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Above: A page of award-winning photos by Maggie Field in our 1 year anniversary issue. Above right, another award winning photo from Page 1 of our first edition, reprinted in the 1 year anniversary issue. Photograph by Chris Mikula. Right: Duffy's moves into a new location. From our 4-24-02 edition.



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A two-page feature spread on a skate contest at the skate park in Holmes Beach from our 05-24-06 edition. Photos by Maggie Field.



The 11-19-08 front page coverage of Haley's Motel burning down.

11-19-08



10 Year Anniversary

The Sun hits the streets for the first time on Sept. 27, 2000.

Our 1 year anniversary cover won first place in a statewide contest. Artist: Patricia Quartermaine.

Graphic artist Elaine Stroili's heartfelt tribute to the 9-11 victims.

The Holmes Beach skate park opens and is featured on our 7-02-03 cover.

In August, 2004, we dodge a bullet when Hurricane Charley veers inland. Other cities aren't so lucky.

Another award winning cover for our 5 year anniversary issue.

The fight to save Egmont Key is featured in the Aug. 16, 2006 edition. Photo: Troy Morgan.

The Island loses Officer Pete Lannon to cancer. June 6, 2007 edition.

The Sun wins Citizen of the Year honor for its Bridging the Gap campaign. Sept. 24, 2008 edition.

Staff writer Cindy Lane captures this stunning photo of a leaping dolphin. July 24, 2009 edition.

History is made as Commissioner Harry Stoltzfus is recalled. Sept. 15, 2010 edition.



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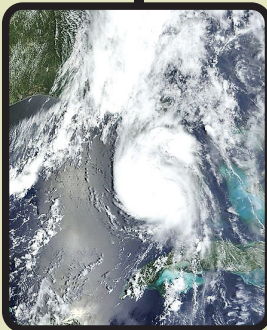
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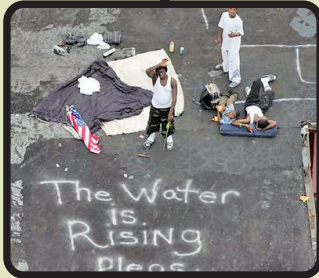
The Euro becomes legal tender in 12 EU states



Tampa Bay Bucs win Superbowl XXXVII



Hurricane Charley barely misses Anna Maria Island making landfall near Port Charlotte



Hurricane Katrina devastates New Orleans and Mississippi beachfront towns



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Barack Obama becomes the first African-American to be elected President of the United States



Capt. Chesley Sully becomes known as the Hero of Flight 1549 after safely crash landing an US Airways Airbus into the Hudson River in NYC after a bird strike saving 155 passengers.

Fire districts won't combine

Consolidation stirs little interest among local officials.

By Pat Copeland
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BRADENTON – According to local fire officials, there is no burning desire to consolidate the area's 11 fire districts.

The topic was on the agenda of the Manatee County Council of Governments (COG) last week. While there was no interest in pursuing it, elected officials did agree to invite fire district representatives to join them at the table on a regular basis.

County Commissioner Carol Whitmore said that at the January COG meeting, the group directed County Commissioner Joe McClash to discuss the proposal with fire officials and report back to the group.

"There are citizens who are interested in looking at it with the exception of Longboat Key and the city of Bradenton," McClash explained. "The request was for the county to put it on the ballot, but that's not something we have any say over."

"If the county has matured to the point that a single fire district makes sense, it could be established by a local bill. Personally, I think it would be in the best interest of the county to have one fire district."

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The SUN Survey

Let us know how you feel about the issues that affect our Island. Vote in The Sun Survey at www.amisun.com. To see results from our previous poll, go to **Page 7**.

Should Manatee County help pay for the trolley route to Longboat Key and Sarasota?



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Summertime, with John Lynch from Venice at the helm, won first place in the True Cruising class at the Fourth Annual Cortez Cup Regatta on Saturday. **Story and results on Page 11.**

Spill may prompt local claims

By Pat Copeland
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HOLMES BEACH – Attorneys from three high-powered law firms came to the city to advise business owners on filing for compensation from BP for economic damages due to the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

The Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association (FRLA) retained the firms for their members, but invited any interested businesses to attend seminars around presented by the law firms the state.

"We're going to try to express all the different types of damages and

See OIL on Page 42

Bayfest beckons with tasty local treats

By Tom Vaught
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ANNA MARIA – When the crowds begin to gather at the empty field at Pine Avenue and Bay Boulevard around 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 15, there will be plenty of food.

This year, the 10th Annual

Bayfest will feature music and food Friday night, from 5 to 10 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. There will be plenty of liquid in the form of water, soda, beer, wine and rum drinks to wash it down.

The menu includes: 1/4-pound hot dogs, chili, sausage and pep-



Happiness was a frosty snow cone at Bayfest 2009. This year you can feast on everything from fried pickles and kettle corn to burgers and stone crab.

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Don't blink - 10 years of The Sun

Ten years. A decade. A tenth of a century.

That's how much time has passed since my wife, Maggie, and I started The Anna Maria Island Sun.

It hardly seems possible. But there it is. We've been at this now for 10 years, and I have to ask myself, "Where did the time go?"

Wait a minute. Wasn't it just last week that our kids were five and eight years old, wearing "Newsies" outfits and handing out copies of our first edition at Publix?

For that matter, who is this nearly six-foot tall young man claiming to be my son, Connor? And when, exactly, did my daughter, Katie, grow up and realize her dad is not the coolest guy on the planet?

Of course, it seems like only yesterday that we at The Sun were planning our inaugural issue, running around like crazy people just trying to get all our computers and second-hand office furniture in place.

Back in 2000, none of us had any idea what lay in store in the coming years; whether we would be successful in launching a new Island pub-

lication or whether we would join a field littered with failed attempts.

A number of newspaper veterans answered my call and showed an interest in working here. It is no overstatement to say they were taking a huge risk. Several left good jobs at daily newspapers to come work for an upstart weekly — a publication that was facing long odds and entrenched competition.

Trusted friends and advisors cautioned us about the perils of opening a new business and especially about starting a newspaper. "You're crazy," was what two people told me directly, and it seemed to be the prevailing

sentiment even among those with our best interests at heart.

More than 520 editions later, we're still here.

What a ride it's been.

Successes, failures, triumphs and tribulations, we've managed to live through all of it and come out the other side with our business still flourishing.

From trying to produce a newspaper while in the middle of a hurricane power outage, to being told long distance that the printer's presses blew up on deadline, working at The Sun has been anything but dull.

During all this time and through all the challenges, our newspaper

"family" has evolved while still remaining largely intact. In fact, seven of those daring souls who signed on in the beginning are on the staff today. I owe these folks more than I can possibly say for staying the course and being so dedicated to producing a quality community newspaper.

And to our readers, advertisers, our friends and our families who have given us so much support, both emotional and financial, thank you for everything. Without you, there would be no Sun.

So what does our future hold now? With 10 years under our belts, how about another 10 years? I just hope it doesn't go as fast as the first 10. I guess my mom and dad were right. They said take it all in and enjoy every second because it will fly by before you know it.

Or, as one of my favorite songwriters says, "Don't blink."

Too late, Kenny. I already did.

Mike Field, publisher



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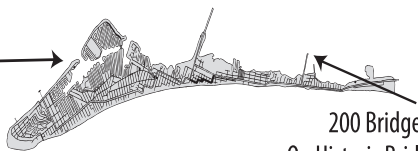
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IslandNews

Knight challenges Whitmore for county seat

By Pat Copeland

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BRADENTON – Democrat Sundae Lynn Knight is challenging Republican Manatee County Commissioner Carol Whitmore for her at-large seat on the board. The term is four years.

Whitmore, 55, has been an Island resident since 1969. She graduated from Manatee High School and attended Manatee Voc Tec. She received her LPN in 1977, her registered nurse certification in 1982 and became a certified risk manager in 1988.

While working full time as a nurse and office manager, she served as a Holmes Beach City Commissioner from 1991 to 1998 and as mayor from 1998 to 2006. She was elected to the county commission in 2006 and has devoted full time to the job.

She has served on numerous community boards and organizations. She is married to Dr. Andre Renard and has a



Whitmore

daughter, a grandson, two stepdaughters and a stepson.

Knight, 39, an Air Force veteran, graduated from the University of Central Florida with a degree in civil engineering. She worked for Sarasota County as a bridge engineer. In 2008, she was certified as an energy manager and currently is the energy manager at McDill Air Force Base in Tampa.



Knight

She is a member of the Suncoast Branch of the American Society of Civic Engineers, Engineers Without Borders, Tau Beta Pi honor society and numerous other professional organizations.

Knight said she decided to run after responding to a call for candidates from the Sarasota-Manatee Young Dems and said she feels the citizens' needs aren't being met.

Candidates respond

Q: How important is the Longboat Key trolley route and would you work to preserve it?

Whitmore: To me it's part of our long-range transportation plan, and keeping it

is very important for our community.

Knight: It's an excellent tourist attraction, and it helps take cars off the road. I would work to preserve it.

Q: Do you think the county administrator is doing a good job?

Whitmore: I have noticed that his 17 department heads have the utmost respect for him. You very rarely see that in a big organization. He supports them and lets them do their jobs. Sometimes I don't agree with him, but I can talk to him.

Knight: No. Particularly that he hired David Klement as organizational development manager without going through an open process and did not advertise the position. If there was a veteran qualified for the position, he/she should have gotten preference.

Q: Will you encourage the county commission to rebuild the pier at the public beach?

Whitmore: Yes. My word is my bond. The county administrator and Joe McClash as Tourist Development Council chair said we would replace it. But if the people all of a sudden say they don't want it, I would support that.

Knight: I love fishing piers. I would try my best to make it happen. It may be difficult to secure funding, but you don't stop because of that. Maybe they could con-

sider a different design.

Q: Was the county's process for selecting a concessionaire for the public beach flawed?

Whitmore: I can't say it was flawed. In the past, we always renewed the contract and this time staff wanted to go to bid. I didn't think it should have gone to bid. As a commissioner and mayor, I never had a complaint about the previous concessionaire.

Knight: Yes. I've gone through the bidding process over and over in the engineering world. You can't go to one vendor and give them a chance to change their bid without giving all the vendors in the bidding pool the same opportunity. They need to compete on an equal playing field.

Q: What do you feel is the biggest problem facing the county in the next four years?

Whitmore: Decreasing our unemployment and diversifying the job market such as with the port encouragement zone.

Knight: Attracting good paying jobs in industries that are respectful of the environment, evaluating the bureaucratic process to make the government more efficient and evaluating the county facilities to reduce their energy consumption.

Voters to elect two of three Holmes Beach candidates

By Pat Copeland

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HOLMES BEACH – Incumbent Commissioners John Monetti and Sandy Haas-Martens are being challenged by newcomer Jean Peelen. Seats are two years and go to the two candidates who get the most votes.

Haas-Martens, 63, retired in 1995 as vice president and branch manager of First of America Bank. She is a licensed real estate salesperson and broker, a series seven stockbroker and licensed in series six mutual funds and annuities. She is a member of several civic groups and has taken



Haas-Martens

numerous government leadership courses.

She has been a commissioner since 1998 and is currently commission chair. She is vice chair of the Manatee County Tourist Development Council. She was a member of the Palma Sola Scenic Highway Committee for six years and Anna Maria Fire Commission for six years, serving as its chair and vice chair.

John Monetti, 50, has a degree in management/human resources from Notre Dame University. He served as manager for major national restaurant chains throughout the country before becoming general manager of the Columbia restaurant on St. Armands



Monetti

Circle in 1994. He is a member of the local chapter and state board of the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association.

He served on the city's planning commission for four years before being elected to the commission in 2006, after citizens urged him to run. He is seeking his third term. He and his wife, Rejane, and four children live in the south part of the city.

Jean Peelen, 69, is a retired federal government attorney, who specialize in cases involving civil rights and children with disabilities. After retirement, she became a model for QVC, Home Shopping Network and Disney. She came to Homes Beach



Peelen

three years ago.

She is co-author of two books on women over 50, is the founder of the AMI Chapter of Dining for Women and was a spokesperson for The Sister Study, a national study of the sisters of women who had breast cancer. She is a foster mother for Underdog Rescue and serves on the Manatee County Animal Services Advisory Board.

Questions for candidates

Q: Will you encourage the county commission to rebuild the pier at the public beach?

Haas-Martens: Definitely. It was promised to us. They even asked us whether we wanted 300 or 700 feet.

Monetti: Yes. We should keep raising the subject when the opportunity arises and make sure our position is known. We're a donor community and it's appropriate to recognize what we provide and



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Thoughts about the past 10 years

By Tom Vaught

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What is a decade to a lifetime?

Depending on how long you think you're going to live, 10 years could hopefully, be a rather small fraction of your life, but we've had a ball these past 10 years and time flew by.

As a veteran of two previous Island weeklies, I can tell you that it isn't easy to start and operate a newspaper. You need a good plan, a dedicated staff and the right business philosophy.

As members of the Anna Maria Island business establishment, we are dedicated to treating fellow businesses with the respect they deserve, to make sure our ads and billing are

accurate and to make sure the business environment is right so that they, and we, can make a decent living.

In the 10 years since Mike and Maggie Field opened The Sun, we have witnessed the reversal of the real estate market, the growth of the wedding industry, increased interest worldwide in Anna Maria Island as a vacation destination and efforts in all three cities to save money and still retain control over how they grow.

In those 10 years, I learned that hard work is always rewarded if you hit the "save" button on your computer regularly; most people will seek a compromise if you work with them convincingly; and that add-

ing a decade to your life in Florida isn't all bad because there's always somebody older than you.

There are so many facets in which a newspaper endears itself to the community.

First you have the news coverage, and our nation's forefathers were so wise to ensure a free press. Without it, a democracy could easily turn into a tyranny. On the Island, it's good to have accurate reporting to make sure the elected officials and others toe the line.

There is also the economic aspect. The Sun provides real estate professionals, restaurants, resorts and other commercial entities with a very local outlet to their customers. The age-

old story of vacationers who came here, fell in love and bought property on their first or second visit still rings true, and they love to look through the real estate ads. Vacationers also need to eat, get around and purchase souvenirs.

For advertisers, it is the best way to spend their money because most of the people reading their ads are within seven miles of their businesses. They don't pay extra for their ad to reach people located too far away to come.

But the most fun is providing readers with features about the people and places on this unique barrier island. Parents get to read about their kids at Anna Maria Elementary School

and during sporting events at the Anna Maria Island Community Center. Local anglers get a chance to display their catch, and people can share their birthdays, anniversaries, new family members and awards by sending in pictures.

And then there are the events ranging from festivals to fund raisers involving bowling, giving blood, concerts and more. We love to cover those as much as we love to sponsor and publicize them.

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Opinion

SUN Editorial

Bayfest turns 10

It's been a long summer, but we've already gotten a taste of fall weather. Bayfest is coming this weekend so let's celebrate.

Bayfest customarily marks the beginning of the festival season, and it has, in its first nine years, become the largest festival on the Island in terms of food, music and diversions for every member of the family. This year, it turns 10, just like The Anna Maria Island Sun, and we invite everybody who has spent the summer hunkered down in air-conditioning to come out, enjoy the bayside breezes and maybe get a little tan.

Organizer Cindy Thompson has outdone herself this year. With its proven track record of drawing huge crowds without the tourists and seasonal residents who flood the Island after the holidays, Bayfest has attracted more than 100 vendors this year with a diverse offering of arts and crafts, home furnishings and gift ideas for friends and family.

Most of the area's popular groups will be onstage Friday evening and Saturday, providing music for listening, singing and dancing. The food served up is also a treat and there will be plenty of drinks to wash everything down.

Non-profits will have their booths as well, offering information and seeking support for a number of causes. Be sure to check them out and be generous.

For the kids, Island Dojo Kevin Bergquist has come up with another fantastic treat. There will be lots of fun in the parking lot

across from Roser Memorial Community Church. Admission is \$5, and the money goes toward handicapped, abused and at-risk kids in Manatee County. Kevin has been deeply involved in providing kids like that with instruction and encouragement to help boost their self-esteem and give them achievable goals upon which they can build their futures.

The cars are also back. Bill Mergens has signed up more than 100 hot rods, classics and high-performance cars again this year. The guys love it, but so do the moms and daughters. Everyone can appreciate these well-cared-for machines.

The Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce has sponsored the event from day one, as has The Sun. Other sponsors include Miller Electric, which provides the power for all the booths; LaPensee Plumbing, which provides Mike LaPensee who has been an invaluable aide to the cause; Bright House Networks; and the Anna Maria Island Historical Society, which will have a lot of diversions at the museum, the jailhouse and Belle Haven.

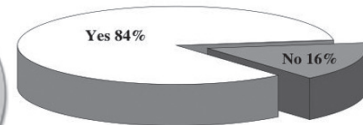
So turn off the A/C and open your windows. Hop on the trolley and head for Pine Avenue in Anna Maria and let's all celebrate some of the reasons we love it here – the weather; the smell of the salt air; the sight of the bay waters and the sounds of the local bands as well as the fellowship of our friends and neighbors.

See you there.

The SUN Survey

Should Manatee County help pay for the trolley route to Longboat Key and Sarasota?

Results



Most respondents believe Manatee County should help pay for the trolley route to Longboat Key and Sarasota.

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Bayfest chair says thanks and happy anniversary

As we celebrate our 10th year of Bayfest, I want to express my sincere gratitude for all you have done to make Bayfest such a success over the years. In fact, I appreciate your sponsorship and promotion of all of the events I help to organize for the Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce.

I also want to congratulate you for celebrating your 10th year in business with The Anna Maria Island Sun. I have personally felt your paper was like a breath of fresh air; offering Anna Maria Island another unique perspective and portray-

al of the community we all share. I feel you have the kind of journalistic integrity a newspaper in a small community needs to be successful long term. I believe you are deserving of the multiple awards you have won for editorial coverage of our Island, as well as awards for graphic design in the advertisements you have created. You have always demonstrated unwavering support for all things Anna Maria Island, and I feel even your photo journalism truly captures the real essence of our unique Island.

Your staff is a reflection of the obvious commitment you have made to our community. As we sometimes learn, staff turnover can be high in business, but not at The Sun. Most of the people working there today started with you on day one. People like Chantelle Lewin and Tom

Vaught, Pat Copeland, and Louise Bolger, whom I have had the pleasure of working with directly over the years, who are not only passionate about the Island but are also passionate about their newspaper and the people they work for. I feel this speaks volumes.

Bayfest is the Chamber's largest and most successful event, raising money annually for college scholarships and promoting Island businesses, local music and supporting many, many nonprofits. I contend it would not have grown as fast or as successfully were it not for the support and promotion by you and The Anna Maria Island Sun. As chairperson and founder of Bayfest, I will forever be grateful for your support and sponsorship when this event took place in a parking lot on East Bay Drive, even

before it ever moved to Pine Avenue and grew into an event that thousands of people enjoy and look forward to year after year.

From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank you for all you do for Bayfest, and our community. Congratulations on your first decade of service to Anna Maria Island.

Cindy Thompson
Bayfest chair

An old friend chimes in

Congratulations on your 10th year of publication. I am proud to have had a part of the launch of your fine newspaper

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Letters to the Editor

Weekly
Calendar

Note: Events are free unless indicated.

Friday, Oct. 15
Bayfest with food and dancing, corner of North Bay Boulevard and Pine Avenue, Anna Maria, 5 to 10 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 16
Palma Sola Botanical Park plant and antique sale with lectures, demonstrations, vendors and more, 9800 17th Ave. N.W., off 75th Street, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Volunteer work day, Robinson Preserve, 99th Street N.W. and 17th Avenue N.W., Bradenton, 9 to 11 a.m. Call 941-955-8085 to register.

Bayfest with food, drinks, music, arts and crafts, car show, children's area, dunk tank, activities and more, Pine Avenue, Anna Maria, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 17
Master gardener tour, Robinson Preserve, 99th

Street N.W. and 17th Avenue N.W., Bradenton, 9 to 11 a.m. Call 941-722-4524 to reserve.

Tuesday, Oct. 19
Sunset-style Tai Chi, suitable for all ages, Robinson Preserve, 99th Street N.W. and 17th Avenue N.W., Bradenton, 6 to 7 p.m. Call 941-748-4501, ext. 4605, to reserve.

Wednesday, Oct. 20
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Saturday, Oct. 23
World beneath the waves paddling trip, part two of three parts, Neal Preserve, Manatee Avenue east of Anna Maria Island Bridge, 8 a.m. to noon. Bring your own kayak. Suitable for ages 16 and up. Waiting list available. To register for upcoming classes, call 941-748-4501, ext. 4613.

Weekly
Meetings

Anna Maria
10005 Gulf Drive

10/13, Environmental Education and Enhancement Committee, 6:30 p.m.
10/14, Commission work session, 6 p.m.
10/19, Planning and Zoning Board, 6:30 p.m.
For information, call 708-6130.

Bradenton Beach
107 Gulf Drive N.

10/14, Telecommunication meeting, 2 p.m.
10/19, Planning and Zoning Board, 4 p.m.
10/20, CRA, 1 p.m.
10/21, Commission meeting, 1 p.m.
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Holmes Beach
5801 Marina Drive

None scheduled
For information, call 708-5800.

Island-wide

10/13, Palma Sola Causeway Committee, Manatee County Administrative Center, 1112 Manatee Ave. W., Bradenton, Ninth Floor Conference Room, 4 p.m.
10/18, Island Transportation Planning Organization, Holmes Beach City Hall, 2:30 p.m.
10/21, West Manatee Fire Commission, Station 1, 6001 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach, 6 p.m.

Letters to the Editor

LETTERS from Page 7

10 years ago. Your success is much deserved, and I wish you many more years of the same.

Dom Casano
Tampa

Editor's note: Dom Casano is the former advertising director of the Tampa Tribune, where Sun publishers Mike and Maggie Field used to work. His friendship, marketing skills and all-around business savvy have been instrumental in helping The Sun succeed.

Greetings from
the Tundra

Mike and Maggie: Happy 10th anniversary to you both and to your terrific talented Sun staff (including Foster.) Y'all have done (are doing) an amazing, award-winning job, week after week, since that first issue in 2000. Thanks for taking me along for the fun ride.

Jack (the Geezer) Fones
Keene, N.H.

AME Peace Day
was inspirational

My wife and I recently attended the Peace Day Ceremonies at Anna Maria Elementary, and I couldn't be more proud of our community. What a great school we have with such talented, loving students and gifted, insightful teachers. The program was uplifting - from the book written by the fourth-graders to the song written by the music teacher and sung by the students, I found myself inspired to be a better man.

It is so wonderful to attend a school event in support of the children, then to walk away having been so blessed by them. I want to thank you students for your beautiful words about what peace looks like, tastes like, smells like, sounds like, feels like; for your inspiring music, voices, and drumming; for your honoring of all of the nations on our world; for your smiles and joy. Keep shining your light - the world is a better place for your love and joy. I want to thank you teachers and faculty for your example of stewardship and respect for our fellow human beings as well as our planet. What a joy to be part of such a kind community. I particularly hold dear the part where you told us about fostering awareness, acceptance, and appreciation in all of life and in our interactions with each other. We are so proud to live here, and very happy that our granddaughter gets to go to school here. Thank you for sharing your talents and passions with us. You are right. Our children are a treasure. And I am so glad to see they have conscious, insightful, and loving teachers to shape their formative years, along with the parents and community members that love them.

Dakota Matthes
Bradenton Beach

Visit Rotary booth
while enjoying Bayfest

Bayfest is this weekend and the Rotary Club of Anna Maria Island will be there in front of Roser Church. Rotary is more than 100 years old and is the oldest service organization in the world. Rotary is changing the lives of the most needy in areas of great despair. We are excited and proud to announce our involvement with the Wheelchair Foundation; an international organization that has provided free wheelchairs bringing hope, mobility, freedom, dignity and independence to more than 800,000 crippled human beings worldwide (www.wheelchairfoundation.org). Rotarians all over Florida have set a goal to send two shipping containers with 280 top quality wheelchairs to earthquake-ravaged Haiti by the end of the year. These wheelchairs would cost about \$500 in the U.S., but because of the volume and volunteer labor the cost for each wheelchair, including shipping, is only \$100. Tens of thousands of people lost their ability to walk due to injuries when the earthquake struck this desperately poor nation. Most of these are children. The gift of a free wheelchair immediately improves the life for the recipient and every member of their family. As you stroll down Pine Avenue this weekend at the joyous Bayfest, stop at Rotary's booth and see one of the wheelchairs bound for Haiti. The goal of the local Rotary Club is to receive enough donations to send 10 wheelchairs from Anna Maria Island. Please help us succeed. For more information visit: www.annamariarotary.org or call Barry Gould at 941-448-5500.

Barry Gould
Bradenton Beach

'Pinhead' steals
election sign

About 10 days ago a friend asked if I would be willing to have a political sign posted in my front yard. I agreed. It is for the upcoming mayoral campaign. I don't know either candidate except by name, and I had not decided for whom to vote.

The sign had been posted for about two or three days, and then it was removed by someone unknown to me. I called my friend and advised him what had happened. He returned with another sign. This time, rather than placing it in the yard, he used a ladder and taped it rather securely to a tree, well beyond the reach of most of us.

It was only up two days before the second sign was ripped down. The first disappearance I guessed to be kids having fun. When it happened the second time, I realized that it was the act of a pinhead. I suppose that elections can either bring out the best or the worst in many of us. In this case it appears that the worst rose to the surface.

While I had not decided how to vote prior to these incidents, I sure have now.

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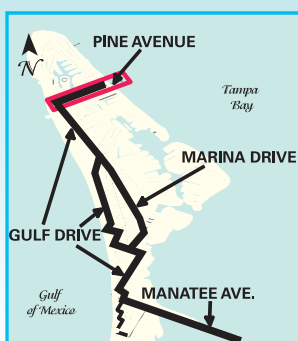
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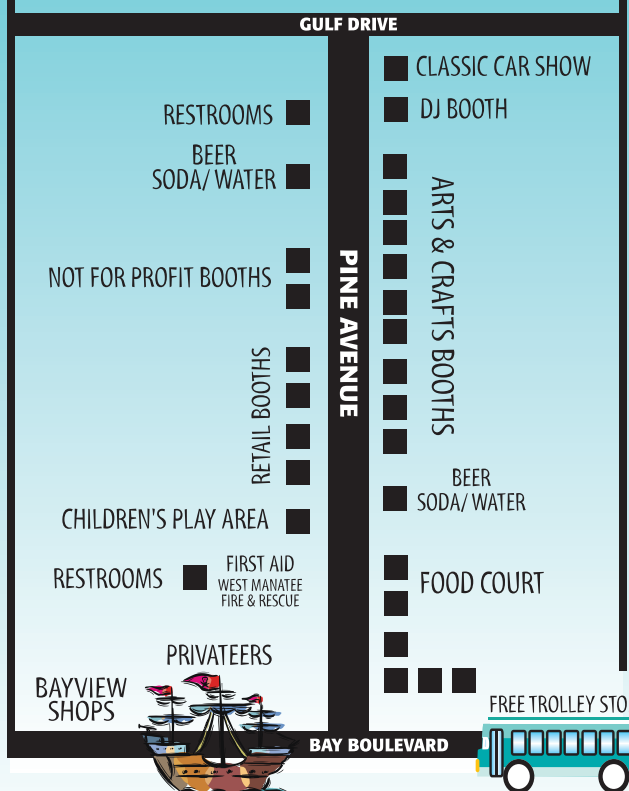
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Chamber dedicated to Pat Geyer

The former mayor and commissioner served the city for more than 25 years.

By Pat Copeland

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HOLMES BEACH – Friends, family and city employees gathered in the foyer of city hall last week to dedicate the commission chambers to former mayor and commissioner Pat Geyer.

Geyer and her husband, Ed, moved to the Island in 1961 and bought Duffy's Tavern in 1971. She was elected to the commission in 1978 and served until being elected mayor in 1990.

She served as mayor for four years and then as a commissioner for all but four of the following 15 years. She passed away in May the age of 79.

"Pat was part of my family since I was 14," said Manatee County Commissioner Carol Whitmore. "She was a noble lady."

Whitmore told Geyer's daughters, Peggi Davenport and Polli Stroup, "Thanks for letting us share your mom with us."

"Pat made an impression on



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From left, Commissioners John Monetti and Sandy Haas-Martens, Polli Stroup and Peggi Davenport, Commissioner Pat Morton and Mayor Rich Bohnenberger after the dedication ceremony.

all of us," added Mayor Rich Bohnenberger. "She was a good friend and mentor."

Resident Marguerite Carrick said, "The most important thing is that she always did the right thing for Holmes Beach."

Bohnenberger read a proclamation that dedicated the chambers to her memory and recognized Geyer for her 25 years of service to the city and noted, "Her dedication to serving our community began upon her arrival in the 1950s and took on many forms

including her becoming the first female volunteer firefighter on the Island."

It pointed out that she was always involved in activities that supported children such as the Privateer's events and Snook's Adams Kids' Day and was always available to meet with those she served, either at city hall or her city hall annex Duffy's.

Bohnenberger also showed the group the Anna Maria Fun Map, which was dedicated to Geyer's memory.

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what we ask for in return.

Peelen: I favor replacing the pier and will encourage the commission to lobby the county so that all decisions made about the public beach are made by Holmes Beach.

Q: What could be done to make the downtown area more attractive?

Haas-Martens: We've been doing landscaping in the right of ways, and we're encouraging the businesses to follow suit. It's been happening, but it's a slow process.

Monetti: We did the first step by allowing a combination of business and residences to encourage development, but nothing is happening because of the economy. We have to wait for it to catch up.

Peelen: We should look at Bridge Street in Bradenton Beach as a model and work with local business owners to get input on how to make that corner a beautiful spot.

Q: Is there any hope for consolidation of services with the three Island cities?

Haas-Martens: It's been tried many times, and it just hasn't worked. I won't say it won't ever happen, but in this economic environment, I can't see that it would be a saving.

Monetti: You need the will of all three communities. That has been the biggest challenge. You can't just will yourself onto another community.

Peelen: There's hope. The first steps that don't threaten anyone have to be taken now. I would form a committee of all three cities to get federal grants as a start.

Q: Was the county's process for selecting a concessionaire for the public beach flawed?

Haas-Martens: Yes. There should have been some representation from the three Island cities, either elected officials or residents, on the selection committee. There should have been more weight given to correspondence from the patrons of Cafe on the Beach. They should have listened to the people.

Monetti: I supported the prior leaseholders. The committee members weren't under such time constraints that they had to make a decision when they did. I think the current leaseholders will do just fine. Sometimes there's too much resistance to change, but change for the sake of change doesn't make much sense either.

Peelen: Yes. I worked for the federal government and oversaw the awarding of contracts. There's a lot of subjectivity. They went back to United Park Services and not Cafe on the Beach. They should have done everything possible to give both an opportunity to win that contract.

Q: What do you feel is the biggest problem facing the city in the next two years?

Haas-Martens: Unfunded mandates from Tallahassee and Washington that require the city to spend its money.

Monetti: Budgeting. Even if the economy starts recovering, there's going to be a lead time of one to two years before we see an increase in revenues.

Peelen: Budgeting. The city has acted very responsibly, but our economic woes are not over. People will get more worried about how the money is being spent. We should publish the entire budget in the paper and hold meetings on it in places where people feel comfortable coming.

Cortez Cup Regatta a winner

Light winds early on don't dampen enthusiasm in the sailing race.

By Cindy Lane

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CORTEZ – The Fourth Annual Cortez Cup Regatta began without a whisper of a breeze on Saturday, as fisherman cast nets for bait on the glassy Gulf of Mexico.

Beachgoers on Anna Maria Island and Longboat Key admired the 21 sailboats clustered together all morning in the Gulf two miles west of Longboat Pass, waiting for wind.

By early afternoon, a light sea breeze started the race, with four classes sailing on two courses - spinnaker and non-spinnaker on a six-mile upwind/downwind course and the cruising fleet on a five-mile triangle course.

After the event, the Cortez Yacht Club, which organized the regatta, hosted an awards ceremony at Cortez Cove Marina with live music and an authentic Cortez shrimp boil prepared by Star Fish Co.

In the True Cruising class, John Lynch, from Venice, won first place sailing Summertime, a C&C 36. Bradenton sailor Rich Muro sailing Silver Lady, a Pearson Electra, won first place in Pocket Cruising class.

In Non-Spinnaker class, Doug Dearden, from Sarasota, sailing In Tune, an Impulse 26, took top

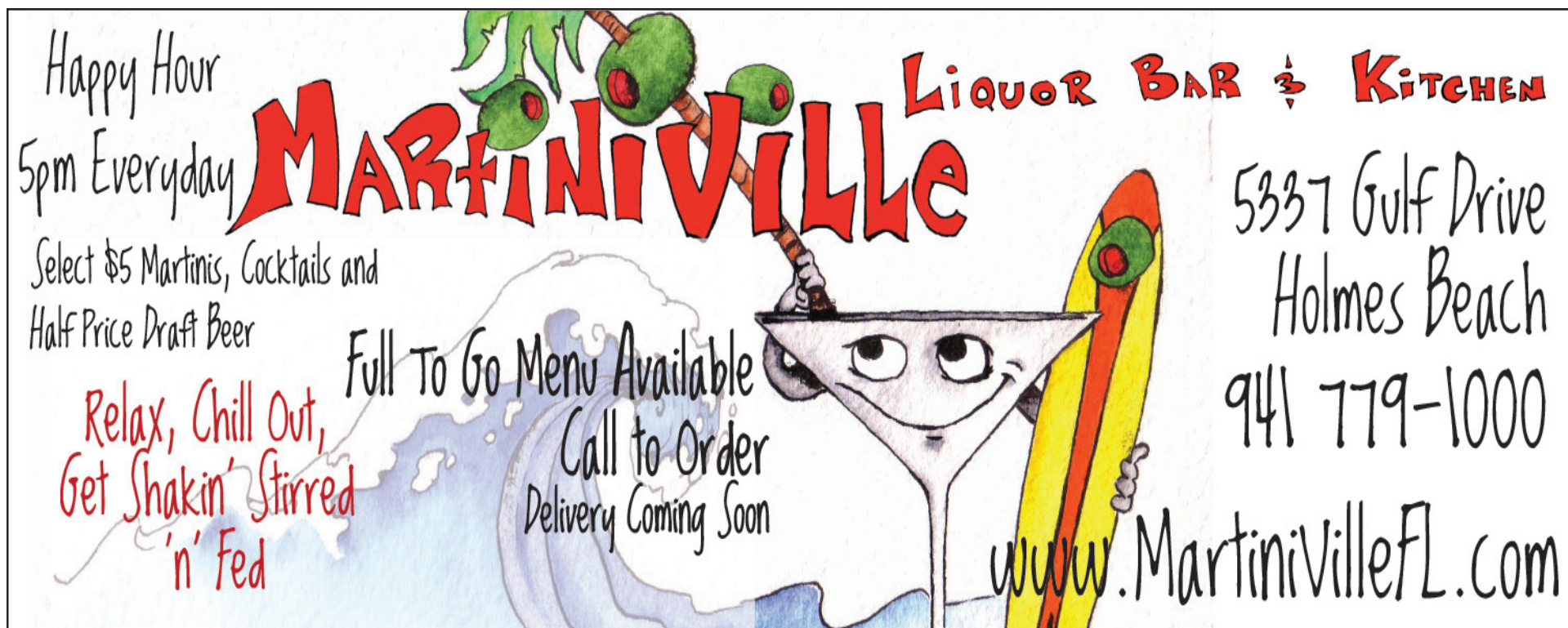
honors and Bob Armstrong, from Bradenton, won Spinnaker class sailing Mischief, a J92.

Regatta winners will share in hosting the Cortez Cup perpetual trophy.

The Sarasota Bay Yachting Association Boat of the Year event, which honors old Florida and Cortez traditions, drew boats from Largo, Bradenton, Cortez, Sarasota and Venice, along with regatta support boats and the Savannah Belle, a commercial fishing boat provided as a committee boat by A.P. Bell Fish Co. in Cortez.

Proceeds from the event benefit the Corinthian Sailing Fund established in 1996 to help Manatee and Sarasota County Olympic-class sailors compete in qualifying races and championships and to provide graduating Manatee and Sarasota County high-school student sailors with scholarship assistance. The fund is administered by the Community Foundation of Sarasota County.

The regatta is sponsored by Gulf Auto Clinic of Bradenton with support from Cortez Cove Marina and contributions from Knighton Sails, Southwinds Sailing Magazine, Atlantic Sail Traders, Porpoise Sails, Sailmonster.com and the Anna Maria Island Sun.



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County approves trolley money refund

Five new trolleys will provide more dependable service

By Tom Vaught

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With one dissenting vote, the Manatee County Board of Commissioners has approved returning \$40,200 to the Anna Maria Island Chamber for free trolley rides so the Chamber can return the money to the businesses that advertised on the sides of the popular Island vehicles.

County Commissioner Donna Hayes, whose district covers Lakewood Ranch and other developments east of Bradenton that don't even have bus service, voted against returning the money because she feels the county is showing preferential treatment to the Island, the only location where it offers free mass transit.

"The world does not stop and end on the beach," Hayes said, while addressing her fellow commissioners before the vote "Other people do business in the county."

Other commissioners disagreed with her stance and voted for the proposal.

Under a plan drawn up by Manatee County Administrator Ed Hunzeker, the county will replace the money raised by the advertising with extra funds earned by the new franchise agreement at the county beach concessions. The county has already ordered five heavier built trolleys to replace the existing vehicles, which Hunzeker said were not sturdy enough to handle the beach route. The trolleys break down more frequently than buses in the system.

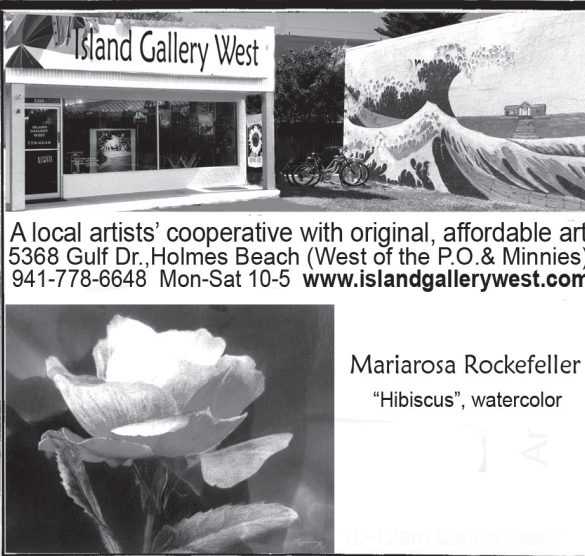
Manatee County Area Transit Director Ralf Heseler said the breakdowns are costing the county extra money – an average of 68.9 cents per mile compared with an average bus expense of 41.5 cents per mile.

Money for purchasing the new trolleys, almost \$2.3 million, comes from a federal grant.

The trolley route runs longer hours than the bus routes and runs on holidays, when there is no bus service. Heseler said other reasons for the trolley breakdowns include the salt air, which causes rust and corrosion, and sand, which gets into suspensions and brakes.

Heseler pointed out that the frequent breakdowns mean the ads on the sides of the vehicles would be visible only to the repair crews at the transit garage, not to tourists and other visitors to the Island.

When the new trolleys arrive, the Island Chamber will again collect advertising funds from local businesses and turn that money into the county to make up for a recurring grant that ran out to operate the system without having to charge for rides. The new trolleys are expected to be here by August 2011.



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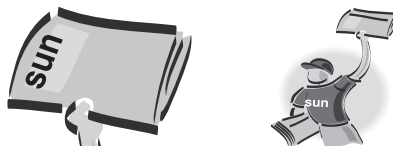
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Commission rescinds land settlement vote

The commissioners want attorney Greg Hootman to negotiate a settlement and a lower interest rate on that settlement.

By Tom Vaught
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BRADENTON BEACH – Saying the vote was for the wrong reason, the city commission has rescinded its vote to approve a land settlement with two developers over a project on the beach.

The Oct. 7 decision nullifies an Aug. 31 vote to accept an offer from developers Island, Inc., and Beach Development, Inc., to pay \$375,000 for two acres of land on the beach that the city had confirmed was unbuildable, based on its land use map. The acceptance came after a former city building official had told the developers it would be OK to build two condos there.

The August meeting was a

particularly confusing one. It had been billed as a session in which the commission would only be voting to move forward with preparing a response to the offer rather than approving it.

At the Oct. 7 meeting, City Attorney Ricinda Perry explained the intent of the August meeting. Part of the confusion concerned whether accepting the settlement was even called for, since the agenda did not list that as an option.

When Mayor Bob Bartelt tried to adjourn the August meeting because of that lapse, Greg Hootman, the attorney who represented the city in negotiations with the developers, objected stating a decision on the settlement was necessary at that time.

Perry told the commissioners at the October meeting that they would need to rescind their approval of the agreement, which they did. She then presented them with their options. She also told them that the settlement amount was supposed to be \$350,000, instead of \$375,000, due to a scrivener's error.

"You need to vote to rescind the settlement and then au-

thorize Hootman to work out a settlement or reject the settlement offer," she said. "You should also make sure the settlement includes all closing costs, fees, documents stamps, etc. in that price."

Commissioner Gay Brueler said she favors rejecting the settlement.

"We need a lot more stipulations, and there was talk of an extra 10 units for the project that would go to the city in the settlement," she said. "I want that title to be squeaky clean, nothing could be found wrong with it in 100 years."

The commission voted to rescind its action and, after some debate, agreed to instruct Hootman to move forward with a settlement at \$350,000 while City Clerk and Financial Officer Nora Idso checks on mortgage loan interest rates in case they have to finance the purchase. The developers initially offered to let the city pay off the settlement over time at 6 percent interest, but commissioners rejected that and agreed to have Hootman also debate that interest rate.

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Social security strategies

You wouldn't think that something as simple in principle as Social Security benefits would require much thought or strategy. But just like many things associated with the government, it's never quite as simple as it seems.

I will admit that this is not an area of expertise for me. But recent questions by clients and some articles in investment industry publications have brought me a little more up to speed. I will also add, before getting into specifics, that there are probably no major mistakes to make in your decision on how or when to take Social Security Benefits. The big unknown for the majority of us is how long we will live to collect the benefits and with that variable unable to be answered with certainty, the decision ends up coming down to gut-feeling in most cases.

One strategy I was unaware existed until recently is being dubbed the "Do Over." It involves paying back the Social Security system all of the benefits you have received so far, then re-applying for benefits (either immediately or down the road depending on your age) to obtain a higher monthly benefit. This generally would be considered by those who started receiving benefits at age 62, or perhaps 65 and who can now receive a higher benefit due to being older, or who can now afford to wait to receive their benefits at a later date. Social Security benefits rise by 7 to 8 percent for every year of delay in starting to receive them.

While paying back the money previously received may be initially an unattractive thought, you can do so without any interest or penalties, and you can even claim a tax credit for any income tax previously paid on those benefits. The key in this decision is the belief that you will live long enough to receive more in increased benefits than the money you have to pay back. Of course, there is an opportunity cost to paying back the government with funds from your investment accounts, since those funds would likely make some income or profit over time. For some there may not be a choice here because you have to have the money in one lump-sum to initiate the Do-Over and that's just not possible for some retirees.

Those who want to consider paying back the system and starting over may need to act quickly. The Office of Management and Budget is currently re-

Investment Corner

by Tom Breiter



viewing whether to limit the ability to start over to those who have been collecting for less than 12 months. The main key to making this decision favorable in light of the big unknown of life expectancy is your age and a reasonable assumption of how long you may collect after starting over.

The Social Security Administration can help you calculate how long you have to receive the new, higher benefit to break even, So I suggest giving it a call to go over your personal situation.

Another strategy is called "File and Suspend." This works best for couples where one was the major breadwinner, and where maximum benefits are not needed at the moment. The spouse with the largest benefit files to start receiving it, and the other files for spousal benefit. Then the breadwinning spouse suspends receipt of his/her benefits while the smaller spousal benefit is continued. The spouse with the larger benefit then re-files to receive larger benefits down the road, say at age 70. If one spouse passes away, the other is entitled to the larger benefit of the two.

There are some other considerations and strategies to consider, and talking with a representative of the Social Security Administration to get the facts and figures germane to your situation is the first step. Consulting a qualified tax preparer or financial consultant to review your options comes next, followed by making a decision based on your age and potential to defer benefits or have a reasonable chance to come out ahead.

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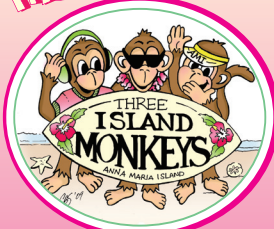
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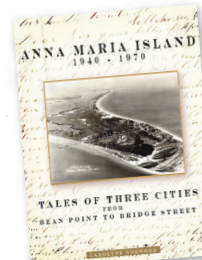


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Back Alley defense doesn't back down

By Scott Dell
SPECIAL TO THE SUMMER

The first ever Sun sports adult league Game of the Week proved worthy of its entitlement. On adult sports Thursday night at the Community Center, Back Alley played Ross Built Construction. For the first 10 minutes, both teams battled back and forth playing very controlled soccer. The teams used excellent passing and patience waiting for just the right time to strike. Ross Built's defense, anchored by Rich Bell, Darrin Wash and goalie Dave Johnston, kept Back Alley at bay. Until a shot by David Greene deflected off the post and onto the foot of Erin Vogel who finished it for Back Alley's first goal. With 10 seconds left to play in the half, Back Alley struck again. A beautiful center pass from Amy Talucci to Justin Noyes gave their team a 2-0 lead at the half. A pumped up Ross Built team came out in the second half and put the offensive pressure on. Greg Ross, Blair Schlossberg and Teddy Loulouides fired shot after shot on goalie Nate Talucci and defender Tim Tedesco. Finally, they nailed one into the back of the net on a great lead pass by Schlossberg to Loulouides for their first goal. The excitement continued to the very end. Ross Built kept the offensive



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Dante Tilelli, of Anna Maria Oyster Bar, dribbles by Will Carrol of Air & Energy.

pressure on and held Back Alley scoreless the entire 2nd half, but in the end the Back Alley defense held tough and won the game 2 to 1.

Division III (8-9-year olds)

Fran Maxon Real Estate remains the team to beat in this division as they pick up 2 more wins this week. The first win came from a 6-1 victory over the Jessie's

Island Store team. An unselfish Fran Maxon offensive attack led to Taro DeHaan scoring 2 goals, Josh Class scored 1, Allie Connelly scored 1 and Sean Quattromani scored his first of the season. The lone goal for Jessie's came from an excellent shot from William Burnett. Fran Maxon's second win was a shutout against Connie's Landscaping. Fran Maxon's superb defense kept the offen-

sive attack of Connie's Landscaping led by Corbin Gregg, Jaclyn Schlossberg and Rory Welch out of the net the entire game. Goals for Fran Maxon were scored by Josh Class who had three and Sean Quattromani with 1.

Division II (10-11-year olds)

Two upsets highlight the action this week in this division. The biggest upset was when Mr. Bones handed Sparks Steel Art their first loss of the season 4-3. In exciting fashion Leo Rose for the Bones team proved to be too much for Sparks and scored 3 goals while Ben Connors chipped in with 1. Try as he might, Dylan Joseph scored all 3 goals for Sparks but in the end it wasn't enough. The second upset came when a much improved Wash Family Construction team defeated Southern Greens 4-1. Nico Colleja and Gavin Sentman continue showing their goal scoring abilities by each getting two goals for Wash. Southern Greens only goal came from Reese Helvey. Sparks bounced back and won its second game of the week 4-1 over Wash Family Construction. Tyler Yavalar and Dylan Joseph each score to goals in the win. Gavin Sentman scored for Wash. Southern Green also bounced

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Sea turtles have good season

By Cindy Lane
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Sea turtles have laid more nests on Florida's beaches this year than the 10-year statewide average, and Anna Maria Island's turtle activity is close behind the local 10-year average.

This year, loggerhead turtles laid 136 nests on the Island, down only two from a 10-year average of 134, according to Anna Maria Island Turtle Watch and Shore Bird Monitoring statistics.

The number is down from 161 last year, which was an unusually good year, Turtle Watch Director Suzi Fox said.

Statewide, nesting is above the 10-year average for all three species of sea turtles that nest on Florida beaches – loggerheads, leatherback and green – according to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC).

Loggerheads, the main species that nests on the Island, have experienced nesting declines in recent years, but had 30 percent more nests this year than the 10-year average.

Statewide nesting numbers for leatherback and green sea turtles also increased, with the second-highest number of nests since standard-

ized counts began in 1989.

"We're encouraged by the high count, especially considering the oil spill and the extreme cold weather earlier in the year," said Dr. Blair Witherington, an FWC Fish and Wildlife Research Institute scientist. "However, one good year can't reverse a declining trend."

Because of the downward trend, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Marine Fisheries Service is considering classifying nine loggerhead populations as separate species under the federal Endangered Species Act, with two as endangered and seven as threatened.

On the Island, loggerheads laid more nests on the bay side than they did last year – 11 in all – and Turtle Watch volunteers have begun informally monitoring the bay side and educating bayfront residents about the necessity of not allowing indoor or outdoor lights to disorient and kill hatchlings, Fox said.

A grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Recovered Oil Fund for Wildlife, made possible with proceeds from BP's share of net revenue from oil recovered from the Deepwater Horizon site, recently enabled Turtle Watch to offer free



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The big swim

Hayley, a green sea turtle, is released into Sarasota Bay by Mote public relations specialist Hayley Rutger, left, for whom the turtle is named, and Mote intern Kassie Movsesian. The turtle stranded in the bay in February and was rehabilitated at Mote for cold stress and tumors called fibropapillomas. She is the last cold-stunned patient to be released this year from Mote, which treated 63 cold-stunned sea turtles this year; 36 survived. January's extended cold stranded more than 4,500 sea turtles statewide.

turtle-friendly lighting to several waterfront property owners who had been in violation of Island lighting ordinances, she said.

Nineteen nests have been disoriented by lights on the Island so far this year, a loss of 1,565 hatchlings.

While nesting season began on May 1, the first nest was not laid until May 22, significantly later than last year's first nest on May 8, which Fox attributed to an unusually long, cold winter that affected the turtles' food source, delaying their arrival.

The Island's first nest this year hatched 69 turtles on July 27. Nine turtle nests remain unhatched. Turtle season ends on Oct. 31.

TURTLE TOM'S TIMELY TIPS

To help sea turtles survive, clean up trash on the beach. Sea turtles can become entangled in trash both on the shore and in the water. They can also mistake fishing lines, balloons and plastic bags for food, often resulting in injury or death.



TURTLE TALLY

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Nest disorientations: 19
(1,565 hatchlings dead)

*A false crawl is an event in which a mother turtle comes ashore, but then returns to the sea without depositing her eggs in the sand.



Wednesday a normal early-out school day

Parents of students in the Manatee County School District, are being advised that Wednesday, Oct. 13, will be a normal early-out Wednesday. A previous school calendar originally indicated that the 13th would not be an early-out day. On Wednesdays, the school day for high school students ends at 12:30 p.m., for elementary students it ends at 1:15 p.m. a for middle school students it ends at 2:10 p.m. If you have any questions, contact your child's school.

Closer look

Second grade students from Mrs. Brockway's class use binoculars to look at birds resting on a sign pole in the bay behind Anna Maria Elementary school. The birding exercised was conducted by John Ginaven, of the Sarasota Audubon Society. The study was part of a program called "The Four Bs – Birds, Bees, Bats and Butterflies. Local volunteer and Master Gardener Christine Callahan helped organize the event for the third- through fifth-grade students.

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Cartoonist

Everyone needs a creative outlet and mine came 10 years ago with The Sun. I was working as an art director doing corporate graphics when Sun publisher Mike Field called and offered me the job as editorial cartoonist. I was elated. This gave me the chance to apply my artistic skills along with my sense of humor and in doing so I have captured seven state awards for my editorial cartoons.

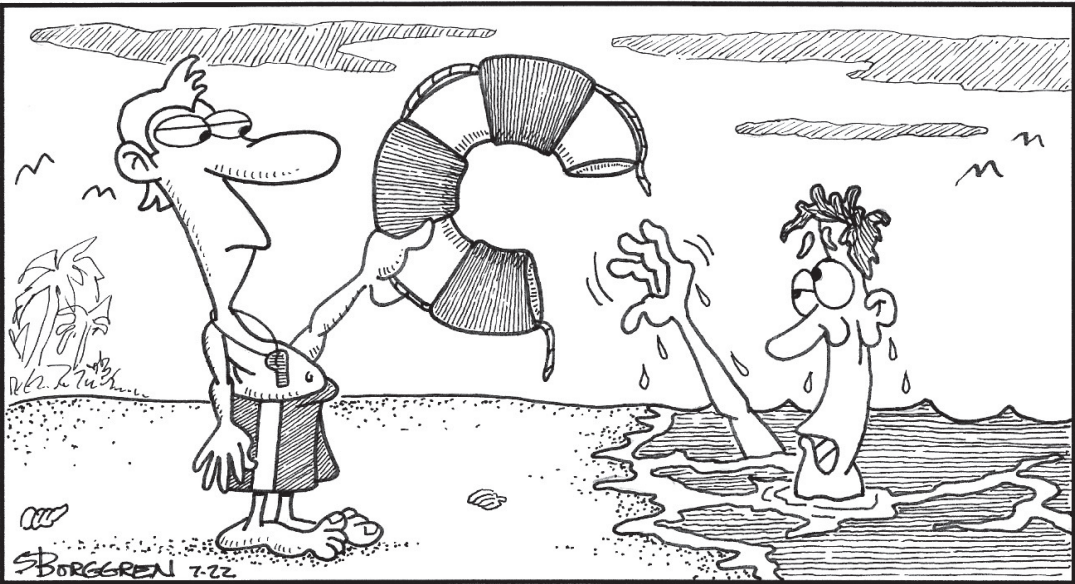
After about a year of editorial cartooning, I got the bug to do a comic strip. When Mike gave me the green light, Beach Nutz with Foster Dribbles was born. Foster lives vicariously through me as many of his trials and tribulations are that of my own, drawn into his newspaper life with his wife, Ethel, and his neighbor and nemesis, Myrtle.

It gives me great pleasure when I hear how Foster’s antics made someone smile, laugh or maybe even made their day. The Sun has given me the opportunity to live my dream as a cartoonist.

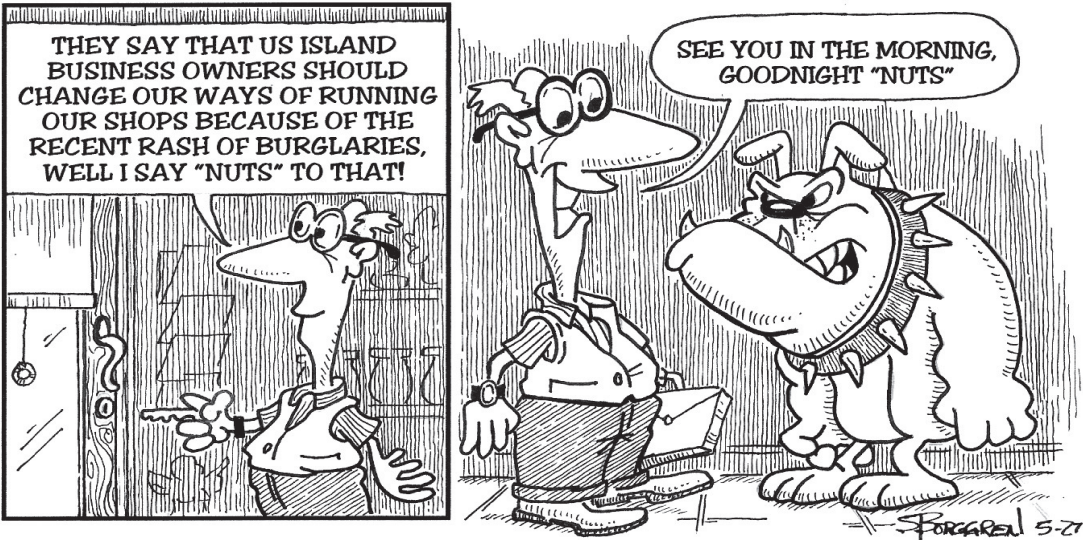
I hope my cartoons have put a smile on your face or brightened one of your days. If not, well ... keep reading. I have plenty of humor left.

Thanks for laughing.

Mike and Maggie: a toast to you and the staff of The Sun. Here’s to another 10 years.



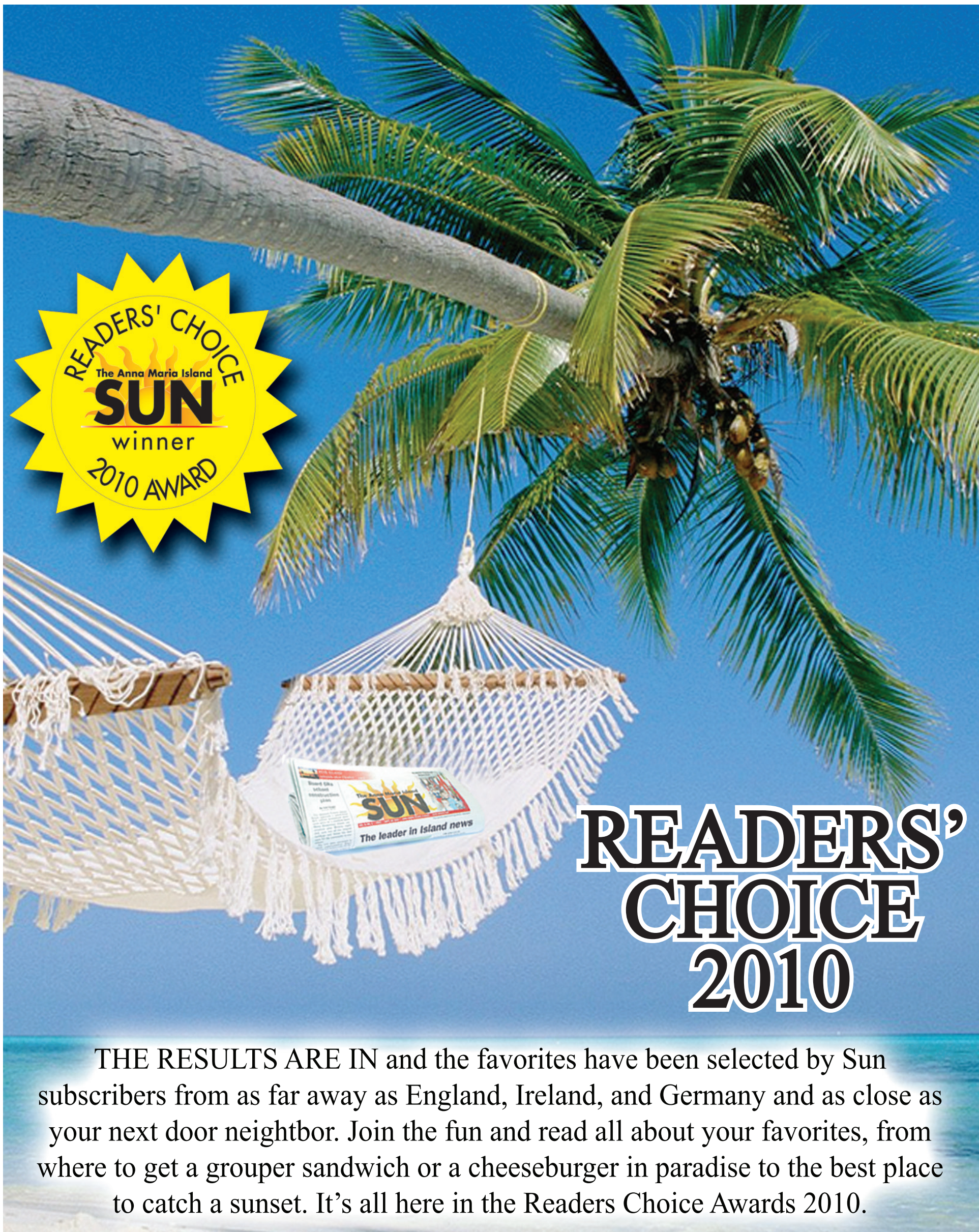
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Boardwalk project delayed

By Laurie Krosney

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ANNA MARIA — The city will have a boardwalk with benches and landscaping at the base of the city pier, but not in time for the centennial celebration.

"It just isn't going to get done before season," said City Commissioner Jo Ann Mattick, who wrote the grant application for the project. "It's going to take three months to complete, and

with the black out periods at Thanksgiving and Christmas when we promised we wouldn't be doing any construction, it's just not going to be ready."

Mattick has chaired a committee of residents who planned the project and worked with Florida Department of Transportation to make it a reality.

"We can't be doing construction during season, so the project won't be started until after the two-day celebration of the 100th

anniversary of the pier on May 13 and 14."

Construction on the project will begin after the official centennial celebration.

In November, the committee will get a chance to review the final plans before the construction permits are signed. There will also be another hearing to bring the public up to speed.

"Then after it's done, we can have another celebration," Mattick said.

September tourism up from 2009

By Cindy Lane

SUN STAFF WRITER

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Hotel occupancy on Anna Maria Island was up in September, according to statistics from the Bradenton Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB).

Anna Maria Island occupancy was 45.9 percent, up from 39.4 percent in September

2009, while hoteliers in the Manatee County section of Longboat Key reported occupancy at 33.7 percent, up from 30.8 percent last September.

September hotel rates were down, with Anna Maria Island rates averaging \$131.60 a night, down from \$139.38 last September. Rates on Longboat Key averaged \$134.11 a night, down from \$135.28 last

September.

September has been the slowest month of the year for the past four years, according to the CVB's statistics.

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by Sean Murphy

A champagne toast - to the Island Sun

All of life's milestones, birthdays and anniversaries should be celebrated with the tiny bubbles in champagne. Everything about champagne is celebratory. It starts with a pop. It leaps joyously from the bottle. In the glass it sparkles with fireworks and crystal lights. The bubbles slide giggling down your throat.

To say no to champagne is to say no to life.

So where do the bubbles come from?

Crudely put, wine is made when yeast drinks grape juice and urinates alcohol until it passes out in the alcohol. The yeast also passes gas - bubbles - in the process. Sounds like an Irish birthday party, but it is called fermentation.

The bubbles in champagne are the result of a second fermentation. The champagne maker makes wine and then adds a second dose of yeast and sugar - so the process starts again, but the bubbles are kept in the bottle.

The mythology of champagne has folk tale qualities.

Champagne's creation is credited to a monk - a man of God. Dom Perignon was a cellar master in a monastery in Champagne, a province of France. He probably stum-

bled upon the art by putting wine in a container that had leftover sugar in it. After the good father mastered the basics of bubbles he tried to keep it a secret, but his little helper, Dom Ruinart, took off and carried the secret down the road to the next monastery. The bubbles were on the loose.

The champagne that the boys made was still a little crude. It had stuff floating

around in it and looked more like beer than what we think of as crystal bright and sparkling champagne. It took a woman to make champagne beautiful. The widow Clicquot - in French the veuve Clicquot - radically improved the look of champagne by improving the processes of ridding and degorgement.

Riddling is the time consuming task of gradually moving particles that are in suspension

in the champagne down the bottle to the neck. The bottles are tapped, turned, racked and increasingly inverted until the bottle is upside down and the junk is in the neck. Then the neck is frozen, the bottle is opened, the frozen deposits are removed - degorged - and the bottle is recorked and wired shut again.

The widow's portrait is still on the famous orange label of Veuve Clicquot. She is kind of scary looking. She spent a lot of time in the basement lugging wine bottles.

Like too many other great things in life, champagne is expensive. Making champagne is a lot more work and requires more time and storage space. The best champagne has the tiniest bubbles - bubbles made smaller by compressing the gases for longer periods. The compression from those bubbles requires thicker, stronger and more expensive bottles. And then there is all that racking and riddling and disgorging.

There is a lot of labor and a lot of love in those bubbles. This week let's raise a glass of love and bubbles to Mike and Maggie Field and the Island Sun staff, and toast them for making our Island a better place.



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IT'S A GREAT DAY TO READ THE SUN!

Robinson protests budget reserve

Commissioner Pat Morton also lodged a protest over lack of raises for employees.

By Pat Copeland

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HOLMES BEACH — In the second and final reading Sept. 30, Commissioner Al Robinson protested the budget saying some of the reserves should be used to reduce taxes.

"I understand what Al's saying," Commissioner David Zaccagnino said, "but it's our pleasure how spend it or

refund it. We've reduced the millage. We probably have two more years of economic difficulties, and we might have to dip into that reserve to pay some of the expenses."

Chair Sandy Haas-Martens said because taxes don't come in for several months, the city must use its reserve to operate.

"Some of those funds are restricted for stormwater and gas tax purposes," Treasurer Rick Ashley pointed out. "The \$2.365 million regular reserve money is probably five months (of operation), and if we're in a catastrophic situation, it would be less than that."

Mayor Rich Bohnenberger

added, "If there's a storm, we have to front the money (for cleanup), and it's supposed to be reimbursable."

Commissioner Pat Morton said he was upset because employees were not getting raises and noted, "The morale of the employees is the lowest I've seen. I think it's about time we think what we should be doing for them."

Commissioners approved a 1.75 millage rate and the \$8,413,450 budget for the fiscal year 2010-11 with Robinson and Morton voting no on the budget.

Morton said he voted no because "It's not right what they're doing to the employees."

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Outdoors

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I was introduced to fishing in Anna Maria Sound and the edges of Tampa Bay by Captain Scott Moore in the early 1980s. I was invited along on trips with my friend Bobby Lee, and we were blessed to experience amazing days on the water with a man who would become a legend for his prowess with snook, tarpon, redfish and myriad other species. Those early days were the beginning of an awareness of the vulnerability of our fisheries resources and led to the formation of the Manatee Chapter of the Florida Conservation Association and a lifetime desire to protect fish and the waters they inhabited.

When I was approached by Mike Field about writing for The Sun years later, I realized that I had found the perfect place to explore and share my love of fishing, while also appealing to like-minded people to work to preserve this resource. Whether I'm writing about the upcoming season for king mackerel or the need to protect the sea grasses in Anna Maria



Sound, The Sun has always allowed me to reach out to you, the readers. The Sun has also given me the space to share my passion for photography with you. I've found photographs to be a great way to preserve some of fishing's most special moments and through this column I've been able to share the techniques, equipment and software that help make it all possible.

It's been rewarding to learn fresh angles and find new fishing areas to explore. Through the newspaper I've been able to share my introduction to Florida destinations like Chassahowitzka, Pine Island Sound, the Indian River Lagoon and the Keys. You've also followed me to far flung



These volunteers wearing T-shirts supplied by The Sun, an event sponsor, take a break during the Second Great Sarasota Bay Scallop Search in 2008.

destinations like Argentina, Belize and the Bahamas. It's been a pleasure to have an audience to share these times with, and without The Sun I wouldn't have been able to reach out to you.

At every turn, The Sun has not only been willing to let me share my ideas and thoughts about the joys of life on the wa-

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Two more weeks to fish for trout

Captain Zach Zacharias

Fall fell on us like a rock. The weather conditions have been almost idyllic except for the wind, which was a big factor all week long. Going into this weekend, the wind machine seems to be running out of steam and that's good.

Along with the low nighttime temperatures and the wind, there has been a substantial drop in the water temperatures, and that has served to reinforce an autumn angling pattern in a big hurry.

The angling action hasn't seemed to have suffered, however, with most of the great reports of the past few weeks continuing except with the challenge of the windy conditions.

Anglers should keep in mind that there are only about three weeks remaining of open trout season. November and December, while being two of the hottest trout months hereabouts, will be closed for the harvest of specks. With snook being shut down as well, inshore anglers in Manatee and Sarasota counties will be hard pressed to put together a fry for a spell. Thankfully, the cooler weather pattern will bring on increased success with flounder, and maybe some early sheepshead on the inshore waters. Some late season mangrove snapper should be available on the inside, and black drum are on the upswing also.

When the winds allow, the nearshore fishing in the Gulf off Manatee County should be in fine fettle. There is plenty of bait around, the water clarity is good, and all the usual suspects in the pelagic fraternity should be on hand for a rod bending blitzes for the next several weeks. Kingfish, cobia, little tunny, sharks, departing tarpon and schools of Spanish mackerel are already bunching up and shredding bait schools all over the beaches.

Pompano are also making a strong showing and those savvy anglers who know how to target those golden nuggets will do well along the beaches, in the passes and deep grass flats very close to the Gulf of



PHOTO/CAPTAIN LARRY MCGUIRE

Annah Dault, of Anna Maria Island, with a nice gag grouper she caught offshore in about 60 feet using sardines. Annah and party were fishing with Captain Larry McGuire.

Mexico.

Captain Ray Markham

A variety of fish were caught aboard the Flat Back II this week. Several days of fishing accounted for snook, trout, bluefish, Spanish mackerel, gag grouper, black seabass, ladyfish, bonito, flounder and a few others. Sandy Layfield, of Safety Harbor, fished lower Tampa Bay with me targeting Spanish mackerel and bonito, aka false albacore or little tunny.

Hitting the water in the afternoon to catch the last of an incoming tide and the tide change, Sandy and I tied on CAL Jigs with Shad tails. Watching the area around the Skyway for fish breaking the

surface and birds circling and diving on bait was my tactic for spotting these fish. Simple as it was, these fish would surface in a feeding frenzy for maybe a minute, then sound, moving 100-yards or so to feed again later.

Because of the brief periods of feeding action, we adopted the "run and gun" strategy. When fish would surface, I'd jump the boat on plane, moving to the area, ready to cast as we got within casting range. The CAL Shad would no sooner hit the water and we would hook up. A night glow holographic colored jig seemed to look much like the forage these fish

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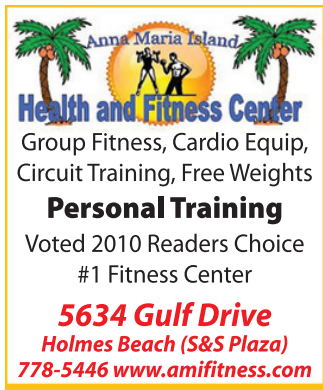
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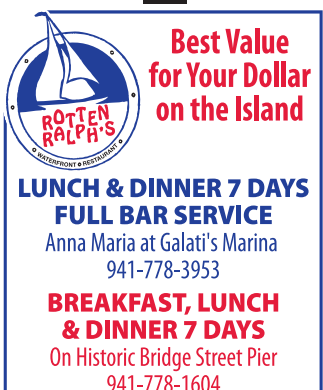
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were feeding on. Large glass minnows, aka bay anchovies, were their targeted prey, and these CAL Shads are very similar in size, profile, and color, making them a top choice for an artificial lure for bonito.

Captain Larry McGuire

We encountered great pelagic action this week in about 40 feet offshore of the Island this week after the wind calmed down. I anchored up on a reef and started catching grouper and snapper on our bottom fishing. When the flatlines with sardines went crazy with the party catching a big cobia, blacktip and reef sharks, Spanish mackerel, barracuda and kingfish.

This weekend and coming week, I plan on heading deep out past 100 feet

for monster grouper, snapper, and amberjack. But this time of year if the seas are rough you can fish closer in and catch lots of keeper gag grouper and all those pelagics.

Captain Mark Howard

Before the high winds during the week, I had some excellent days fishing on the waters of Tampa Bay and the near shore waters of the Gulf. The speckled trout bite has continued to be strong over the 2- to 8-foot depth where the sea grass beds are. I like to chum an area and get the speckled trout chewing to get some fast action on these fun fine eating fish. A new method I have employed for catching the speckled trout has been to nose hook the shiner and make a long cast through the chummed up fish and work the shiner back to the boat like

a top water lure "walk the dog." This method seems to enrage the big trout gets them to attack the shiner. It has also worked on other apex predators.

The inshore and beach fishing has really turned on with the dip in the water temperatures. Spanish mackerel, bonitas, sharks, tarpon, and a few kingfish have been feeding off the Anna Maria beaches in the early morning. Look for the diving birds and chum with shiners to get the fish behind your boat. Last Sunday on a birthday charter Robby Friday, of Kissimmee, fishing with his father, Matt, and friend, David, had a banner day on the near shore waters catching a lot of 3- to 5-pound Spanish mackerel and putting seven big spinner sharks in the air. We only got 1 to the boat for a leader release, but the memory of 6ft spinner sharks flying out of the water gave the boys a memorable birthday experience.

The upcoming week will have increasing tides for the weekend, which will cause the bite to fire up. I will be concentrating my efforts on the drop offs of the Intercostal waterway, pot-holes and along the edges of flats and fishing the nearshore and offshore waters of the Gulf of Mexico. The near shore/offshore bite will only get better as the water temperature drops and the grouper and snapper make their move into shallow water.

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By the time our fifth anniversary was upon us, the market was well into third gear heading for overdrive. Now we're at 10 years and the deceleration of real estate has both shocked and delighted, depending on whether you're a buyer or a seller. The question now is what will the next 10 years bring?

One thing's for sure the Anna Maria Island of 10 years ago looked a lot different than today's.

Starting in Bradenton Beach, the renovation and vast improvement of Bridge Street, with the addition of state of the art hotel accommodations and restaurants, invites people to stroll along have dinner and check out the shops. The renovation of the Bridge Street Pier adds to the appeal of the



Castles in the Sand

Louise Bolger

street while keeping with an old Florida casual feel.

Holmes Beach has had a number of conversions of small hotels to condos, as well as the renovation of several old duplexes into charming village like condo rentals. In spite of the slow real estate market, Holmes Beach continues to be a flurry of activity with new construction and major renovations to single family homes.

The Mainsail project appears to be on, The AMI Chamber has moved into a brand new location during the past 10 years, and the improvements made to the two main shopping areas in Holmes Beach have moved the middle of the Island from 1950 to 2010.

Anna Maria city continues to be the residential heart of the Island with fabulous single family waterfront homes wrapping right around the tip of Bean Point from North Shore Drive to Bay Boulevard.

The Pine Avenue restoration is in full swing bringing in new businesses and construction, while keeping the fundamental nature of Anna Maria.

It's no accident that home values grew exponentially as the Island was able to offer appealing improvements and services to a wider range of buyer without losing its original essence. People come to Anna Maria from all over the country and the world, not only because we have warm weather and clear water, but because of Anna Maria's aura of timelessness.

This is the reason why in the midst of the worst housing slow down since the depression, real estate on the Island is still valuable and still priced higher than it was 10 years ago. Like every other real estate market in the country, the Island hit its approximate peak in the 2005-2006 market after

adding incredible wealth to housing values anywhere between two to three times from five years earlier.

The market fell, but it didn't fall all the way back, settling at the more realistic sale prices of 2003-2004, creating opportunities for buyers who appreciate everything Anna Maria represents to buy well valued properties.

As sobering as the real estate market has been during the last several years, it's even more sobering to those of us at The Sun to realize that 10 years have passed so quickly. With the real estate market back in overdrive and the Sun providing the best real estate information available, we're both ready for another extraordinary 10 years.

Happy anniversary to The Anna Maria Island Sun, its publishers Maggie and Mike Field and all the talented and innovated staff I've had the privilege of working with throughout the journey. In the words of the 60s counter culture, "It's been a trip."




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Old party lines provided divertissement

"Oh, the woman on our party line's the nosiest thing.

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--Hank Williams, Sr., 1949

In spite of what some folks still believe, the telephone was not invented by an ancestor of mine named Alexander Graham Fones.

According to my exhaustive research, it was invented by an Alexander Graham Bell, who, however, used my family surname for his contraption, spelling it "phones" instead of "fones," to avoid having to pay us royalties all the way down the road. But I intend to use the proper spelling, "telephones," throughout today's homily, to get even.

The earliest telephones were housed in a wooden box that hung on a wall, proly in the kitchen. It had a lily-shaped black mouthpiece sticking out in front, a receiver (hearing device) hanging on the left and a small handcrank on the right. (Got the picture?) When one lifted the receiver thing off its cradle and gave the crank a smart twirl, that woke up central, the operator at a switchboard somewhere, who would plug you in, after which it went something like this (sound like fun?):

Operator: "This is central. Number please." (You were now expected to tell



Senior Prom

Jack Fones

her the four-digit number assigned to the person you wished to speak with. But just for fun, let's say you lost that number.)

You: "Oh, good morning, Madge. I'm sorry, I've misplaced the Scott's number. Would you mind ringing them up for me? Jim and I want to invite them to dinner tonight. I hate to ask, but could you..."

Central: "Well, yes, I could ring them for you, but I just saw them across the street going into Harry's Meat Market. I'll ring Harry's and get them on the phone over there for you. Just hang on a sec."

You: "Oh, thank you so much, Madge. I hate to cause you any trouble."

Central: "No trouble, dear. Glad to do it. Oh, and here's the Scott's fone number - 4321, ring 2. OK, here's Harry's..."

That's the way it often went in the good old party-line days. (Try it on your cell fones, kids!) There were telephone wires from your house to a fonepole out front and from thereto the fone company's switchboard in a corner of Madge's

parlor over on the next block or wherever.

There weren't thousands of other telephone users, barely 100 in some towns like ours. Most local businesses had a fone, but only a handful of wealthy folks had 'em. It was an added household expense, you see, although proly only a fraction of today's fone bills with their collection of billed federal, state, county, city and neighborhood taxes, fees and operating charges.

Party lines were the only fone service you could get until around 1920 or so, and they were widespread until after World War II. With a party line, you were given a 4-digit fone number, say 1234, plus an additional digit, say 3. That meant that when your party line fone rang, followed by three short rings, the call was for you. If it was followed by one or two or four short rings, it was for someone else on your party line.

There could be up to 10 added short rings, depending on how many subscribers were on your multiparty connection. This meant, of course, that you could be assured of some instant entertainment if you were bored on a rainy day and your fone rang, but with someone else's added rings. Now you were not being summoned (but here's the fun part); you could surreptitiously pick up your own hearing device and listen in!

These were the days before radio and TV, but offering similar dramatic or possibly even comedic divertissement. You had to be real careful not to breathe heavily, or - God forbid! - cough or sneeze! If you did, your neighbor would hear you sneaking a listen. An extremely embarrassing moment. But how could you quit listening if the gossip you'd been drooling over on the QT concerned that cute kid up the street eloping with the paperboy?

The wooden box gave way to the tall black upright table model fone with a smiliar hearing thing hanging on it, but sans crank. And, later, the handheld all-in-one French style. Before World War II, party lines were the rule, not the exception. There was radio, but not TV or computers, so the party line was not only entertaining, it was useful to reach others on your line during floods, blizzards and hurricanes (as long as the fone wires didn't come down), to warn folks quickly.

I miss those old party lines. Today you never know what's going on with your strange neighbors. Modern party lines are somewhat different. Ask any Democrat or Republican about theirs.

(Jack's line at a party is "Happy Birthday!" at The Woodward, 202 Court St., Keene, N.H. 03431; 603-352-5675.)

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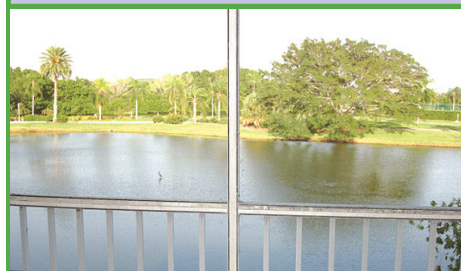
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"Island faces selling Island places"

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per hoagies and chips from Paradise Bagels Café and Catering; fish tacos from the Waterfront; crab cakes and shrimp Bruschetta from the Sandbar; Philly cheese steaks, soup, chips and cookies from Rudy’s Subs; fish sandwiches, shrimp skewers, conch fritters and crab poppers from Giatano’s Seafood Grill; jerk chicken and jerk chicken wings from Jamrocks; ice cream from Tyler’s; fish and chips and fried pickles from Old Bag of Nails Pub; barbecued ribs and wings from T&L Barbecue; Stromboli and sticky buns from Philly’s Finest; a pulled pork sandwich from Aaron’s BBQ; hot dogs from Corkey’s; beef jerky, flavored ice, popcorn and nuts from Miller Snack Foods; funnel cakes, kettle corn and Italian ice from Steve Schmidt, kettle corn from Walker’s; pizza from The Feast restaurant; burgers from Skinny’s; and stone

crab from Moore’s Stone Crab restaurant that might be extra fresh as season starts Friday, Oct. 15.

Some of those food outlets will be open Friday, for those who want to catch dinner and enjoy the music after work. All of them will be open on Saturday.

As for the other vendors, there are more than 100 vendors in all selling arts and crafts with 20 of them open on Friday night.

Non-profit groups will also be under tents distributing information, selling items and taking donations. They include the Anna Maria Island Privateers, Florida

If You Go

BAYFEST 2010

When: Oct. 15, 5 to 10 p.m., Oct. 16, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Where: Pine Ave. in Anna Maria from North Shore to N. Bay Blvd.

What: Music, food, arts, crafts, kids' area, classic car show and more.

Admission: Free.

Blood Services, the Rotary Club of AMI, Anna Maria’s EEEEC, Turtle Watch, the Coast Guard, West Manatee Fire and Rescue, The American Cancer Society Susan G Komen three-day walk, (The Rack Pack) and Relay for Life, The Diamonds You Are, North End Merchants Organization, Emma’s Little Helpers, AMI Power Squadron, the Senior Friendship Centers and also The Motts Soldier Support Group and Save the Gulf.

In addition, there will be music both days featuring local favorites on stage, a large kids area with lots to do (bring \$5

per kid).

Organizer Cindy Thompson also confirmed that there will be 23 Port-A-Potties, up 10 from last year, and they will be cleaned out and freshened Saturday morning.

The Anna Maria Historical Society will be taking orders for Carlyne Norwood’s second volume of Island history, “A Tale of Three Cities,” and taking pictures of people in front of the old jailhouse, while people can also paint a coconut with their children and dunk a local politician or personality.

And Thompson said that around 106 classic and antique car owners are registered now for the car show, which includes a disc jockey spinning oldies from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All you have to do it show up. There is no admission charge and trolleys will be running all day both days up to closing.

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Barr, of the Pensacola firm Levin Papantonio. “Even if the oil didn’t wash up, the tourism numbers dropped because of the perception of a problem.”

Barr said Kenneth Feinberg, appointed by the president to manage the \$20 million Gulf Coast Claims Facility (GCCF), reversed his previous position and said he would consider claims from areas other than those where oil washed up on the beaches.

“Right now everybody’s hoping that Fienberg does what he says he’ll do and resolve these cases, but you need that trial lawyer in the background to take it to trial if necessary,” Barr pointed out.

Two-track plan

He said the firms are proposing a two-track plan. One is to go through the GCCF, and businesses have until Nov. 23 to file emergency claims using a simple claim form on the GCCF Website. He recommended that all businesses file one, but

said owners should not sign any documents indicating they are accepting it as a final award.

The other track is for individual businesses to go through the law firm. Barr said FRLA membership is not required and the firm is fronting all the costs, but it would charge a percentage of any award that is issued.

He said successful claims require documentation such as letters of cancellation, tax returns, mitigation efforts, occupancy/sales information and financial statements and noted, “Claims are tricky, especially with future damages.

“Travelers have a different perspective of coming to Florida. People will have to spend money to recapture that market. That’s the type of thing where it’s good to have legal council.”

He said GCCF is comparing 2010 to 2009, which was one of the worst years in the history of the state, but the law firms would use modeling to help determine losses.

“Modeling will compare the oil spill to other catastrophic events,” he explained.

“We can apply the information to here to predict what would have happened in 2010, 2011, 2012 without the oil spill.

“We’ll take all the available information and put all the different variables in for the oil spill. These will give us assumptions on what the impacts were to your specific situation.”

Legal investigator Carol Moore advised

owners to contact Levin Papantonio by calling 1-888-581-4758 and explained, “Our intake department will take all your information, our environmental department will send you an individualized packet, and we’ll start a dialogue with you.”

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Maggie Carter shows off a fish she caught off the Anna Maria City Pier in the first fall Learn to Fish class held by the Community Center. The class is for kids age 5 through 12 and runs for four consecutive Wednesdays in October from 4 to 6 p.m. with a second set of four classes beginning Nov. 3. Call the Center at 778-1908 for details.

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Southern Green also bounced back and won a tight match with Mr. Bones 2-1. Aiden Grumley and Michael Latimer each scored a goal for Southern Greens, while Ben Connors scored for Mr. Bones. Keep an eye on this division. There is no clear runaway favorite yet here.

Division I (12-13-year-olds)

Autoway Ford and Mike Norman Realty remain tied for first place, and each picked up a win over the Gathering Place team. The Mike Norman team won 3-1 over The Gathering Place. Two goals by Morgan Greig and one by Michael Duffman helped Mike Norman get past the one goal by Kieran Grumley. Autoway Ford shut out The Gathering Place 3-0 with the help of strong defense led by Sibella Glavan, Julia Ware and Mikayla Kane in goal. Autoway Ford goals were scored by Neil Carper with two and one goal by Sydney Cornell.

Premier (14-17-year-olds)

West Coast Surf Shop picked up two important wins this week

and now there is a three-way tie for first place. In the first game, West Coast Surf Shop knocked off first place Beach Bistro in a close 9-8 game. Helio Gomez dominated the offensive end with six goals, mostly coming from the unselfish passing of Chandler Hardy, who also scored two. J.T. Goode added the other goal in the win. Beach Bistro goals by Phillip Biddulph and Julius Gomes, each with four, were not enough. West Coast Surf picked up its second win of the week over Wash Family Construction 10-2. Stellar defense led by Dina Gomez and Rainia Lardas and goal tending by Chandler Hardy and J.T. Goode kept the Wash team to just two goals from Austin Wash. Chandler Hardy had five goals, one of which came from a big boot from the goalie position, Helio Gomez had four and J.T. Goode had one for West Coast Surf and the win.

Adult Co-Ed (21 and up)

Sarasota Veterinary Emergency Hospital team remained unbeaten as it won 4-2 over The Fish Hole team. The superb passing and all around great team play led to two goals by Paul Hayward, one

goal by Danielle Moore and one by Kris Yavalar. It was a great game and was tied 2-2 for the majority of time, but in the end one goal from The Fish Hole players Ryan Moss and Josh Sato was not enough. The last game of adult Thursday night featured the Island Sun team defeating Beach to Bay Construction 4-2. Beach to Bay struck first with a sweet goal by Enrico Beissert. After that the Sun team tightened up its defense, led by Tyler Bekkerus, Andy Jonatzke and Emily King and did not give up another goal until eight minutes left in the game. After Beach to Bay's first goal, the Island Sun answered back with a powerful shot from Damir Glavan that deflected in to tie the game. A few minutes later a long pass from Tyler Bekkerus to Ryan Hogan who headed it in for the go ahead goal and it was 2-1 at half. In the second half, Damir Glavan scored his second goal and Zoran Kolega added another to give The Sun a 4-1 lead. Beissert answered back with one more goal for Beach to Bay and leaves the final score 4-2.

For the upcoming week's soccer schedule and standing, visit our website at amisun.com

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ter, but also has stepped up to cover the formation of a new group called Sarasota Bay Watch. The paper publicized our formation, shared our first tentative steps with the public and then sponsored the T-Shirts for Sarasota Bay Watches' first Great Sarasota Bay Scallop Search. This commitment hasn't wavered over the years. Still a major sponsor of Sarasota Bay Watch after three years, The Sun is sensitive to the

needs and concerns of the fishermen of Cortez, the preservation of lands like the Robinson Preserve and an advocate for the preservation of a unique island way of life. In the Captain's Report, The Sun has championed the guides who lead area anglers to some of the best fishing to be found anywhere, and who have taught me so much. It's been a great experience watching the paper's success and a real privilege to be a part of its phenomenal growth.

I look forward to the next 10 years

and being able to share with you, the reader, this amazing resource that surrounds Anna Maria Island. I might write about redfish, snook or tarpon numerous times over the ensuing years, but you can be sure that I'm always striving to learn new ways to capture the essence of the experience and am eager to share what I learn with you.

Happy 10th anniversary to a special group of journalists, editors, photographers and staff members. It's an honor to be able to grow with you.

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FIRE from Page 1

Bradenton Mayor Wayne Poston countered, "Bigger's not necessarily better. There's no measurable cost savings. There has to be a reason to do it."

McClash said one benefit would be for the county building department to have to deal with only one fire district. Poston said he wouldn't want someone from Lakewood Ranch making decisions for him.

County Commissioner John Chappie suggested the board appoint a commissioner as a liaison to the fire districts to "work with them to find out where our deficiencies are and what we can do to help provide the best ser-

vice.

"Every time we have a council of governments meeting we should have representatives from the fire districts. We cannot let it go with, 'We'll see you next time it comes up.'"

However, County Commissioner Larry Bustle pointed out, "There's 11 fire districts. The job is impossible for one commissioner. Rather than doing it that way we should invite representatives of the fire districts to come to this meeting."

The board approved a motion to invite the chief and one commissioner from each fire district to come to the quarterly COG meetings.

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Relay for Life kickoff

There will be a kickoff party at the Island Branch Library, 5701 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach, on Wednesday, Oct. 27, at 6:30 p.m. for Relay for Life teams on the Island to sign up and learn more about this year's theme – storybooks. Team leaders will also be able to choose their team campsites. Teams need to RSVP by Oct. 22 by calling Judy Athari at 941-745-1214 or e-mail her at judy.athari@cancer.org.

Church women to gather

St Bernard Catholic Church Women will host a luncheon at noon on Thursday, Oct 14, in the Activity Center, 248 S. Harbor Drive, Holmes Beach. Come dressed in your favorite “haunting” Halloween costume, if you dare, or come as you are.

Library friends board to meet

The Friends of the Island Branch Library holds its monthly board meeting on Friday, Oct. 15, at 9:30 a.m. at 5701 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach. Call 778-6341 for more information.

Sale for botanical park

The annual Palma Sola Botanical Park plants, antiques and crafts sales event will be held on Saturday Oct. 16, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the park, located at 9800 17th Ave. N.W. in Bradenton, this year in cooperation with the organization Friends of the

DeSoto Memorial. There will be vendors of plants, garden-related items, antiques, and crafts, plus grilled food and drinks, music and children's activities. Admission is free. For more information, call 941-761-2866 or e-mail palmasolabp@aol.com.

Register for boating class

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 81 is offering a ABC Boating Class in two parts. Part One will be given on Saturday, Oct. 16, and Part Two on Oct. 23, starting at 8 a.m. at the Auxiliary Flotilla 81 Building at GT Bray Park, 5801 33rd Ave. W., Bradenton. All training material will be included in the price, which is \$35 per person. For more information, call Lillian at 941-758-5500 or Ray at 941-761-4847.

Garden club to meet

The Anna Maria Garden Club will hold its first meeting of the season on Wednesday, Oct. 20, at noon, at Roser Memorial Community Church, 512 Pine Ave., Anna Maria. Jack Tichenor, of the Manatee County Extension Service, will speak on water conservation. The public is invited.

Training to deal with cancer

CrossPointe Fellowship is hosting a workshop on how to reach out to cancer patients in two two-hour parts on Tuesday, Oct. 19, and Thursday, Oct. 21, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the church fellowship hall at 8605 Gulf Drive, Anna Maria. This training will

help people become involved in a community outreach that ministers to those who deal with cancer. There is a \$10 fee that covers the cost of the materials you will receive. To reserve a spot, call the church office at 778-0719.

Program for college bound

The Friends of the Island Branch Library are sponsoring a special program for teens featuring certified college resource specialist Debra Landesberg at the library, located at 5701 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach, on Wednesday, Oct. 20, starting at 5:30 p.m. Seating is free and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call the library at 941-778-6341.

Island Players help school

The Island Players and the Off Stage Ladies are sponsoring a porch sale at the Players Theatre, at the corner of Gulf and Pine in Anna Maria. On Saturday, Oct. 23, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Players are cleaning out their closet and have a lots of good items that could make great costumes for Halloween, so make sure you check them out before going to a store for trick-or-treaters. Proceeds from the sale go to art, music and other programs at Anna Maria Elementary School.

Oktoberfest at church

Celebrate Oktoberfest in Lowe Hall at the Episcopal Church of the

Annunciation, 4408 Gulf Drive, Holmes Beach, starting at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 24. Enjoy German food and dancing with Ron Bopp supplying the live music. Call 778-1638 for information.

Order book at Bayfest

Carolyn Norwood will be taking orders for her second volume of Island history, “A Tale of Three Cities,” at Bayfest on Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Island Historical Museum, 402 Pine Ave. , Anna Maria. The book covers the period from 1940 to 1970 and costs \$20.

Copies of Norwood's first volume of Island history, “Anna Maria Island – The Early Days,” are available at the museum for \$13. It spans the period from 1893 to 1940.

Resident plays at sARTee

Bradenton Beach resident Scott Blum is part of Festival sARTee and will perform on Oct. 17 at 2 p.m. for the Festival's soiree at the Ringling Museum in Sarasota.

Fuzion Dance Artists will perform a selection called Suenos de Colores with original music by Blum. The Manatee players will perform pieces from “Sunday in The Park with George,” and Blum will play drums with actor and vocalist Sharon Scott during that performance.

The Longboat Key Center for the Arts will host the closing reception for the Festival sARTee, and Blum will provide entertainment with an upscale jazz trio on Sunday, Oct. 24.

BeachBEAT

Anna Maria

10/6, 2:35 p.m., suspicious incident, 100 block of Park Avenue. The complainant said that somebody stole his old air conditioner that was no longer in use.
10/7, 4:35 p.m., grant theft, 100 block of Hammock Avenue. The complainant said he set more than \$10,000 worth of jewelry on a table in the front room of his rental unit overnight and the next morning, he found it was gone. There was no sign of forced entry.

Bradenton Beach

No new reports.

Holmes Beach

10/5, suspicious incident, 300 block of 55th Street. Two officers responded to a report of an open door in the back of the vacant house. The complainant checked the home and found nothing out of place. She said that the owners were out of town and the house was being shown by real estate agents.
10/5, suspicious incident, 500 block of Key Royale Drive. Two officers responded in reference to an open door on the abandoned home. A check was made of the interior and the real estate agent was

advised by dispatch that the residence was not secure.
10/5, suspicious incident, 500 block of 67th Street. The officer responded to a report of an open door in an unoccupied residence. The neighbor said that he saw one of the owner's dogs walking down the street and when he went to put the dog back in the home, he found the front door open. He closed the door and called police. Due to the large dog on the inside of the home, the officer was unable to check the it. A message was left for the owner of the home.
10/6, burglary, 500 block of Key Royale Drive. The officer was checking homes on his list and found the door on the east side to be open and the side garage window to be broken out. Two other officers arrived on

scene, and they went into the house to make sure no one was inside. While inside the home it appeared as if nothing was taken. The television and other valuables were still in the home. The owner of the house was contacted, and he stated that he would have someone come to secure the house.
10/7, 8:10 p.m., theft, West Marine, 3324 East Bay Drive. A customer was shopping for fishing gear and had set two rods with reels aside. Another customer asked for assistance in the back of the store and while serving that person, the clerk heard the first customer leave. The second customer joined him and they walked north on Marina Drive. Meanwhile, the clerk noticed that the two rods and reels set aside were missing.

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1 Popular

4 Takes steps

8 Does some garden maintenance

14 " __ Father ..."

15 Masked critter

16 "Ditto"

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18 *"Seven Year Ache" country singer

20 *"All I Wanna Do" singer

22 1963 role for Liz

23 Note after fa

24 Nissan sedan

26 Mimosa family tree

29 Part of TNT

32 *Longtime "American Bandstand" host

36 Lover of Christine, in "The Phantom of the Opera"

38 Gardner of "Mogambo"

39 Parkinsonism drug

41 Hagen of Broadway

42 Bette's "Divine" nickname

45 *Notable member of The Second City improv group

48 "The Merry Widow" composer

50 Time-share units

51 Rolled oats cereal
- 55 Banned pesticide

56 Voice above tenor

59 *French writer who befriended Chopin

63 *"The Mark of Zorro" star (1940)

65 Happy hour site, and word that can follow each last name in the answers to starred clues

66 World's largest river by volume

67 King, to a subject

68 Greater N.Y.C. campus

69 Not naked

70 City west of Tulsa

71 Street shader
- area

19 "Just kidding!"

21 Gibraltar landmark

25 Fallen space station

26 Eden gardener

27 __ union: same-sex relationship status

28 100%

30 King Arthur's meeting spot

31 Finish ahead of

33 Noun modifier: Abbr.

34 Friend of Pooh

35 Canadian rd. sign letters

37 Fires, with "off"

40 Very old: Abbr.

43 Chat idly: Var.

44 Half a Kenyan rebel

46 Official emergency status

47 "No ifs, __ ..."

49 University officer

52 Labor Day mo.

53 Running free

54 Author Shaw

56 Just barely

57 __ tick: disease carrier

58 Gillette's __ II

60 Spice Girl Halliwell

61 Wood fastener

62 Bongo or conga

64 Nantes negative
- Down

1 "Bonanza" brother

2 Pained cry

3 Hears arguments in court

4 Painter's medium

5 Not nerdy

6 Puccini opera

7 Warning from a dog-house

8 Best type of situation

9 Fruit drink suffix

10 Bach work

11 Catchall abbr.

12 Went up

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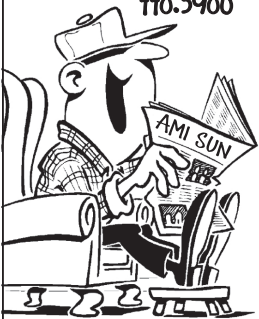
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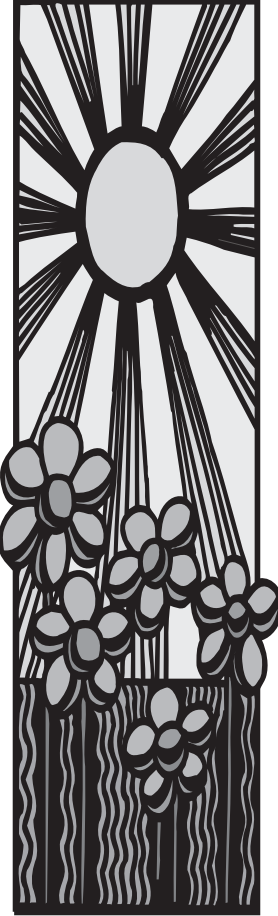
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