickens and roosters abandoned at the Anna Maria Island Historical Park in Anna Maria several weeks ago have been adopted by a woman who owns a farm in North Port, said Gail Straight of Wildlife Inc., Bradenton Beach. Straight, her grandson Devon Straight, Damen Hurd and Tyler Russell captured the fowl pictured here June 18 and the remainder were caught during the week. Islander Photo: Courtesy Gail Straight

up on someone's dinner table.

Straight, along with grandson Devon and volunteers Damen Hurd and Tyler Russell, captured the birds during night expeditions to the park last week. The fowl were unharmed in the roundup, Gail Straight said.

"They are going to a nice farm. The lady is a client and she has promised to take good care of them," she added.

Gail Straight said this type of animal capture is not the sort of rescue normally performed by her nonprofit rehab organization, but she was pleased she could find a good home for the birds.

The Straights — Gail and husband Bradenton Beach Commissioner Ed Straight — and their volunteers usually capture injured wild animals and wayward birds, rehabilitates them and returns them to the wild. Wildlife Inc. also makes many educational presentations on Florida wildlife and their environment to schools, organizations and associations.

"These weren't really wild, but we used our techniques to capture them without harming the birds," Gail Straight said.

The Bantam chickens and roosters mysteriously appeared at the park one morning last month after someone apparently abandoned them during the night, complete with food and care instructions.

The city had been searching to find a home for the birds for several weeks, said public works superintendent George McKay.

McKay and some kind-hearted residents who became charmed by the fowl family were concerned someone would decide to make a dinner of them, but all's well that ends well.

Mayor Mike Selby said someone suggested the city allow the chickens and roosters to remain at the park

as an attraction, but Selby said he had to reject the idea because farm animals are not allowed in the city.

The city does not know who abandoned the birds.

## Pro chicken group too late

The Pro Chicken Group in Anna Maria formed by Sandy Rich to have the city keep seven chickens and roosters someone abandoned at the Anna Maria Island Historical Society park last month was a few days late in its efforts to halt removal of the fowl.

Last week, Wildlife Inc. of Bradenton Beach captured the last of the gang of seven Bantams and transported all of them, along with some recently laid eggs, to a farm in North Port.

The farm owner has pledged to raise the fowl as domestic farm animals.

Rich formed a group of animal lovers who wanted Mayor Mike Selby and the city to allow the birds to remain at the park, where they had made a home among the park bushes and under the Belle Haven cottage there.

"We are the PC Group," read Rich's flyer that she posted throughout Anna Maria.

"Have you hugged your chicken today?" the flyer asked. "We are forming a neighborhood chicken watch and we will be armed with raw eggs," Rich wrote.

Selby said city code forbids maintaining farm animals, and it would have taken an ordinance to allow the historical park brood to remain.

Had they been left at the historical park, eventually someone would probably have decided they wanted a fresh-roasted chicken for dinner, the mayor observed, and the city can't afford anything to "fowl up" Anna Maria.

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# BB pier team awaits contract, addresses floating dock

By Mark Young  
Islander Reporter

Planning to reconstruct the Historic Bridge Street Pier will have to wait until the July 5 Bradenton Beach City Commission meeting.

The city pier team met June 21 to discuss the pier project with engineer Charles Sago, but Sago was informed his contract could not be signed until the July 5 meeting.

Commissioners recently approved a \$14,000 expenditure for an engineer study by Sago, but did not yet approve the contract.

Sago was the project engineer when the city built what is now Rotten Ralph's Restaurant on the pier. As the engineer of record for the pier project, the pier team had already decided to move forward with Sago as a continuation of the project.

Building official Steve Gilbert did provide some news to the team, confirming the city would not have to update its submerged land lease with the state.

The project calls for 151 pilings to be replaced, as well as the wooden deck. The old pilings will be pulled and new pilings will be inserted in the same locations. Gilbert was concerned the city would have to expend additional time modifying the city's lease with the state, but was informed that would not be an obstacle.

"I received a couple of e-mails from (Florida Department of Environmental Protection) and got confirmation regarding the submerged land lease," said Gilbert. "As long as we are going back in the same holes, we do not need to redo or modify the submerged land lease with the state."

Gilbert suggested those involved with the project also invite DEP to do a site visit to speed up the permit process.

"I found the preliminary packet for making the application, and about half of it isn't even applicable to our project," he said. "I may call the permitting reviewer for DEP and see whether she has anything more specific. Part of their process is to do a site visit. We should invite them to come walk the pier and bring the forms we need."



The floating dock next to the Historic Bridge Street Pier remains barricaded for safety measures. According to the city, bolts holding the sections of the dock together have begun to shear due to wave action, posing a threat to public safety. *Islander Photo: Mark Young*

Sago said once the contract has been signed, it would be a good idea to put together a report for DEP.

"When these inspectors come down, they will probably see some of the pilings," he said. "It might be a good idea that we have a report assessing the pilings. We'll take a tour, take some photos and make a report."

### Focus turns to floating dock

The floating dock next to the pier has had sections closed to public use for several weeks.

Bolts holding several of the sections together have become sheared due to wave action, causing sections to separate and creating a public-safety issue.

Public works director Tom Woodard has been in contact with Gator Dock, the company that installed the dock.

"I've been talking with Gator Dock and have some of their general designs for their hinges, and I have what

they are recommending," said Woodard. "I have asked for a scope of work, which they have not yet provided."

City staff has been considering options in what Woodard has said is an ongoing issue. Commissioners Jan Vosburgh and Gay Breuler both suggested removing the existing dock and replacing it with a wooden dock.

"We are looking at maybe \$10,000 to fix what we have," said city pier team facilitator-Bradenton Beach Police Chief Sam Speciale. "It would be tens of thousands of dollars for us to remove that dock and build a new one."

Speciale said the pier team needs to make a decision.

"We just need a decision on how we are going to attack this thing," he said. "We asked for the specs on the hinges and we've received that."

The team is still considering shortening the floating dock from eight sections to five. Speciale said four sections of the dock are good, as well as the end section, but three sections are badly damaged.

"The only reason why we are saying to shorten the dock is because of the actual damage to the last three sections," said Speciale. "So we aren't fixing what we have, we are just changing it and trying to come up with the best way to do that for the least amount of money."

The team gave a consensus for Woodard to continue his conversations with Gator Dock and to again ask them for a scope of work. City staff will recommend using Gator Dock as the company of record.

Gilbert said the dock's warranty with Gator Dock had expired, but if the city chooses to hire Gator Dock to do the new work, it will reinstate the warranty.

"It's a Gator Dock product," said Woodard.

Speciale also announced that the Anna Maria Island Historical Society would like to begin using the dock for boat tours. Speciale said the society has not been allowed boat tours to dock at the Anna Maria City Pier, and would like to bring their tours to Bradenton Beach.

"When I had the discussion with them, I told them the reason for putting the floating dock there was for the use of water taxis, so we told them 'absolutely.'"

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# BIEO plans public hurricane awareness meeting

By Rick Catlin  
Islander Reporter

The Coalition of Barrier Island Elected Officials is giving hurricane awareness the old college try by scheduling a public meeting later this summer on what to do in a hurricane situation.

Although some public meetings on hurricane awareness have attracted only small numbers of attendees, Holmes Beach Commissioner David Zaccagnino said each entity needs to understand the other's role in an emergency situation.

Anna Maria deputy city clerk Diane Percycoe said the creation of Manatee County's Emergency Operations Center largely eliminated the role of the old Island Emergency Operations Center, which used to hold hurricane public awareness meetings each year. Few people attended those meetings, she said.

Percycoe's suggestion was to have a meeting of emergency response official from each Island city and Longboat Key. BIEO members, however, agreed to have those four officials and an EOC representative meet for discussion of procedures and invite the public to attend.

The EOC official would discuss the center's role in an evacuation, while the Island and Longboat Key officials would discuss, among other topics, communications with the EOC and each city during an emergency situation.

Bohnenberger's concern was that many people on the Island have never been through an evacuation or emergency situation, but public meetings on the subject draw few people. He recalled one such meeting where there were more officials than public in atten-

## Anna Maria has volunteer openings

Anna Maria Mayor Mike Selby said there are several openings on city committees and boards for residents interested in serving the community.

One position is available on the planning and zoning board and another opening is on the capital improvements advisory committee.

Anyone interested may apply at Anna Maria City Hall, 10005 Gulf Drive, or call 941-708-6130 for more information.



Holmes Beach Commissioner Jean Peelen, right, attended the June 20 Coalition of Barrier Island Elected Officials meeting in Anna Maria to lobby for a four-city committee to pursue grants. Manatee County Commissioner Carol Whitmore, left, supported Peelen's proposed idea. Islander Photo: Rick Catlin

dance.

The public is lackadaisical about the issue until a real emergency arises, he said.

"But we have to try" to educate the public, Anna Maria Mayor Mike Selby said.

Holmes Beach Commissioner Sandy Haas-Martens said the meeting would be a good opportunity to explain the role of the Anna Maria Island Community Emergency Response Team, which is a volunteer group of Islanders that provides assistance in an Island emergency, such as a hurricane, fire or evacuation.

Percycoe said CERT always can use more volunteers.

Zaccagnino said he would prepare a press release and find a time when the Holmes Beach commission chamber is available for such a meeting.

In other business, Holmes Beach Commissioner Jean Peelen proposed a grant-writing committee made up of one representative from each coalition city to work together to prepare grant proposals. She said there would be strength in any grant proposal if four cities were backing the application.

Other elected officials were in general agreement with the suggestion, but Bohnenberger said that from

his experience, public grants are only given to one entity because that entity must be responsible for the money.

He said the last joint effort among Island cities was for a Southwest Florida Water Management District grant in the 1990s. That effort required an interlocal agreement and was a good idea that didn't work so well when Swiftmud asked to have one city in charge of funding.

Peelen said the committee didn't have to prepare a joint application, just look for grant opportunities that any member city might use.

"Just keep it simple. Don't make it complex," she said.

Bohnenberger said a joint grant effort might work better when seeking a private-sector grant. For public grants, a simple letter from each coalition city backing the grant proposal would show support.

Members agreed to form a working committee to investigate grant opportunities in the public and private sector.

Selby nominated Commissioner Jo Ann Mattick to be Anna Maria's representative to the grant committee, although she is not seeking re-election in November.

Peelen said there is a grant-writing seminar in late July and she'll have more information on that at the next BIEO meeting at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 18, at the Bradenton Beach commission chambers, 107 Gulf Drive N.

Anna Maria public works director George McKay announced that the Manatee Mosquito Control District was planning to use a helicopter to spray Anna Maria Island due to an upswing in mosquito complaints.

### To volunteer for CERT

Pete Gross of Holmes Beach is president of the Anna Maria Island Community Emergency Response Team.

There are about 24 CERT members, Gross said, but he would like to have 100 members.

A CERT member is trained in emergency response and assists first responders in such emergencies as fires, accidents, hurricanes or an evacuation.

Often, a CERT member is on the scene of an emergency before a first responder, Gross said.

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# Bridge Street Merchants group scraps shuttle for valet

By Mark Young  
Islander Reporter

The planned shuttle service from Coquina Beach to Bridge Street in Bradenton Beach using golf carts was scrapped following a June 20 vote from Bridge Street Merchants Association members at their monthly meeting at Banana Cabana, 103 Gulf Drive N., Bradenton Beach.

Members will instead support an idea abandoned earlier this year, a private valet parking service.

The plan was proposed by Bridge Street Bistro owner Bill Herlihy and received city approval, but fell apart when negotiations to shuttle cars through a private alleyway at Bridgewalk Resort collapsed.

Bridge Street Bistro leases its restaurant from Bridgewalk Resort.

However, Herlihy said he would continue to look at the valet service as a means to alleviate parking issues. At the time of the original proposal, the valet parking plan coincided with the merchants' goal to initiate the shuttle service.

Association member Jake Spooner told members June 20 that discussions on the valet parking have resurfaced with Herlihy.

"I was talking to Bill about the parking issue and the valet service," said Spooner. "He checked with the city about using the city parking lot" to shuttle cars to the valet lot instead of the private alleyway.

Spooener said the city appears to be in favor of this option, giving new life to the valet service. Herlihy was going to pay an approximate \$2,000 a month for the service, which would provide free parking to all Bridge Street consumers, but Spooner requested the association pick up half the bill if the plan is approved.

"It would be about \$100 a month for each business," said Spooner. "I was wondering if that was more of a direction we wanted to take instead of doing the carts. I think it would be a cleaner operation instead of running people down to Bridge Street with golf carts."

And likely less expensive in the long run, he said.

Research into how much a shuttle service would cost proved to be more than what association members originally thought. An estimated street legal, rebuilt golf cart would cost approximately \$6,000 and insurance could run as high as \$3,000 a year.

"And then there's maintenance and making sure we always have a driver, and hopefully depend on somebody volunteering to drive," said BSM president Julie Kirkwood.

Members present voted to support the valet parking plan and scrap the shuttle service.

Kirkwood also announced that 15 new promotional banners had arrived. She showed the banners to members present at the meeting. The banners will hang from Bridge Street light posts.



Bridge Street Merchants Association president Julie Kirkwood shows association members June 20 the new banners that will hang on Bridge Street light posts. *Islander Photo: Mark Young*

Kirkwood said the person delivering the banners left them in a vehicle during hot weather, which caused some minor problems with ink running, but the damage is hard to notice.

She told members that the company offered BSM either a \$300 discount or to reprint the banners at no charge.

The members voted to accept the discount, leaving the total cost for the banners at \$1,595. Kirkwood said the banners should be in place before the July 4 holiday.

Kirkwood also provided the Bridge Street Market report in place of market manager Melissa Enders, who was unable to attend the meeting. Kirkwood said the June 2 night market had 25 vendors accounting for \$780 in rental fees.

The June 16 night market featured 31 vendors, bringing in \$870, but Spooner noted that the amount taken in from vendors was barely enough to pay BSM's advertising costs.

"But," he said, "I know we don't have the market for the merchants association to make money. It's to get people to Bridge Street and that has happened."

Kirkwood agreed, saying the markets were well attended and brought a nice family crowd onto Bridge Street.

Spooener suggested that if the market is held next year, that it takes place every week instead of every two weeks.

"No. 1, people are getting confused when it is," he said. "Secondly, we are paying for weekly advertising anyway, so we should have it weekly."

## Bridge Street night market proves popular

By Mark Young  
Islander Reporter

Outdoor markets are a great way for any business-owner — big or small, new or old — to get exposure for his or her wares.

Vendors packed those wares into the June 16 Bridge Street Night Market, and shoppers, browsers and anyone looking for something unique followed.

The market grounds abounded with unique and sweet.

From Mike and Kelly Headley's environmentally friendly furniture to Kasandra Bibaz and Jaclyn Lockhart's custom cupcakes to heart-healthy gourmet fudge, festivalgoers were literally in for a treat.

"I really didn't know what to expect when we decided to start this night market," said Bridge Street Market manager Melissa Enders. "We still had vendor space at the June 2 market and this time I had to let vendors know we were full."

Enders said attendance at the night market has exceeded her expectations. Vendor reaction also has been positive with some doing better than others, but all making sales that they would otherwise not realize.

Bibaz and Lockhart, both seventh-grade teachers at Buffalo Creek Middle School in Bradenton, started up Cup Cakes and Chaos five months ago.

"We've been doing really well," said Bibaz. "The adults really like our cupped cakes and the cupcake pushpops are popular with the kids."

The mini cakes in a cup and the pushpops are a neat and fun way for kids to enjoy cupcakes. Bibaz said it started when she and Lockhart became friends and started bringing their unique cupcakes to school events.

"We really liked each other's cupcakes and decided to team up to try this," said Lockhart. "We definitely wanted to be unique and do something different."

Teachers by day, the pair don't yet have a storefront, but they do offer catering. For more information, find them on Facebook, or e-mail them at [cupcakesandchaosfl@gmail.com](mailto:cupcakesandchaosfl@gmail.com).

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# Fundraiser focuses on visitor-turtle education materials

By Mark Young  
Islander Reporter

Anna Maria Island Turtle Watch & Shorebird Monitoring staff and volunteers played host to a June 20 wine-tasting event at Island Time Bar & Grill, 111 Gulf Drive S., Bradenton Beach.

The fundraiser was designed to raise money to ensure every resident and visitor to AMI has information in hand to help keep the Island's beaches clean for the sake of

## NIGHT MARKET CONTINUED FROM PAGE 19

Headley, owner of Red House Design Studio, showed his environmentally friendly furniture samples for the first time at the market. He only started his business six months ago. Headley hand crafts furniture at his studio home and his designs can be seen at [www.redhousedesignstudio.com](http://www.redhousedesignstudio.com).

"I wasn't sure people would like what I'm doing, but I've had a great response," said Headley. "My wife works in a furniture store, so she understands the dimensions of a good piece of furniture, and it's a perfect partnership."

New vendors joining the market include a soft-serve ice cream truck, gourmet fudge, gourmet coffee and more. Bridge Street Bistro and Banana Cabana returned to offer festivalgoers free samples of their cuisine, and gourmet popsicles were offered by another vendor.

The next market is scheduled for 5-9 p.m. Saturday, June 30.

"You really need to come check it out," said Enders. "It's growing and it's great family fun. There's something for everyone."

Animal adoptions are offered at the markets by Lisa Williams of MoonRacer No-Kill rescue. Williams also is the office manager for *The Islander*.

"It's almost like running a petting zoo," Williams said. "So many kids want to hold the baby kittens, and one was adopted at the market. Visitors who miss their pets also stop by to say 'hello.'"

Williams said the market is a great way to spread the word about the plight of homeless pets — and also to find homes and fosters for the ones she rescues.

The next market is 5-9 p.m. Saturday, June 30.

local wildlife.

AMITW executive director Suzi Fox said clean beaches mean better nesting habitat for sea turtles, and it has been a busy nesting season for AMITW volunteers, who have recorded 160 nests since June 20.

That's already 15 more nests than what was recorded



Tom Parry and fiancée Cindy Quinn discuss with turtle watch volunteer Skip Coyne at the June 20 wine tasting at Island Time Grill and Bar in Bradenton Beach some of the educational materials that are available to help people learn how to coexist in a sea turtle habitat. *Islander Photo: Bonner Joy*

last year and five more than the season average dating back to 1997.

The most recorded nests of any season was in 1999, when 244 nests were documented. The fewest nests recorded occurred in 2002, when 94 nests were documented.

All money raised June 20 will be put toward the creation and purchase of materials to be handed out to every visitor who comes to AMI, "as part of our public awareness campaign," said Fox.

Fox said the funds will go to pay for informative stickers that will be applied to each renters' key envelope. She said "They'll see the sea turtle picture and information. They'll have to see it to get their keys."

If people remain interested in aiding AMITW through a busy nesting season, the organization also offers an Adopt-a-Nest program.

For more information on the adoption program, contact AMITW volunteer Glenn Wiseman at 248-982-5500.

## Things to remember during sea turtle nesting season

- It is against the law to disturb sea turtles, hatchlings or their nests. Sea turtles are protected by both the Federal Endangered Species Act and the Florida Marine Protection Act.
- If you see anyone disturbing a nest or harassing a turtle, immediately contact the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 888-404-FWCC.
- If you see an injured or dead sea turtle, report the incident to Anna Maria Island Turtle Watch, 941-778-5638, or call the FWC at 888-404-FWCC.
- Do not touch sea turtles. If you believe an adult or hatchling sea turtle to be disoriented, immediately contact AMITW at 941-778-5638.
- Avoid using flashlights and never use flash photography at night to shoot photos of turtles.
- If you see a mother turtle coming onshore, give her complete right-of-way. Remain far away and quiet.

## Sea turtle nesting by the numbers



As of June 15, Anna Maria Island Turtle Watch and Shorebird Monitoring was reporting:

- Documented turtle nests: 160
- Number of false crawls: 144
- Number of hatchlings to the sea: 0

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# All-star games wind up youth basketball season

By Kevin P. Cassidy  
Islander Reporter

Due to Anna Maria Island Community Center scheduling conflicts for the gym, youth basketball league all-star games were delayed until June 18, but that didn't diminish the enthusiasm when players were announced over the loudspeaker in NBA fashion.

The first game of the evening saw the 8-10 division Blue all-stars defeat the shorthanded White team 14-5. David Daigle scored 6 points and Daniel Sentman added 4 points to lead the Blue. Tuna McCracken and Andrew Austin both added 2 points for Blue, which boasts all-star teammates Conal Cassidy, Hannah McCracken, Alex Rodriguez and Griffin Heckler.

Luke Marvin and Tori Walter scored 2 points each and Anni Walter added 1 point to lead the White. Katie Krokroskia led all players with eight rebounds. Other members of the White all-star team are Ava Zink, Franklin Valdez and Jack Groves.

The 11-13 division Blue all-stars defeated the White 41-19 behind 13 points from Corey Jacques and 10 points and six rebounds from Dayton Modderman. Moriah Goode and Adam Clark both finished with 4 points and nine rebounds, while Jean-Paul Russo's 4 points and 3 points each from Rory Houston and Brooke Capparelli rounded out the Blue victory. Other members of the Blue all-star team are Michael Latimer and Trent Boring.

Seth Walter scored 6 points and grabbed six rebounds and Andrew Zink added 4 points and six rebounds to lead the White team in the loss. Andrew Ross finished with 4 points and brother Jake added 3 points. Other members of the White all-stars are Levi Lengel, Jack Walter, George Lardas, Leo Rose and Matthew Manger.

The 14-17 division all-star game was short on participants for the game, but they should be recognized for their season efforts this season. Members of the White all-stars are Tegan Purtill, Jerry Mayer, Kate Michaelson, Joey Carder, Connor Fields, Thomas Pears, Carolyn Cullinan, Justin Gargett, Derek Polch and Brennan Gallagher.

Members of the Blue team are Ryan Gilman, Burke McCampbell-Hill, Neahmiah Goode, Max Miller, Alex Gilman, Madison Driscoll, Pearce Hogan, Julius Gomes, Kieren Grumley, Chelsea Burgess and Johnny Matay.



Conal Cassidy defends against Tori Walter during the Anna Maria Island Community Center's basketball league 8-10 division all-star game June 18. *Islander Photo: Kevin Cassidy*

## Key Royale golf news

Members of the club on hand this week mourned the death June 17 of club pro and golf director Donald "Danny" Williams Jr. Williams was committed to keeping members happy and also served on the golf, greens and long-range planning committees at the club. He will be missed.

The women of Key Royale Club played a nine-hole, individual-low-net golf match June 19. Meredith Slavin and Tootie Wagner both carded 3-under-par 29 to finish in a tie for first place in Flight A. Two shots back in a two-way tie for second place were Joyce Brown and Judy Christiansen. Christina Mason and Laura Purcell finished in a tie for third place with even-par 32s.

Terry Westby fired a 4-under-par 28 to earn first place in Flight B. Sue Wheeler was alone in second place at 2-under-par 30, while Liz Lang was another shot back in third place. Diane Miller managed a birdie on hole two.

## Horseshoe news

Three teams emerged from pool play to advance to the knockout round during June 23 horseshoe

action at the Anna Maria City Hall horseshoe pits. George McKay and John King drew the bye into the finals and watched as Hank Huyghe and John Johnson edged Dan Belden and Tim Sofran 22-17. Huyghe-Johnson then steamrolled McKay-King 22-7 in the championship game.

Horseshoe action June 20 saw John Johnson and Steve Grossman earn the day's outright bragging rights with the only 3-0 record in pool play.

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.

## Center offers week-long basketball camp

The Anna Maria Island Community Center is offering a youth basketball camp 9:30-11:30 a.m. July 9-12 under the guidance of assistant athletic director Matt Ray.

Ray played collegiate ball at Indiana University East, where he was a starter and team captain. He has experience assisting with past basketball camps at Purdue, Michigan and Dayton Universities.

The center's basketball camp will focus on helping players improve their fundamentals and understanding of the game.

Cost for the four-day camp is \$80. For more information or to register, call the center at 941-778-1908.

## Brits bring skills to AMICC

British Soccer Camp will be offered at the center 9-11 a.m. July 23-26 for players ages 3-5 and 9 a.m.-noon for players 6-16.

Cost for the youngsters is \$85, while the older age group fee is \$110. Applications received less than 10 days prior to camp will be charged an additional \$10 fee.

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Registration forms are available at the center, but players are encouraged to register at [www.challengesports.com](http://www.challengesports.com).

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June 29	7:57	2.5	11:01	1.4	1:07	1.1	3:47	0.0	
June 30	8:48	2.6	—	—	1:50	1.2	4:50	-0.2	
July 1	12:26	1.4	9:41a	2.8	2:36	1.3	5:46	-0.4	
July 2	1:28	1.4	10:34a	2.9	3:27	1.3	6:35	-0.4	
July 3	2:11	1.4	11:26a	2.9	4:23	1.3	7:21	-0.4	Full
July 4	2:42	1.4	12:16	2.9	5:21	1.3	8:01	-0.3	

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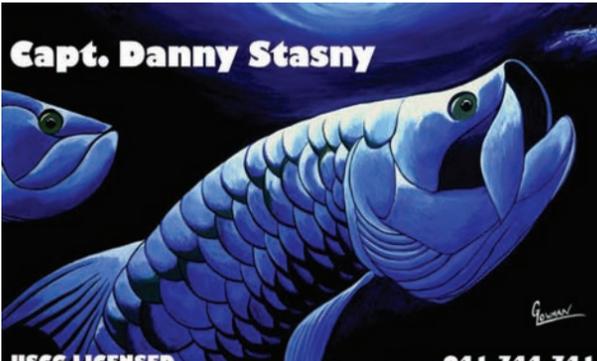
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# Summertime fishing is hot all around Island

By Capt. Danny Stasny  
Islander Reporter

Summer arrived June 21, and with the warm weather, fishing the grass flats east of Anna Maria Island and throughout Sarasota Bay is resulting in good action for spotted seatrout, redfish and catch-and-release snook.

Live baits, including shiners shrimp and pinfish, are working, or try your luck using some artificial baits, such as top-water plugs and soft plastics.

Look for snook and redfish during high tides under the mangroves, waiting to ambush an unsuspecting shiner. These fish will be lurking deep in the bushes, especially during the midday sun, so you may need to chum to entice the fish to targetable water. When you do, it's game on. Remember, handle snook carefully, they're still recovering from the severe cold in 2010.

If you're looking for spotted seatrout action, try finding lush grass flats with good water flow. With that in mind, you may want to target flats around the passes and at the mouth of the Manatee River. Early morning top-water action is some of the best light-tackle fishing you can experience and now is the time to do it. If you step out of the boat, into shallow wading water, even better. You'll discover how many more fish you can catch by being stealthy.

Jim Malfese at the Rod & Reel Pier is seeing moderate numbers of Spanish mackerel being caught in the early morning hours. Small white crappie jigs are the bait of choice, although silver spoons are working, too. While using spoons and jigs, expect a side catch of small jack crevalle, ladyfish and a few lizardfish.

Pier fishers using live bait, such as shiners and shrimp, are catching mangrove snapper, black drum and even a few catch-and-release snook. For the snapper and drum, try bottom fishing with shrimp under the pier. For the snook, try free-lining a shiner in the shallows around the beginning of the pier.

Last but not least, pier fishers using cut bait, such as ladyfish and mackerel, are catching a variety of shark. Expect to encounter lemon, bonnethead and blacktip sharks. The largest shark caught at the Rod & Reel Pier this past week was a nurse shark measuring 8 feet long.



## Tarpon on!

James Sturrock, left, and Eric Hicks with the rod, watch as Capt. Mac Gregory pulls up a hefty silverking for a photo and release on a recent fishing trip in Tampa Bay.

Jonny Keyes at Island Discount Tackle is hearing of good action for shore fishers. For those fishing the beaches, catch-and-release snook action is heating up. An assortment of baits are working, but you can't beat a live shiner. Along the beaches, schools of jack crevalle are corralling bait schools on the shoreline. When you see this, you can cast just about anything in the water and get a bite. I suggest a white bucktail jig or silver spoon.

Sharks also are patrolling the beaches. Sightings of bull sharks, hammerheads, blacktips and bonnetheads are being reported. Keyes suggests using cut ladyfish or a jack crevalle to hook up with one of these predators.

From the piers, Keyes is hearing of Spanish mackerel and ladyfish being caught in both the early morning and late evening, and speck rigs, crappie jigs and small silver spoons appear to be getting the most attention.

Capt. Rick Gross of Fishy Business Charters is targeting tarpon just off the beaches of Anna Maria Island. Using live shiners or threadfin herring, Gross is leading his clients to fish in the 75- to 100-pound range. Gross is fishing the passes using the same live bait methods as on the beach.

In the backcountry, Gross is targeting redfish on high tides, which causes the reds to lay directly under the mangroves. Chumming with live shiners, Gross is able to lure the reds out from the watery roots and put them in targetable range for his clients. Average size of the reds this past week was 21 inches with the largest coming in at 24 inches.

Spotted seatrout also are in Gross' sights. Gross anchored last week on some deeper grass flats and chummed to get the fish in the mood. Once the trout are feeding, Gross' clients are free-lining shiners to get the bite. His biggest trout this past week was 22 inches.

Finally, Gross is managing to get his clients on a few catch-and-release snook. Again, free-lining shiners is

getting the bite. His largest linesider this past week came in at 33 inches.

Capt. Warren Girle is targeting tarpon in the passes and off the beaches of Anna Maria Island and Longboat Key. With an average of six or seven hookups per trip, Girle's clients are managing to get one or two fish to the boat for a quick photo. Average size of the catch this past week was 60-120 pounds. Live baits such as crabs, shiners and threadfin herring are Girle's baits of choice.

Moving out to the nearshore reefs, Girle is finding good numbers of bonito. These fish don't have any food value, but they're fun to catch on light tackle. It's not uncommon for a bonito to peel off 100 yards of line on its first run. And they fight to the bitter end.

Girle is finding flounder around the nearshore reefs, using live shiners on the bottom through sandy areas adjacent to the reef. Average size of the flounder is 18 inches. All you'll need is some crab stuffing and you're ready for dinner.

In the backcountry, Girle is targeting redfish and spotted seatrout. For the reds, Girle is fishing shallow grass flats with live shiners for bait. Girle suggests finding mangrove islands with good tidal flow to find the

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Kaitlyn and Emma Munford visiting Anna Maria Island from California bring home dinner for the family — a nice catch of redfish while on a trip with Capt. Warren Girle.



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# Obituaries

## William M. Church

William M. Church, 87, of Holmes Beach, died June 19.

Arrangements were by Griffith-Cline Funeral Home.

Survivors include wife Verdella; son William; daughter Verdella; sister Elizabeth; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

## Michael E. Culhane

Michael E. Culhane, 61, of Bradenton, died June 19.

He was born in Paterson, N.J., and moved in 1980 to Anna Maria from Hawthorne, N.J.

He enjoyed sailing and fishing and was a longtime member of the Anna Maria Island Privateers.

Service will be private for the family. Brown & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory 43rd Street Chapel was in charge of arrangements. Memorial donations may be made to Tidewell Hospice & Palliative Care, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota FL 34238. Condolences may be made online at [www.brownsandsonsfuneral.com](http://www.brownsandsonsfuneral.com).

Mr. Culhane is survived by sons Christopher of Bradenton, and Jared and wife Katrina of Orlando; daughter Lorin and husband Rob Newingham of Bradenton; brothers Paul of Port Charlotte, Fla., Edward of Totowa, N.J., and Timothy of Hawthorne, N.J.; sister Kathy and husband Robert Kelley of Sarasota; seven grandchildren; and 10 nieces and nephews.

## Thelma Grace Savage

Thelma Grace Savage, 94, of Bradenton, died June 15.

Mrs. Savage performed with the Venice Symphony, the Sarasota Pop Symphony and the Anna Maria Island Community Orchestra. She attended Harvey Memorial Church of Bradenton Beach and enjoyed going to the beach.

There will be no services. Brown & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory 26th Street Chapel, Bradenton, was in charge of arrangements. Memorial donations may be made to Tidewell Hospice & Palliative Care, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota FL 34238. Condolences may be made online at [www.brownsandsonsfuneral.com](http://www.brownsandsonsfuneral.com).

Mrs. Savage is survived by son Mark of Shelbyville, Ind.; daughter Lynne Ellen Dossey of Colleyville, Texas; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and nephew Don Griesbach of Bradenton.

## Donald 'Danny' Williams Jr.

Donald "Danny" Williams Jr. of Anna Maria died June 17. He was born in 1923 in Westfield, N.J., and spent most of his professional life in the state of New Jersey.

Mr. Williams served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps. He was a life member of the Professional Golfers Association for 64 years.

"Danny," as he was known professionally, began his golf career in 1946 at the Knoll Golf Club, Boonton, N.J., as assistant to the head golf professional, who was his father. In 1952, he became the head pro at Rockaway River Country Club. He returned to the Knoll in 1955 to help his father for five years. He then served as head pro at Glens Falls Country Club in New York. It was there in 1963 he became Northeastern New York PGA Champion and qualified for the National PGA Championship. Mr. Williams returned to New Jersey to become head pro at Mendham Golf and Tennis Club, where he set the course record of 67 and remained for 28 years. He also set records at four other clubs.

Mr. Williams amassed 11 New Jersey professional titles. He won his first tournament as a New Jersey PGA Super Senior. He retired to Florida in 1966. He earned the title of Super Senior Open Champion in 1993 and 1995 as a member of PGA North Florida Section, Southwest Chapter. He had eight holes in one and two double eagles during his career.

Mr. Williams most recently served as the pro and golf director at the Key Royale Club, Anna Maria Island, where he also served on the golf, greens and long-range

planning committees. He was "committed to keeping the members happy and enjoying golf."

Mr. Williams was an all-around athlete and excelled in many sports, including bowling and running. He was particularly proud to have run with hundreds of others over the Sunshine Skyway Bridge before its opening. He was most renowned for his teaching abilities, and had success teaching young players. Many titles were won by his pupils.

The family plans to hold a celebration of life at a later date in New Jersey.

Mr. Williams is survived by his wife of 22 years, Penelope; children Donna and husband Steve Matlaga of Cedar Knolls, N.J.; Nancy and husband Mark Goebel of Stanhope, N.J.; Dan III of Mendham, N.J.; and John P. of Bradenton; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and sisters Dorothy Blews of Mt. Airy, N.C., Betty Kuhar of Los Gatos, Calif., and Nicola and husband Pat Stickle of Bradenton.

## Jean R. Thobe

Jean R. Thobe released her spirit to God on Monday morning, June 18. Her life on Bradenton Beach was an example of how to live gloriously. Her mother, Helen Ramsey, moved to Bradenton Beach in 1952. In 1963, Jean and Ralph Thobe moved their family to the same property, where they built a home facing the Gulf of Mexico. The house was razed in

1982 in order to construct Summer Sands condominium, where they lived for the remainder of their lives. Jean loved crafts, which included shell work, knitting, sewing, quilting and macrame. She was accomplished at all of them and loved learning something new. She was very involved in Roser Church on Anna Maria Island, and volunteered her time to its Migrant Mission, Roser Guild and Thrift Store. Jean lived by the Golden Rule and was a cherished member of her family. Her memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 28, at the Roser Memorial Community Church Chapel with a reception to follow in the fellowship hall. Please, join us in celebrating her life!

In memory of Jean Thobe, donations may be made to Roser Memorial Community Church.



## Island real estate transactions

By Jesse Brisson

Special to *The Islander*

302 67th St., Holmes Beach, a 1,716 sfla / 2,300 sfur 3bed/2bath/1car pool home built in 1960 on a 100x100 lot sold 05/25/12, Kerr to 302 67th LLC for \$410,000.

303 62nd St., Holmes Beach, a 1,852 sfla / 2,114 sfur 3bed/2bath duplex built in 1983 on a 74x101 lot was sold 05/23/12, Stoner to Calhoun for \$405,000.

301 72nd St., Holmes Beach, a 1,800 sfla / 2,568 sfur 3bed/2bath/2car home built in 1970 on a 124x110 lot sold 05/25/12, Sears to Yonkee for \$405,000; list \$439,000.

306 67th St., Holmes Beach, a 1,134 sfla / 1,781 sfur 2bed/2bath/1car pool home built in 1967 on a 92x105 lot sold 05/18/12, House of Hazel LLC to 111 Peppertree LLC for \$402,000; list \$435,000.

753 Jacaranda Road, Anna Maria, a vacant 75x100 lot was sold 05/31/12, Purves to Broadbin for \$350,000.

1461 Gulf Drive, Unit 12, Bermuda Bay Club, Bradenton Beach, a 1,524 sfla / 2,622 sfur 3bed/2½bath/2car condo with shared pool built in 1999 was sold 05/30/12, Kraus to Eggert for \$330,000; list \$375,000.

607 North Bay Blvd., Anna Maria, a 1,188 sfla / 1,632 sfur 2bed/2bath home built in 1976 on a 50x100 lot was sold 05/31/12, Snyder to Anna Maria Coastal Homes LLC for \$327,500; list \$394,000.

604 Ambassador Lane, Holmes Beach, a 1,256 sfla / 1,899 sfur 2bed/2bath/1car pool home built in 1965 on a 85x102 lot was sold 05/30/12, Holsworth to Dorenkamp for \$315,000; list \$334,900.

203 70th St., Holmes Beach, a 2bed/1bath half duplex with pool built in 1955 on a 45x102 lot sold 05/30/12,

Weindorf to Doctora for \$280,000.

2502 Gulf Drive, N., Unit 104, Club Bamboo, Bradenton Beach, a 735 sfla 1bed/1bath condo with shared pool built in 1975 was sold 05/30/12, Tolentino to Aqua Props LLC for \$272,000.

6400 Flotilla Drive, Unit 23, Westbay Point & Moorings, Holmes Beach, a 1,426 sfla 2bed/2bath conso with shared pool built in 1977 was sold 06/01/12, Ladue to Mayers fro \$251,300; list \$275,000.

1801 Gulf Drive, N., Unit 235, Runaway Bay, Bradenton Beach, a 1,080 sfla / 1,140 sfur 2bed/2bath condo with shared pool built in 1978 sold 05/24/12, Barga to Brommer for \$230,000; list \$244,500.

1801 Gulf Drive, N., Unit 285, Runaway Bay, Bradenton Beach, a 1,080 sfla / 1,140 sfur 2bed/2bath condo with shared pool built in 1978 sold 05/18/12, Sprague to Phinney for \$229,000; list \$239,000.

3010 Gulf Drive, Holmes Beach, a 1,760 sfla / 1,880 sfur 3bed/1bath home built in 1952 on a 50x105 lot was sold 05/30/12, Clark to Apg Florida LLC for \$199,000.

4307 Gulf Drive, Unit 103, Cayman Cay, Holmes Beach, a 1,027 sfla / 1,123 sfur 2bed/2bath condo with shared pool built in 1974 sold 06/01/12, McDonald to Detterman for \$183,000; list \$189,900.

2315 Avenue C, Unit 3, Queen of Hardts Lay Z Liv N, Bradenton Beach, a 488 sfla 1bed/1bath condo with shared pool built in 1979 was sold 05/18/12, Duits to Warren C McRae Home Services Inc. for \$105,000; list \$119,000.

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

## FISHING CONTINUED FROM PAGE 21

ing mangrove islands with good tidal flow to find the reds. For the spotted seatrout, Gidle is fishing deeper grass flats with live shiners and Berkley Gulp shrimp on a jig head.

Jeff Medley at the south bait shop on the Sunshine Skyway Bridge Fishing Piers says fishing for mangrove snapper is beginning to be prosperous. Pier fishers using live shrimp fished under the pier are catching limits of these tasty fish. Average size is 10-12 inches, although fish up to 15 inches are being caught. While targeting mangrove snapper at the pier, expect to also hook up lane snapper, flounder and possibly sheepshead.

Spanish mackerel are still ravaging bait schools around the pier on strong moving tides. Most pier fishers are using jigs or spoons, although a fresh greenback under a popping cork will get the job done, too.

Cobia have managed to stick around the pier for yet another week, and unsuspecting light-tackle fishers are finding themselves spooled by these brown bombers. To hook up, look for fish patrolling the bait schools and cast a live pinfish directly in front of them. Remember, you'll need stout tackle and a landing net to successfully bring this sought-after fish to the deck.

Lastly, shark fishers are arriving at sunset in search of large species, including bull sharks, blacktips and hammerheads. As of this week, the largest sharks being caught are nurse sharks and blacktips, says Medley. Any cut bait will suffice, although a fresh slice of bonito or Spanish mackerel is like candy to these toothy predators.

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# Island Biz

By Rick Catlin



## LBK chamber tees off Friday

The Longboat Key-Lido Key-St. Armands Circle Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual golf tournament starting at 10 a.m. Friday, June 29, and spots are still available for interested players.

The scramble-format tournament will be at the Longboat Key Club and Resort Islandside Golf Course and the cost is \$125 for a single player. The chamber has openings for singles and teams.

An awards ceremony and banquet will follow the tournament play.

For more information, call 941-383-2466.

## Fireworks scheduled at 3 Chiles' restaurants

With the July 4 holiday coming on a Wednesday this year, Ed Chiles, owner of the MarVista, BeachHouse and Sandbar restaurants, has scheduled the annual July 4 fireworks shows at each restaurant to begin Monday, July 2, at the Mar Vista Restaurant, 760 Broadway, Longboat Key.

On July 3, the fireworks will be at the BeachHouse

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The Chiles group of restaurants headlines the July 4 holiday with events on Anna Maria Island.

Restaurant, 200 Gulf Drive N., Bradenton Beach, and on July 4, the rockets red glare will be at the Sandbar Restaurant, 100 Spring Ave., Anna Maria.

The fireworks celebrations will begin shortly after dusk each night, weather permitting, said a spokesperson for the restaurants.

Other businesses are hosting July 4 events and taking advantage of the fireworks. Some offer parties with views of the event, including Moore's Stone Crab Restaurant adjacent to the Mar Vista, and Banana Cabana and Bridge Street Bistro-Island Time Bar and Grill, both near the BeachHouse.

## AMI chamber plans biz card exchange

The Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly business card exchange event 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, June 27, in the new clubhouse at The Springs at Palma Sola, 4601 66th St. W., Bradenton.

Cost of the event is \$5 and members are encouraged to bring a guest. Reservations are requested although not required.

For more information or to make a reservation, call 941-778-1541, or e-mail info@amichamber.org.

## Chamber seeks golf volunteers, players

The Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce is in need of volunteers to help organize its 13th annual golf tournament scheduled for Friday, Sept. 21.

The golf tournament organizing committee will hold its first meeting at 4 p.m. Thursday, June 28, at the chamber office, 5313 Gulf Drive, Holmes Beach.

Anyone interested in assisting with the tournament is asked to attend, or call 941-778-1541 for more information.

## Chamber announces new members

- Artspace, 101 S. Bay Blvd., Anna Maria, Deb Webster.
- Coastal Floor Inc., 5334 Gulf Drive, Holmes Beach, Nora Bucci and Kristen Bucci.
- OrbaniLuxe, 509 83rd St., Holmes Beach, Leah Loudermilk.
- Ariel Screen Arts LLC, 9908 Gulf Drive, Suite A, Amy Tobin.
- Beach to Bay Construction, 5702 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach, Shawn Kaleta.

Call Island Biz at 941-778-7978 or e-mail news@islander.org to report news for your business.



## Passing the gavel

Rotary Club of Anna Maria Island president Judy Rup, left, gives the gavel June 12 to Lynn Zemmer, Rotary Club president for the 2012-13 year. Steve Schlueter, former club president and district governor for Rotary District 6960, conducted the installation ceremony at the clubs monthly luncheon at the BeachHouse Restaurant, 200 Gulf Drive N., Bradenton Beach. Islander Courtesy Photo

## AMICC summer camps, activities continue

It's "Summer My Way" at Anna Maria Island Community Center.

With seven weeks left for summer-time fun, there's still time to register kids for a variety of activities, including sports camps, creative camps, field trips and specialty camps.

For example, coming up, the center offers a sport camp of kickball, matball and wiffleball. North America will be the featured country in creative camp, and the center's field-trip campers will go to Bounce-U. Hayward Soccer also will offer a specialty camp.

A variety of times and fees apply. The center is closed July 4, Aug. 16 and Aug. 17.

AMICC suggests browsing its 28-page brochure of activities, and signing up at the center, 407 Magnolia Ave., Anna Maria.

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# Tropical Storm Debby delivers deluge to AMI



A boat slams up against the floating dock Sunday next to the Bradenton Beach Historic Bridge Street Pier, as Tropical Storm Debby lashed the Island with heavy rain and high winds. Islander Photo: Courtesy Kimberly Kuizon.



Gulf of Mexico waters Sunday churn just feet away from Moose Lodge 2188, 110 Gulf Drive S., Bradenton Beach, as Tropical Storm Debby churned offshore. The storm didn't stop beachgoers though as these seashell hunters look for shells deposited on shore by the storm. Islander Photos: Mark Young

**RIGHT:** Street flooding closed Marina Drive in Holmes Beach down overnight Sunday. The road reopened Monday morning, but was still under as much as 8 inches of water by morning work commute. Islander Photo: Courtesy Kimberly Kuizon



**BELOW LEFT:** Black skimmer chicks were in need of rescue from Longboat Key Sunday during Tropical Storm Debby. The baby birds were rescued by Wildlife Inc. of Bradenton Beach. Dozens were rescued from the storm. Islander Photo: Courtesy Gail Straight

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The awning that once hung over the Holmes Beach Timesaver lays in ruin following tropical storm force winds Sunday delivered by Tropical Storm Debby. Islander Photo: Mark Young



## Turtle trouble

Anna Maria Island Turtle Watch & Shorebird Monitoring executive director Suzi Fox reported a possibility of "significant nest loss" due to storm surge beginning Sunday.

"Thanks to a lot of people volunteering, we were relocating nests most of Sunday morning," said Fox. "But by 1 p.m., it was getting too bad on the beaches and I had to pull volunteers from the beach."

Fox said one of those nests was from a green turtle, which came ashore to lay her eggs Saturday. Green turtle nesting is significantly less common on Anna Maria Island compared to the loggerhead turtles.

Fox said the green turtle nest, as well as several loggerhead nests were relocated to Coquina Beach "where the sand is still high and dry."

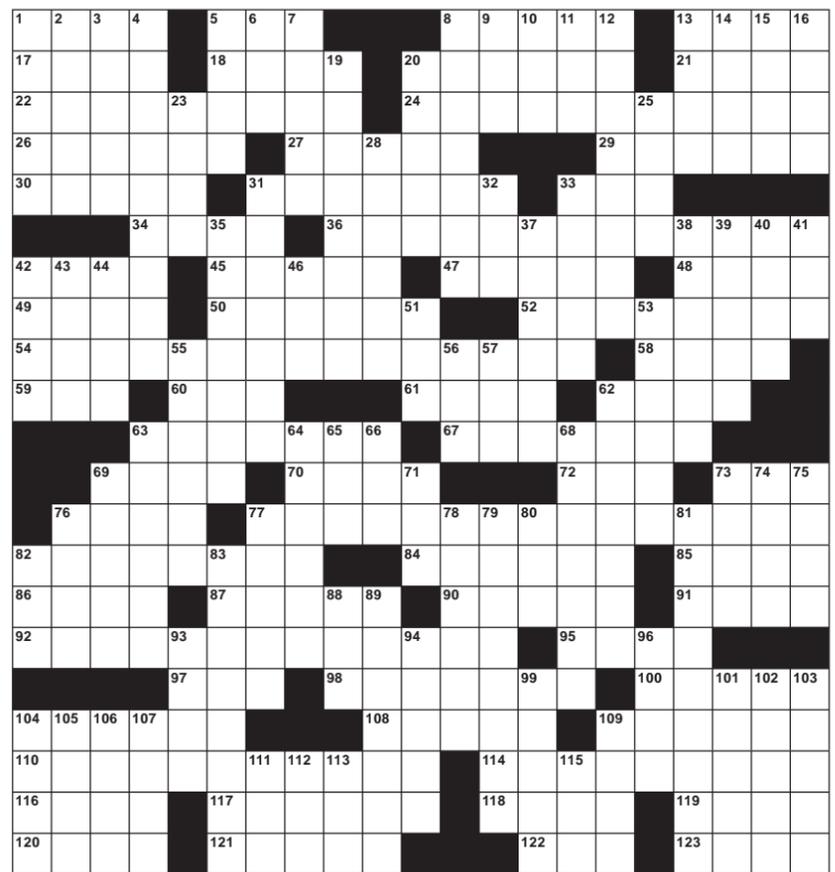
Fox was still assessing the potential loss of nests, as of press time Monday.

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## New York Times Sunday Magazine Crossword

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| Across                                      | 58 In a frenzy   | 110 Nickname for a hard-to-understand monarch?       | 16 German train track                      |
| 1 Grp. with an alphabet                     | 59 Dines on  | 19 Dentist's directive                               | 20 Record listing                          |
| 5 Message from police HQ                    | 60 X, on campuses  | 114 Lens cover for a large telescope?                | 23 Neighbor of Poland; Abbr.               |
| 8 It makes bubbly bubbly                    | 61 Bridge locale   | 116 Classical bow wielder                            | 25 The Atlantic, in a common phrase        |
| 13 Tar                                      | 62 It may follow "forever and ever"                      | 117 Eats up  | 28 Quick preview                           |
| 17 Eastern nurse                            | 63 Didn't conceal one's smugness                         | 118 Outer: Prefix                                    | 31 Subject of Newton's first law of motion |
| 18 Brooklyn, e.g., informally               | 64 Region of 70-Across for which a type of wool is named | 119 Blood rival                                      | 32 Canon product, for short                |
| 20 Hoi ___                                  | 65 Animal stomach  | 120 Oxford profs                                     | 33 "Have a look!"                          |
| 21 Mammy's place                            | 66 See 67-Across   | 121 Feature of grocery purchases, often              | 35 Where pieces are put together?          |
| 22 Falter while imitating Jay-Z?            | 67 Suffix with ball                                      | 122 Coral, e.g.                                      | 37 Most holes in one                       |
| 24 Something thrown in "West Side Story"?   | 68 "All systems go"                                      | 123 Numbers game                                     | 38 Nomad                                   |
| 26 Underworld deity                         | 69 Tuition and others                                    | Down   | 39 Baseball's Justin or B. J.              |
| 27 "Is that clear?"                         | 70 What the turnover-prone football player had?          | 1 Bigwig   | 40 Many a Silicon Valley hiree             |
| 29 Dickensian setting                       | 71 Source of the words "mulligatawny" and "catamaran"    | 2 Put a smile on                                     | 41 Radical '60s org.                       |
| 30 Trick-taking game                        | 72 "Are you kidding me?!"                                | 3 Source of the words "mulligatawny" and "catamaran" | 42 Genesis son                             |
| 31 Like pumice                              | 73 "Hmm ..."   | 4 "Are you kidding me?!"                             | 43 "Ver-r-ry funny!"                       |
| 33 Game-ending cry                          | 74 Knock for ___   | 5 Fives  | 44 Some Monopoly properties: Abbr.         |
| 34 See 107-Down                             | 75 W.W. I battle locale                                  | 6 ___ favor  | 46 Exasperated outburst                    |
| 36 Sing high notes?                         | 76 A bad one may contain holes                           | 7 Fort ____, N.C.                                    | 51 Cry just before disaster strikes        |
| 42 1970s exile                              | 77 Shenanigans at the royal court?                       | 8 Source of a viral outbreak                         | 53 "The Magic Flute" protagonist           |
| 45 Noted 2011 TV retiree, popularly         | 78 American ___  | 9 American ___                                       | 55 Mercedes-Benz luxury line               |
| 47 Reduce marks?                            | 79 Robe for one tending a flock                          | 10 Robe for one tending a flock                      | 56 ___ choy (Chinese vegetable)            |
| 48 Kind of column                           | 80 Fa-la connector                                       | 11 Fa-la connector                                   | 57 Troop grp.                              |
| 49 Nesting site                             | 81 Telephone system connectors                           | 12 Telephone system connectors                       | 62 Lovingly, to a musician                 |
| 50 Wall Street type                         | 82 Taser, say  | 13 Taser, say  | 63 Fairy tale girl                         |
| 52 Develops slowly                          | 83 Airport security item                                 | 14 Airport security item                             | 64 Big game fish                           |
| 54 Cry upon arriving at an earthquake site? | 84 "Giovanna d' ___" (Verdi opera)                       | 15 "Giovanna d' ___" (Verdi opera)                   |  |
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| 68 Sex appeal                      | 80 Long-jawed fish                             | 96 Outdoor promenade                   | 109 Concerto soloist, perhaps          |
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| 71 G.I.'s address                  | 82 Part of r.p.m.: Abbr.                       | 102 Over                               | 102 Over                               |
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