

Boynton Beach

Along U.S. 1, development plans frozen in time

By Thomas R. Collins

As you enter Boynton Beach from the north, the Peninsula development greets you — a shiny new collection of townhomes and condos.

It's just about to open its doors to happy new residents.

Or it was, anyway.

Getting its timing all wrong, the project got whacked by the market and is in foreclosure. It's 90



Federal Highway
An occasional series

percent built, but its prospects are uncertain. It's "stale and dead," city Planning Director Mike Rumpf said.

"We hope it gets purchased and resurrected by someone," he said, a map of the city's zoning plan on a wall next to him.

With hardly any other choice, he looks on the bright side.

"That's the only one of its kind that got caught, trapped, so far along," he said. "In most cases, they didn't get off the ground to begin with."

But there are plenty that never got off the ground. Vacant lots sit up and down road — perhaps the very spine of the city.

The sour economy has frozen the landscape in time. Land that was cleared, with high hopes of dazzling new condos and shops, just sits there.

The Federal Highway corridor in Boynton Beach might be one of the hardest-hit spots in the county, and it is central to the city's redevelopment efforts.

In 2001, the city approved a development plan for the road. It's a "wedding-cake shape" plan — as Rumpf puts it — with the tallest and most intense development near Boynton Beach Boulevard and Ocean Avenue, and lower tiers of development extending north, south and west from there.

Pieces of that plan have come to pass.

Marina Village, a condo project between Boynton Beach Boulevard and Ocean Avenue — just east of Federal — was finished before the

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From his perch atop the Ocean Avenue Bridge, Sam Clark says he has seen ospreys, manatees, exotic birds and friendly joggers. "You can only golf and fish so many times," he says. Photo by Tim Stepien

Along the Waterway

Bridge tenders have luck of the draw

By Ron Hayes

If you think waiting for the drawbridge to go down takes patience, spare a moment to honor those dedicated men and women who spend eight hours a day waiting to lower it.

And raise it again.

And lower it again.

And know whom to call when it sticks.

"A lot of people say, 'I'd like to be a bridge tender,'" says Barry Meve, the county's bridge superintendent, "but they get bored and can't take

it. You can't leave. You have to bring your lunch."

Twenty drawbridges span the waters of Palm Beach County, and more than a hundred men and women tend them.

The money's not great, but the view can be.

Take the newly renovated tower on the Linton Boulevard Bridge across the Intracoastal Waterway in Delray Beach. Completed in April at a cost of \$230,000, the bridge house rises 50 feet above the water and is adorned with a Key West-style roof and hurricane-proof windows.

On a clear day, Nicholas Evans has the kind of view wealthy condo-dwellers pay millions for.

"People think you can come to work and relax, that it's a cushy job," says Evans, "but sleeping is not allowed."

In addition to an elaborate control console for operating the bridge's 130-foot span, Evans' 15-by-15-foot office has air conditioning, a TV set, refrigerator, microwave oven, jug of spring water, desk and easy chair. And a restroom, one flight down.

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Hypoluxo Island / Point Manalapan

Tree lovers dig in for better town planting plan

By Emily J. Minor

You'd think planting a tree would be easy. Pick the tree, dig a hole, hook up the garden hose.

But Daryl Cheifetz knows better.

Cheifetz lives on the southernmost point of Hypoluxo Island in the small enclave of wealth and beauty called Point Manalapan. She's been there five years now

and loves the intimacy of her neighborhood.

"It's quiet. It's beautiful. It's serene," she said. "And the people are fantastic."

But there is something about coming home — driving down the winding, shady road through the Lantana portion of Hypoluxo Island and into her part of town — that bothers her.

"It looks like a landing strip," she said. "You get to Point Manalapan and your reaction is: 'What happened to the greenery?'"

What happened is this: The part of the island just to the north of her — south of the mainland causeway and north of Point Manalapan's guard gate — is in the town of

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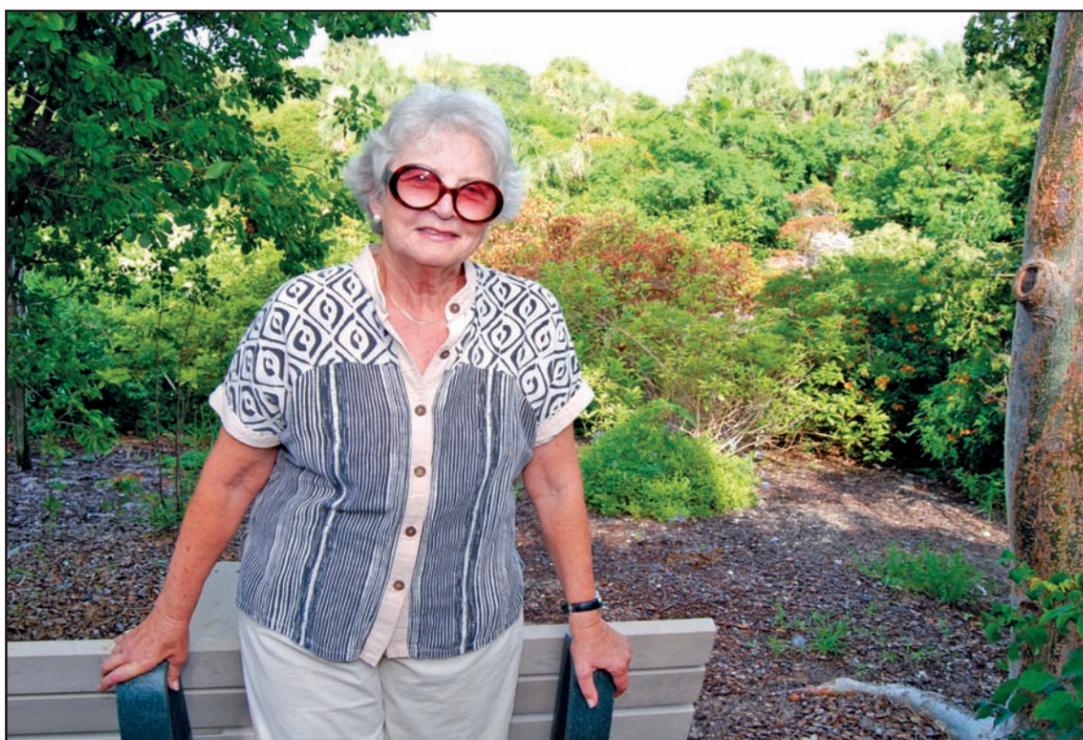
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Ilona Balfour stands at one of her favorite spots in the Lantana Nature Preserve, an abandoned garbage dump she helped transform. Photo by Jerry Lower

Editorial

Tap local brains for municipal savings ideas

Call me crazy. This past month I've been attending the annual budget workshops of our coastal towns, and have (almost) enjoyed the experience.

I've learned a lot about how municipalities operate and how difficult balancing a budget can be in a year with a depressed economy and decreased property values. It will be difficult for any municipality to avoid either tax increases or reduced services — no one will come out unscathed.

Different towns have chosen different tactics to find solutions to this year's budget process and that makes sense considering the unique needs of each community. Still, with next year's budget process appearing no easier than this one, maybe our communities should explore commonalities that might provide less painful solutions.

Two examples come to mind:

- Delray Beach has assigned a seven-member community task force to explore ways to cut expenses and generate revenue without slashing services or jobs. This independent board has located nearly \$1.6 million in potential revenue.

- Other cities are exploring ways to outsource their services to other municipalities. Everything from planning and building services to trash collection to library and public safety services.

Our coastal towns already contract with the county, neighboring cities and private contractors for many services: water, sewage, trash collection, police and/or fire rescue services. As a result, our town budgets

must consider the increases imposed by the larger governments who are facing an even more difficult budget year than our own.

With our coastal communities sharing so many of the same needs and concerns, our towns would benefit from a beach-area citizen advisory board to explore resource sharing and help identify sources of revenue and cost savings.

For example, if Ocean Ridge, Briny Breezes, the county pocket, St. Andrews and Gulf Stream all agree it's a priority to have fire-rescue emergency services nearby on the east side of the bridge, an intralocal advisory group could explore the options and help to negotiate the most cost effective way to make this happen.

If Briny Breezes should select not to sell its property, this same group could work with the town to find funding sources for self-development and/or infrastructure repairs that would benefit residents and the surrounding communities.

I'm not suggesting everyone sit through budget workshops. I'm not THAT crazy. But maybe this year's budget constraints will raise awareness and prompt people to get involved.

If we act now to tap into the local brain trust — and you can't tell me some of the best and brightest in our country don't live here — maybe we can find creative solutions to increase our quality of life and save a

few taxpayer dollars as we look ahead to 2010.

— Mary Kate Leming, Editor



Coastal Star wins 3 honors

The Coastal Star won two first place awards and one second place from the Florida Press Association in its 2008 Weekly Newspaper Contest.



The first place awards were given to the staff for Overall Graphic Design and Newspaper Promotion.

Artists Margot Snyder, Bonnie Lallky-Seibert, designer Scott Simmons, editor Mary Kate Leming and publisher Jerry Lower shared in those awards. Lallky-Seibert took second for Informational Graphics.

Preservation pays off

There's only a bit of truth to the legend that Ilona Balfour chained herself to a spreading ficus tree to protect it from destruction.

"I only threatened to tie myself to that tree," she says in the lilt of her native South Africa. "I had to sign a document that I wouldn't protest anymore."

Balfour, of Lantana, lost that battle, but she continues, at 72, to keep fighting the good fight. And because of Balfour's efforts, and those of neighbors Elizabeth and Rod Tennyson, an abandoned garbage dump along the Intracoastal Waterway is today the Lantana Nature Preserve.

About 10 years ago, there were efforts to develop the 6½-acre tract just north of Ocean Boulevard. "But we went down there and fought and rabble-raised and got every fisherman involved," Balfour recalls.

Today, the preserve boasts native vegetation and is home to myriad critters and wading birds. There's a little walking path so folks can stroll amid nature.

Alas, the ficus is gone. "It wasn't considered native," Balfour says with a tinge of regret.

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She and her husband, Malcolm, a former associate editor with the *National Enquirer*, moved to Hypoluxo Island in 1972 and since 1975 have lived in a house just west of the preserve.

"Our kids used to wade across the water at low tide and go play in the vacant area. Then there were plans to put in a driving range or a shopping center. The town felt it needed to sell the dump to make some money."

That's when Balfour and the Tennysons decided it was time for a little "rabble rousing."

They marshaled the residents, badgered local and state officials, and saved the area.

Today, Balfour serves as a director of the Nature Preserve board. "You think there isn't much in there. But when you go in, there's a lot there. There's possums and raccoons and other little

animals."

She hints, not very persuasively, that her fighting days are over. "We just want to keep the peace and not alienate anybody. I'm done with the fighting."

She's worked to get the children of the neighborhood and town involved and now the preserve is part of the local elementary school curriculum.

Balfour volunteers working with children as a guardian ad litem with the county, which, like the effort to save the preserve, has its ups and downs. But the rewards, she says, outweigh the disappointments.

Judy Black, a fellow director, friend and president of the Hypoluxo Island Homeowners Association, says Balfour "does a tremendous amount for the community."

"She has a wonderful sense of humor. If there's a cause involving people or animals or birds or trees, she's involved."

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Bicyclist Tim Warren suffered serious injuries when a car turned in front of him just south of Anchor Park in Delray Beach. Photo by Ken Steinhoff

Celebration ride encounters injury

By Ken Steinhoff

Frank Stark was an airline pilot who was forced to retire after quadruple bypass surgery and two heart attacks. He took up cycling as rehab and worked up to the point that he would "ride his age" every year on his birthday. One of his friends said he had a nurse riding with him in the early stages of his rehab.

Before long, the Boca Raton Bike Club started looking forward to the birthday rides. When Frank died of heart failure on a bike ride just a month short of his 71st birthday, the members established the Frank Stark Celebration Ride. The ride is very well-organized. It's the only one I can remember doing where iced towels are provided.

Mother Nature gave a bit of a break to cyclists participating in this year's annual ride July 12. The humidity was high, but the temperatures were in the low 80s when the riders rolled out to do a 30-mile or 62-mile loop starting in Boca Raton.

The club was offering new members a great deal. If you signed up at the ride, you could get an 18-month individual membership for \$25 and a family membership for \$40. What makes it an even better deal was that it included membership in the Florida Bicycle Association and the League of American Bicyclists.

Rider suffers serious injuries

There was one thing that marred the event, however. Cyclists participating in the ride encountered an independent rider who was southbound on A1A just south of the Anchor Park rest stop in Delray Beach when a car turned in front of him.

Witnesses said that rider Tim Warren had the green light. The first cyclists to stop did a good job of making sure his neck was stabilized and that nobody moved him until medics arrived.

Warren was taken to the hospital, where he underwent surgery to repair several facial fractures. His wife says his jaws will be wired shut for up to six weeks.

The driver of the car received citations for failure to yield and for an expired tag.

That just goes to show that you can be doing everything right — be part of a well-organized group ride; ride responsibly, wear a helmet and obey the traffic laws — and still your life can change in an instant.

Cycling really isn't a dangerous sport, but we should always remember that we don't have airbags, seatbelts and safety glass to protect us.

Our crumple zone starts at the tip of our nose.

Ken Steinhoff is an avid bicyclist and founder of PalmBeachBikeTours.com.

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market bust and sold out within a year, said Lorraine Freed, Palm Beach County manager for owner Related Cervera Realty Services.

"It's still doing great," Freed said.

Boynton Beach Community Redevelopment Agency Director Lisa Bright said Marina Village's residential units are fully occupied.

Next-door, where Boynton Beach Boulevard meets Federal Highway, the towers of the Promenade development are nearing completion.

The status of the "top of the wedding cake" project is unknown. According to Bright, developers had commitments for 40 percent of the space when construction started two years ago, but she doesn't know where it stands now.

"Their biggest thing is: Will their people sign on the dotted line for the contracts," Bright said. She described the project as "for our downtown, absolutely critical."

At Woolbright and Federal, Las Ventanas, which is 70 percent built, started leasing in May. The occupancy rate is up to 15 percent, said Buck Anderson, who oversees Las Ventanas for Epoch Management. That's on target with what they'd hoped, although they had to bring their price points down 10 percent to 15 percent, putting rental rates at \$1,050 to \$1,700 per month.

"We don't have any buzzards flying over our heads. So we're OK for now," Anderson said.

Still, a drive along the road can be a dismal affair.

At the south end of town, at Gulfstream Boulevard, Gulfstream Mall sits ringed by opaque fencing, with cracks in the asphalt parking lot, empty windows and crumbling facades. A plan for 166 residences and 1,900 square feet of commercial space is a lost dream.

Owner Thirty-Six-Hundred Holdings asked

for a return to a zoning of only commercial space, considering how hopeless new residential development seems these days. In January, city commissioners granted that right to the developer.

Farther north in the old downtown area, another gigantic piece of land sits surrounded by construction fencing.

The mixed-use project that was planned for the southwest corner of Ocean Avenue and Federal is no longer planned.

Looking toward a change in the market

Federal Highway in Boynton Beach is still considered positioned for success once the market turns around.

Bright said there's already been a jump in requests for more money from the CRA, but the agency's ability to chip in has been hampered. The budget, which gets its money from new development, has been cut 10 percent and 23 percent over the last two years. Other than that, the CRA has been trying to find tenants.

"Like any good sales person, we run down every lead and try to do everything we can," Bright said.

Anderson, of Las Ventanas, offered: "I think this is going to be a big growth area."

But for now, director Rumpf has to settle for small victories. There's the application that came in recently for a marina project at the north end of town — but when that would get built is anyone's guess. There is the apparent success of the Gulfstream Gardens townhouse project north of Gulfstream Boulevard, which is "getting over the edge," he said.

"Even now, given the economy, we have people coming in asking questions, trying to package things, trying to explore opportunities," he said. "People have land — and they don't want to sit on it."

A **Peninsula:** Waterbrook Peninsula LLC
30 townhomes, 40 condos
Project status: Abandoned, in foreclosure

B **Promenade:** Panther Real Estate Partners
22,200 sq. ft. retail/restaurant; 318 condos;
Hotel units (unspecified)
Project status: Unknown

C **Marina Village:** Related Cervera Realty Services
349 condos/rentals; 25,000 sq. ft. commercial space
Project status: Completed, residential occupied.

D **500 Ocean/Arches:** Southcoast Partners
40,596 sq. ft. of retail; 378 condo units
Project status: Plans abandoned

E **Las Ventanas:** Epoch Properties
43,361 sq. ft. of office/retail; 20 townhomes &
404 rental apartments
Project status: 70 percent complete, now leasing

F **Gulfstream Mall:** Thirty-six Hundred Holdings
166 residential units; 19,000 sq. ft. commercial space
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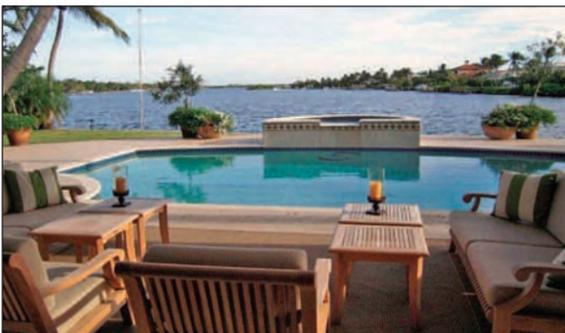
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Gulf Stream

New fire services contract with Delray Beach boosts tab by 80 percent

By Margie Plunkett

Gulf Stream will pay \$286,250 annually for fire rescue services provided by Delray Beach, an 80 percent increase from last year and an amount some argued should have been higher.

During a special meeting late in July to approve the contract, Mayor William Koch offered perspective on prices of fire services: In 1947, Gulf Stream paid \$500 a year for fire services. In 1939, it cost \$12 for a fire call.

And from another angle, consider that Gulf Stream is wrestling with a budget shortfall next fiscal year — like most municipalities, thanks to the housing market plunge — of \$125,000, roughly equal to the difference in the price of the new fire contract and the \$159,000 paid last year.

The rise in the final fire contract doubled from the 40 percent increase in a \$229,000 contract Gulf Stream commissioners earlier approved after Delray Beach submitted it before commissioners there had reviewed the agreement.

The price tag on the new 10-year contract, which includes a yearly cost-of-living adjustment, will not climb again when Delray Beach

hires another firefighter to fully staff Fire Station No. 2 — the primary firehouse for Gulf Stream. The premature contract would have.

Station No. 2's rescue transport is idle after its paramedic team was transferred to the understaffed fire engine. While that raised the status of the engine's rescue capabilities, the closest available rescue transport from other stations now joins the No. 2 engine in response to Gulf Stream calls.

Delray Beach City Manager David Harden said during his City Commission's July 7 meeting that the initial contract offered did not incorporate the city's investment in fire station facilities and its capital investment. The latest pact adds a 25 percent surcharge for those costs.

"Probably all of us have struggled with this a great deal," said Commissioner Fred Fetzer. But in the end, he called it "logical." Mayor Woodie McDuffie said, "I believe this is fair and equitable, something we can justify" and, as Fetzer had pointed out, substantiate by law.

Commissioner Adam Frankel argued the price should be higher. The Gulf

Stream fire contract equals almost \$400 per town resident, which Frankel said was more than \$200 less per capita than any other locale. "It's important to be fair with our neighbors, but it's low," he said. "I think we have to respect the budgets of our neighbors, but we have to respect our budget, too."

Harden, though, said Briny Breezes pays a per capita rate of \$524 for fire services and Ocean Ridge pays \$429. He also pointed out that Delray Beach doesn't have a fire station in Gulf Stream.

Gulf Stream Mayor Koch spoke at the Delray Beach meeting, graciously telling commissioners, "Thank you for considering our problems," reminding them of the bonds the two cities have shared throughout the years and noting the contributions Gulf Stream residents make to Delray Beach in spending and philanthropy.

The increase in the fire contract is great and it doesn't take into account that Gulf Stream doesn't require costly specialized services including hook-and-ladder equipment and chemical trucks, Koch said. "We just need good personnel, ambulance service and a fire truck. Most of our calls are false alarms." ✧

Delray Beach

Bernard leaves commission with vacancy, as he runs for state House

By C.B. Hanif

"District 84 goes all the way out to the Glades, so I have to do a lot of traveling," said former Delray Beach Commissioner Mackenson Bernard. He'll be doing a lot more if he wins the Florida House of Representatives seat he is seeking.

"Mack" Bernard has resigned his commission seat to run for the state House district that stretches from North Palm Beach to West Palm Beach and the Glades.

With the July 28 qualifying deadline looming, two other Democrats had announced their intention for the Aug. 25 special primary election: Former state Rep. James Henry "Hank" Harper Jr. and Riviera Beach Councilman Cedrick Thomas.

The short-notice primary was needed after Republican Gov. Charlie Crist crossed party lines to appoint then-District 84 Rep. Priscilla Taylor to the District 7 Palm Beach County Commission seat from which Addie Green, the only African-American member, resigned in April citing health concerns.

Bernard, originally appointed to the Delray Commission in 2008 to fill Brenda Montague's term when she resigned, planned to finish the remainder of the term to which he was elected in March, then seek

term-limited Taylor's District 84 seat.



Bernard

But the University of Florida law and Atlantic High School grad, who was raised in Delray after coming from Haiti at age 10, said, "Timing is everything. If I don't take that opportunity now, I don't know if I will ever get that opportunity (again)."

No Republican is expected to enter the race in the African-American and Democrat-dominated district. In that case, the election will be won in the dueling-nicknames primary as "Mack" and "Hank" muster votes during the summer doldrums.

West Palm Beach business consultant Harper was a

legislative aide and District 84 rep before losing a commission bid. During his July 14 campaign kickoff he cited his experience, his fifth-generation roots and focus on creating jobs.

Attorney Bernard, who would have to move into the district by the Sept. 22 general election date, said his own experience, understanding of the issues and ability to work with people across lines make him the best choice.

"I want to thank the citizens of Delray Beach for their graciousness in letting me have the opportunity to serve," he said, adding that the all-white-male commission should replace him with "someone who has a different voice to address the needs of the community. I worked closely with the commission to do that."

Applications to fill Bernard's seat 4 post will be accepted beginning Aug. 11 until 5:00 p.m. Aug. 25 in the form of a letter of intent and resume to be submitted to the City Manager's Office.

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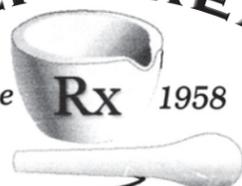
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Tending the ups and downs of Intracoastal bridges

BRIDGES:

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The TV has a DVD player, but Evans doesn't use it.

"I'm not into movies," he says. "I like to read."

A retired manager for employee health and safety at a New Jersey medical firm, he passes the quiet time between bridge openings reading the medical mysteries of Robin Cook and Tess Gerritsen.

At Linton Boulevard, the bridge is opened on the hour and half-hour. Then Evans puts down his book and begins a strict routine, for which he has received 40 hours of training, plus individual preparation for each of the eight bridges he's certified to operate.

He lowers the safety gates over the road, then the pedestrian gates. He raises the roadway barriers, then unlocks the span. Another knob engages the 75-horsepower motors that lift the north and south spans on a counterweight system similar to a seesaw. He notes the time and vessel on a clipboard.

The motor yacht Xanadu passes, and Evans repeats the process in reverse.

This may seem to take a half-hour when you're waiting in a car, but Evans says the average operation lasts only about five minutes.

"My biggest fear," he says, "is a sailboat coming through and you bring the span down too soon on the boat."

Of the area's 20 drawbridges, eight are operated by the county's Engineering and Public Works Department, and 12 by a contractor working for the state Department of Transportation, depending on whether the bridge is on a state or county highway.

County bridgetenders earn up to \$15 an hour, with a lump-sum cost-of-living raise yearly. Tenders on state-run bridges make \$9.50 an hour.

So how do you become a bridgetender?

Marty Weingel saw a sign in a window.

"I was having dinner with my son," says Weingel, 80,



County bridge superintendent Barry Meve, beneath the Linton Boulevard Bridge, says a bridgetender's life isn't easy. 'You can't leave. You have to bring your lunch,' he says.



Marty Weingel took a job tending the Atlantic Avenue Bridge after seeing a 'help wanted' sign in the window. Weingel, 80, says he reads newspapers and does puzzles on his shift.

of Boynton Beach. "We were walking back across the Atlantic Avenue Bridge and I saw a 'help wanted' sign in the bridge house window."

For the past four years, Weingel has worked in that same Atlantic Avenue bridge house.

Unlike the Linton Boulevard tower, Weingel's office is at sidewalk level, mere feet from the grated span on which thousands of cars rip by each day.

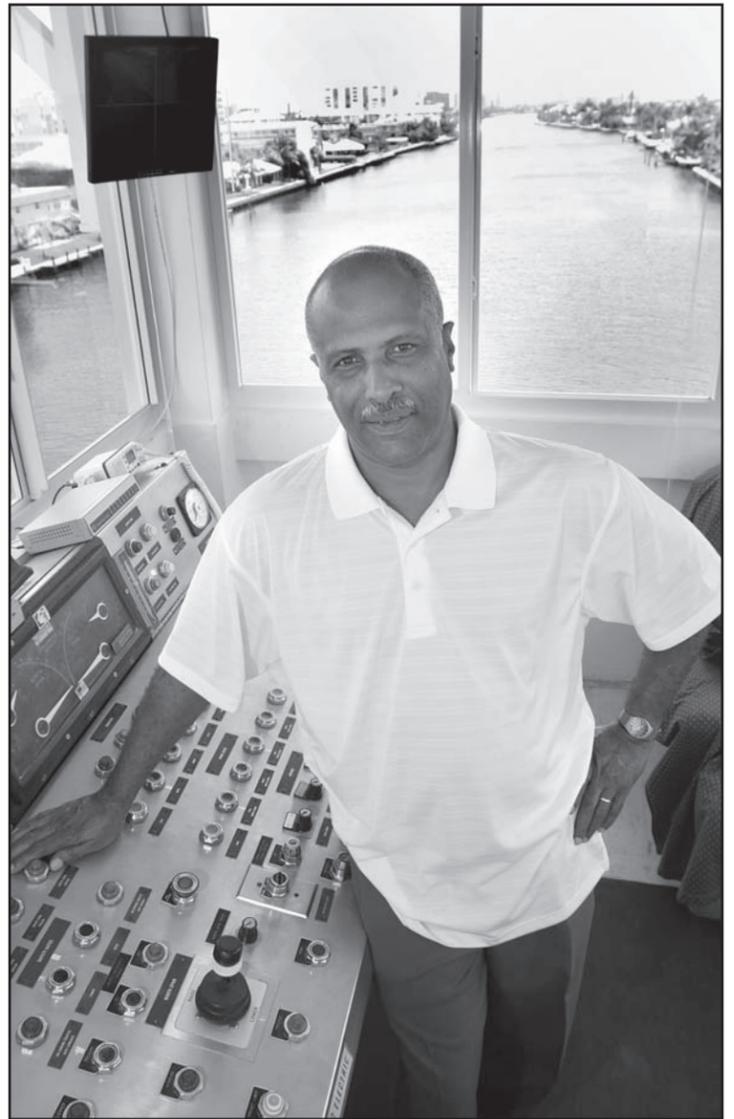
"I don't even notice the sound anymore," says Weingel. "I get the paper each morning and it takes me eight hours to read the whole thing and do all the puzzles."

The bridgetender's biggest worry, of course, is the sort of malfunction that prevents a bridge from opening or, even worse, closing.

"Then you have to wait for the electrician, who might be up in Lantana and says he won't be here for an hour," says Weingel. "But I've only had one malfunction so far, and I've never had a boat captain argue with me. Most just say, fine, let me know when you can open it."

Like Evans and Weingel, most bridgetenders tend to be retirees supplementing their pensions and Social Security.

"You can only golf and



Nicholas Evans (above) says he passes the time as tender of the Linton Boulevard Bridge by reading mysteries by Robin Cook and Tess Gerritsen. Evans controls the span from a newly revamped bridgetender's house (left).

Photos by Tim Stepien

fish so many times," says Sam Clark, a former tool and die engineer who tends the Ocean Avenue Bridge in Boynton Beach.



Clark

Though bridgetending often is predictable, Clark says, the job has unexpected rewards. From his bridge house overlooking the marina at Two George's restaurant, he sees ospreys and manatees, exotic birds, friendly joggers who always wave, even the occasional Spring Break jumper taking a dare. Once, Clark says, he saw a seal.

"It was about five years ago," he recalls. "Down at the Atlantic Avenue Bridge. I'm sure of it. I saw the face and the whiskers. I know what a seal looks like. I didn't want to tell my boss because he'd think I was crazy, but then later I read in the paper that they'd spotted one up in West Palm. They get disoriented."

And once a year, at any rate, a bridgetender's job does explode with real fireworks.

"Oh, I've got a great view of the Fourth of July from up here," Clark says. "I can see the Boynton Beach fireworks and the Delray Beach fireworks, all at the same time."

Lantana bridge replacement on drawing board

By Ron Hayes

Detour ahead.

Designs are being drawn to replace the Ocean Avenue bridge in Lantana, probably within the next two or three years.

"Sometimes we build a new bridge next to the existing one so traffic can keep flowing, then take down the old bridge," says county

bridge superintendent Barry Meve, "but in this case we're going to put the new bridge right where it is now, so it won't be passable during construction."

Built in 1950, the current Lantana Bridge has a 12-foot vertical clearance. The new bridge will rise 21 feet, and could cost between \$25 million and \$40 million, Meve said.

"But now that times are getting

tough, a lot of these bids are coming in low," he added.

The construction probably will take two to three years, he said.

However, Meve emphasized that nothing will be settled until the final design is ready.

In the meantime, he reports that seven of the eight drawbridges operated by the county have been equipped with hurricane-resistant

glass. Only the Palmetto Park Road Bridge, which has slanting windows, remains to be done.

Why should the average citizen care?

"We used to have 20 people running around putting up shutters and taking them down again," explains Meve. "And if it wasn't a real storm, FEMA wouldn't compensate us for the overtime."

Along the Coast

Local governments sue state, opposing new development law

SB 360 challenged as illegal

By Nirvi Shah

Several government agencies have sued the governor and other state officials over a growth management law they believe is unconstitutional and will foster unbridled growth, with local governments powerless to control it.

The Community Renewal Act, which passed easily in the House and Senate, was proposed to spur economic

development and signed into law by Gov. Charlie Crist in June. Those who advocated for the law said it would allow more development, because permitting would go more smoothly and lead to more construction jobs. The law eliminates the state Department of Community Affairs' authority to oversee projects of regional impact in much of the state.

That kind of oversight, in part, led to the evaporation of a developer's proposal to buy Briny Breezes in recent years. The state did not warm to the deal because of concerns that

proposed waterfront high-rises would overwhelm the surrounding area.

Led by the city of Weston in Broward County, the governing bodies of Key Biscayne, Cutler Bay, Deerfield Beach, Pompano Beach, Fruitland Park, Miami Gardens, Parkland, Palmetto Bay and Lee County sued Crist, Secretary of State Kurt Browning, Senate President Jeff Atwater, R-North Palm Beach, and House Speaker Larry Cretul, R-Ocala, over the new law in early July.

"Despite strong and vocal disapproval from numerous

Florida cities and counties," Weston City Manager John Flint said, "the legislature passed and the governor signed this bill, essentially dismantling 30 years of growth management and now allowing relatively unrestricted growth without concern for taxpayer issues."

But the lawsuit takes less issue with the substance of the bill than with its constitutionality.

The state Constitution says the legislature can't adopt one law that tackles many unrelated subjects. Aside from growth management, the new

legislation includes language about security cameras at private businesses and affordable housing.

Another constitutional provision limits "unfunded mandates," which are new laws that don't come with a way to pay for their enforcement. If a bill passes each chamber with at least a two-thirds vote, the legislature can get around this requirement, but that didn't happen, and there isn't a source of funds to pay for local governments to revise their growth plans in accordance with the new law.



Ocean Ridge explores merger with Briny Breezes

Town Attorney Ken Spillias will review Ocean Ridge's options — including re-annexation of Briny Breezes — to guard against the effects of Senate bill 360, development legislation that maximizes density along the east coast.

The law raises concerns because it removes responsibility from a developer

to provide roads to handle increased traffic, among other things, Commissioner Terry Brown explained.

That, combined with the possibility that Briny Breezes could be sold in the future following its failed deal, raises threats of development that could flood A1A with traffic, the commissioner said.

Brown brought up the issue at the last commission meeting after a Weston group invited the town to kick in \$2,500 and join its lawsuit over the bill. Brown suggested commissioners consider "a hostile takeover" of Briny, although he later said that, following President Obama's lead, he'd like to "recalibrate"

his choice of words. The commissioner explained he didn't intend that Ocean Ridge should embark on a hostile or aggressive action, but that a merger could be in the best interest of both cities.

Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes — along with the south portion of Manalapan — were part of the town of

Boynton until Ocean Ridge became a separate town in 1931.

Briny Breezes remained a part of Ocean Ridge from 1931 to 1959, when it became a separate municipality, according to Gail Adams Aaskov, author of *The History of Ocean Ridge*.

— Margie Plunkett

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Briny Breezes

Water rates up, but effect on residents delayed

By Margie Plunkett

Water rates won't go up before this fiscal year is out — but that's only because Briny Breezes absorbed the costs of a steep increase from Boynton Beach. Residents might want to brace themselves for times to come.

"We're trying to deal with it this year," said Mayor Roger Bennett. "An increase would come next year."

Water provider Boynton Beach boosted rates 49 percent — 60 percent including the utility fee — to Briny Breezes effective May 1, Bennett said. Even though Briny Breezes usage went down 600,000 gallons in May as summer kicked in, the monthly bill nearly doubled to \$7,000 compared with May 2008, he said.

The added water costs spill over into Briny Breezes' tight budget, one which compares favorably to other municipalities but is still subject to recessionary revenue and expense pressures.

"We're not going to have enough in the budget to cover all of it," Town Clerk and Alderman Kathy Bray said at Briny Breezes' May 28 meeting. "We'll have to cut other areas."

Resident and Gulf Stream Town Clerk Rita Taylor noted, "Everybody's rates are going up. There should be no problem to increase the monthly bill to the

corporation. It always pays to budget ahead with utilities, because you never know when this comes up."

Briny Breezes Inc. Board Member Don Faron, who attended the meeting, said, chuckling, "Let it be on the record that the corporation doesn't have any money to pay for the increases." When the town decides it needs to pass the increase on to the corporation, he said, keep in mind it'll take three to four weeks minimum to approve a special assessment and get it to residents.

Other towns and the county have already raised water and other fees for residents.

In Lantana, for instance, the minimum monthly water rate rose to \$19.06 from \$18.15 in June.

Palm Beach County hiked water prices in April, including an 11.75 percent increase for drinking water and wastewater, which replaced a 15 percent surcharge imposed last year, the county's Web site said.

Boynton Beach voted 3-2 at its April 21 meeting to raise water rates to its customers, a move that will generate \$4.27 million for the rest of this fiscal year and \$8.6 million next, according to the meeting minutes.

The base cost of water was boosted to \$10.77 from \$4.84 for its residents. Combining base rates and fees adjusted for usage, a 5,000-gallon-

a-month user would pay \$49.82 under the new rates, up from \$37.27 previously, according to Boynton Beach.

As non-residents of Boynton Beach, Briny Breezes pays more than residents. Anyone outside of the city pays a 25 percent surcharge — except for Ocean Ridge, said Peter Mazzella, deputy utilities director of Boynton Beach.

Ocean Ridge, the only outsider that owns its water system, is responsible for maintenance and replacement costs, he said, while Briny Breezes and other outsiders are not. Ocean Ridge retained the rights to the water mains when it became a separate city from Boynton Beach in 1931, Mazzella said.

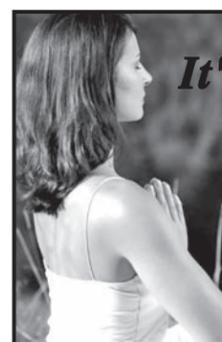
Boynton Beach's higher water tab was due to water restrictions set by the South Florida Water Management District, the economy's effects on residential and commercial development and a rise in the cost of materials for water treatment, according to the city's Web site. And prices could have gone higher had the city's utilities department not postponed about 20 percent of its capital improvement program.

Despite the increase, Boynton Beach's water still costs less than in Lake Worth or Delray Beach, the site said.



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Along the Avenues

Boynton frame shop hangs it up after 28 years

By Thom Smith

A cursory glimpse at Boynton Beach east of U.S. 1 conjures up images of Tombstone, Ariz. — billed in an old TV Western as “the town that refused to die.” Yep, it’s slow in Boynton, but it’s not dead yet.

Ginny Foot closed the **Art of Framing** on Ocean Avenue on July 31, but not because of the economy.

“I still have loyal customers from Ocean Ridge, Manalapan, Gulf Stream and Boynton,” she said. “I see ‘em in the grocery store and tell ‘em ‘Your frame’s ready.’ But I’m ready to retire. I’ve been here 28 years.”

Foot tried to sell the business but found no takers, so she’ll down her shingle and take a few more walks to the beach with husband, **Bob**, the local bridgetender.

“We’re not going anywhere,” she said. “This is a neat place to be.”

A few doors away in **Ocean Plaza**, **Art-Sea Living** is preparing to clear out. Not closing, mind you. Just moving from one bridge view to another. “We’ll have a lot more space,” employee **Terry Esposito** said of the September move next to Jo-Ann Fabrics in Riverwalk Plaza at the corner of Woolbright Road and Federal Highway. “This is a cute spot and we hate leaving the plaza, but it’s a matter of economics. We have a sign up at the new place and we’re already getting calls from new customers.

Art-Sea offers a little bit of everything related to art and the sea: fine art by prominent Florida artists, custom jewelry, gifts and art classes.



Ginny Foot is retiring after serving local residents for 28 years. Photo by Jerry Lower

Minor Skate Shop also departed recently for a free-standing building on South Federal — the better to avoid collisions between acrobatic skateboarders and unsuspecting pedestrians, but **Cafe Frankie’s** remains, as does **Sushi Jo**, **Pirate Divers** dive shop, **Cynthia’s Hair Color & Design**, **Fancy Flamingo** boutique, **Fran’s Sew-n-Sew & Dry Cleaners** and **Nail-Know-How**, which was voted the best nail salon in Boynton in ‘07 and ‘08.

Friday night revelers in **Lake Worth** better be on their best behavior Aug. 21, and perhaps should bring along a few extra bucks to buy beers for city commissioners who’ll be on the prowl. Members of the commission will assemble at the library at 9 p.m. for a walking tour of downtown.

They won’t be looking so much as listening; they’re gathering information for a proposed noise ordinance

that would set measurable limits of 85 decibels from 6 p.m. to 3 a.m. and 65 decibels from 3 a.m. to 6 a.m. The current ordinance allows officers to “decide” what is “loud and raucous.”

OSHA considers 90 decibels a safe level for eight hours of constant exposure. A gunshot can reach 140 decibels, a loud rock concert can hit 115, normal conversation ranges from 60 to 70 and a quiet library measures out at 30. Commissioners will discuss their findings at an Aug. 25 workshop.

Delray Beach city commissioners have noticed the impact of **Il Bacio**, which they jokingly called the “new City Limits” at their July 14 workshop. **City Limits** was a live music-dining-drinking landmark for years, then closed, then moved across the street, then closed again last spring. Now **Il Bacio**, which opened May 6 in the

old City Limits space, has picked up the mantle with daily happy hour specials, Ecstatic Thursdays, and the latest, Sunset Sundays, with reggae and drink specials, and two for \$21 three-course dinners Wednesday to Sunday from 4-7 p.m.

Just across Atlantic, jackhammers have been ripping out most of what was **Louie, Louie Too**.

If all goes well, sometime in November, when a significant other calls to ask where you are, you can honestly say, “I’m at **The Office**.”

That’s the name for the next restaurant from **David Manero**, who opened **Vic & Angelo’s** next to the tracks, has another in Palm Beach Gardens and **DeVito** (as in **Danny**) in South Beach. Manero described **The Office** to *New Times* as “very California in style ... imaginative American with Asian influences ... the

ultimate gastropub.” The guy on the jackhammer offered a simpler description: “a fancy burger joint.”

Thanks to former Manalapan resident **Bren Simon**, the **Ritz-Carlton Palm Beach** in Manalapan doubles as a museum with its collection of European art. So what better to stimulate the senses than to check out the art in the five-star hotel’s public areas and then enjoy a bargain lunch.

The Ritz’s **Temple Orange** casual restaurant with an ocean view is offering three-course lunches for \$20.09. Executive Chef **Ryan Artim** is offering roasted tomato gazpacho or classic Caesar salad, followed by grilled salmon club or grilled churrasco-marinated filet with warm potato salad and capped by vanilla crème brûlée or tiramisu. Three-course dinners can be devoured for just \$35.

Part of the Palm Beach Restaurant Summer, a joint effort by some of Palm Beach’s prime eateries to generate summer action, has been extended through September.

The \$20.09 and \$35 specials are offered by **Bice**, **Cafe Boulud**, **Cafe L’Europe**, **Charley’s Crab**, the **Leopard Lounge** at the **Chesterfield**, **Coco** (dinner only), **Flagler Steakhouse** and **The Seafood Bar** at **The Breakers**, **The Ocean Bistro** at **The Four Seasons** and **Renato’s**. Chow down!



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Delray Beach

City expands use of reclaimed water

By Nirvi Shah

While the roads along the Delray Beach coast are torn up, the temporary inconvenience will soon give way to a long-term change in residents’ water-use habits.

The ripped-up strip of the coast from Atlantic Avenue north to Beach Drive is the fifth section of the city being fitted for pipes that will carry filtered wastewater for use on lawns and other purposes, aside from drinking, said Victor Majtenyi, deputy director of public utilities.

“If we can get their irrigation done on reclaimed water, that will be a big help in off-setting our use of potable water,” he said.

He estimates this part of the project alone will keep

at least 230,000 gallons of drinking water from being sprinkled on lawns each day. If more grant money becomes available, the next phase of the project would be from Beach Drive north to George Bush Boulevard. That part of the water reclamation work could keep another 720,000 gallons of drinking water off residents’ yards.

“Funding is going to be the issue,” Majtenyi said.

The current South Florida Water Management District grant of more than \$1 million requires the pipe now being laid to be in place by the end of August. It could be another two months before the roads are back to normal, however.

Eventually residents will be required to connect to the web of pipes that carry recycled

wastewater. They should be getting notices of that in the next few months. Majtenyi said the cost to homeowners should be small and will be subsidized by the city.

Delray Beach started its wastewater reclamation project in 2003, adding pipes to different parts of the city as grants were secured from the water management district. If more grant money becomes available, a city masterplan calls for eight more phases of water reclamation work.

Each customer added to the reclaimed water system gets the city one step further from building a new water plant for drinking water that might require the expensive conversion of salt water into fresh water, he said.

“Plus, it’s the right thing to



The long-term benefits of using reclaimed water will outlast the short-term pain of the road work. Photo by Mary Kate Leming

do,” he said, because filtering wastewater and putting it on lawns keeps sewage out of the ocean and from being injected deep underground.

Farther south, Boca Raton has been working on its own recycled water project since the mid-90s. Some 977 customers tap into the system now, including some especially large water users -- golf courses. The plant now

processes about 5 million gallons of wastewater a day, but it can handle twice that load. The city has plans to expand the project’s reach to more customers.

Boca Raton says its project has saved more than 10 billion gallons of drinking water since the water reclamation project was put in place.



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Boynton Beach

Tax rate increase approved

By Linda Haase

Although Boynton Beach city commissioners applauded fellow Commissioner Jose Rodriguez's budget proposal, which would set the tax rate at \$6.53 per \$1,000 of taxable value, they approved a tentative tax rate of \$7.30 at their July 21 meeting.

"We can always go down but we can't go up (once we approve it)," said Mayor Jerry Taylor, who indicated he would be looking for ways to reduce the rate. "I need time to verify your numbers and if we can do what you say with that budget, I'd vote for it."

Under the proposed tax rate there wouldn't be any layoffs and there would be money for a controversial new police and/or city hall complex.

"We don't know at this point if we would be using an existing building or building a new one, or if it would be just a police station or a police and city hall complex," said City Manager Kurt Bressner. "But we need to get the proposals in so we can see how much it will cost and if we want to move forward."

One proposal is an estimated \$21 million stand-alone station which could be built on city-owned property at the corner of Gateway Boulevard and High Ridge Road, adjacent to Fire Station No. 5. Commissioner Woodrow Hay said he was in favor of looking at projected costs "with no obligation to accept proposals."

Rodriguez took a stronger stand on the issue: "I think we can do it all and get the millage rate to \$6.50. That's my challenge to the city manager." Rodriguez's proposed tax rate, which cut \$1.17 million from the budget, included money for the police station.

Commissioner Ron Weiland disagreed. "This is not the proper time to do this," he said. He also indicated that the city needed to "look at restructuring some departments," saying that even if the city balances the budget this year, the tough times aren't going to be over soon.

A public hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 14 to discuss the budget and tax rate.



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Ocean Ridge

Fatal on A1A

A visitor from Georgia was killed and a Boynton Beach woman received multiple minor injuries when their cars collided in Ocean Ridge early July 18.

Luci D. Menegolo, 55, of Kennesaw, Ga., was driving north on Ocean Boulevard about 2:12 a.m. that Saturday when her 2008 Nissan SUV veered into the southbound lane as she was negotiating the curve at the Boynton Inlet, according to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.

She collided head-on with a 2007 Chevrolet sedan being driven by Cherry M. Cheek, 49. Menegolo, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was thrown from the vehicle and pronounced dead at the scene. Cheek was treated and released at Delray Medical Center.

Investigators suspect Menegolo was drunk, but a Sheriff's Office spokesman said alcohol impairment results will not be available for "a couple months."

--Ron Hayes

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Delray Beach

Smart cards coming to beach-area parking

By Margie Plunkett

Don't like to carry change? Beach-goers in Delray Beach will soon have a new option to pay for parking in several area lots and on A1A: a smart card.

The smart card — as well as credit cards and change — can be used in the \$148,303 parking system that was newly installed and operating in beach-area parking lots as of June 26. The city hopes to make the smart cards available in August.

The new Pay-N-Display system meters multiple spaces from 14 machines in parking lots on the west side of Ocean Boulevard, including Atlantic Dunes, Anchor Park and Sandoway Park, according to City Engineer Randal L. Krejcarek. After parking has been paid for, the meters dispense receipts that are put inside the car on the driver's side corner of the dashboard. Receipts show when time paid for starts and ends.

The Pay-N-Display meters replace single meters in beach-area lots, Krejcarek said. One of the benefits of the new system is that it eliminates tickets written in error because the patron entered the wrong parking space number in the machine.

Visa and MasterCard can be used to pay for parking, as well as exact change in coins; the machines do not accept paper money.

The smart card option is new to Delray Beach. Parkers will be able to get credit-card sized smart cards that are loaded with



New Delray Beach parking meters will accept smart cards, credit cards and change. Photo provided

\$5, to pay for parking on the new system as well as single meters on A1A. The cards can be replenished at some of the multi-space meters, City Hall or the Visitors Center at Atlantic Avenue and Ocean Boulevard.

The smart card is used like a credit card to pay for time in the multi-space meters, which deduct payment from the card. The meter prompts users. To pay on a single meter, the user inserts the card into a slot on the meter, and the card automatically starts paying the meter in increments of 25 cents. When the user reaches the time desired, the card is pulled out of the meter.

The single meters are being modified to accept the smart cards.

The meter will let residents pay only for parking time that is allowed in the space. If the space allows parking for two hours, for instance, the meter will deduct no more than two hours of time from the card.



Contest to elicit residents' revenue ideas for city

Delray Beach is taking a unique approach to finding new revenue streams for the city to replace tanking property taxes: a contest.

To win a \$500 grand prize, \$300 second prize or \$200 third prize, all you have to do is come up with an idea for bringing in new income that's easy to put in place and doesn't increase taxes.

The contest, co-sponsored by the Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce, was established after long-time Delray Beach resident and Budget Task Force member

Robert Moore donated \$1,000.

"This will give our residents the opportunity to analyze the current financial crisis and become engaged in the process," said Chamber President Bill Wood in a statement. "We look forward to the submissions."

Entries should be about 500 words, include name, address, phone number and e-mail address. They can be:

- E-mailed to bwood@delraybeach.com
- Sent through mail — postmarked no later than the

entry deadline of Aug. 21 — to the Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce, 65-A SE Fifth Ave., Delray Beach, FL 33483; or

- Dropped off at the Chamber.

Winners will be announced in September.

City residents are eligible to enter, as are city employees except Budget Task Force members, city commissioners and their families, the city manager and the judges.

— Margie Plunkett

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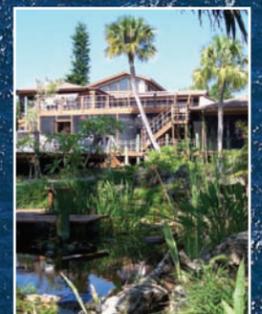
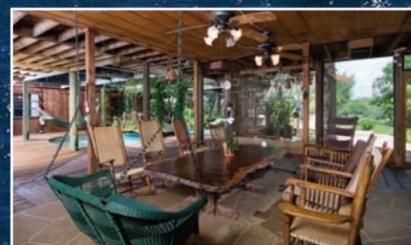
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Delray Beach

New housing rules get city's final approval

By Margie Plunkett

Delray Beach has a new set of rules in place for transient housing, limiting the number of unrelated people who can live in a household in single-family areas as well as the number of times a property can be leased.

Commissioners passed ordinances after a second public hearing July 7 that brought out another round of landlords, sober-house owners, single-family homeowners and other residents to defend their points of view. The debate focused largely on sober houses, but residents in single-family neighborhoods also complained of group homes occupied by college students and others, which bring an inordinate amount of traffic and strangers to the neighborhood. And residents

questioned whether the city could enforce the new rules any better than the old.

Mayor Woody McDuffie made clear, "It's not about recovering addicts, it's about unscrupulous landlords."

"There are facilities in Delray Beach to be admired: They're not the people we're talking about," McDuffie said. "Recovering addicts are welcome in the city of Delray Beach. We're pleased and proud that when they get through treatment, they become contributing adults. We can't tolerate unscrupulous and profit-mongering landlords who abuse the people in the homes."

He referenced a statement made during this and a previous public hearing by the chair of Delray Beach's drug task force, Pat Archer, who said, "There are no

halfway houses in Delray Beach operated in residential neighborhoods. Sober houses are unlicensed and unsupervised."

Supporters of sober houses spoke of how without them they would not have recovered from addiction, and how the good citizens in one halfway house volunteered to help a neighbor when needed.

Meanwhile, residents pointed out that the city had not succeeded in enforcing earlier ordinances limiting unrelated people in a single-family house to five.

"Enforce the codes you have," said resident Caroline Zimmerman, who noted a house in her neighborhood: "It's not a drug house, it's a cocaine crack house. They pretend they're a drug house. It's up to you all to enforce these things."

And another resident,

James Garn, said, "I'm not against sober houses, I have a problem with transient houses. I know houses where they have 15 people in the house, collecting \$150 per person." And, he added there are sober houses claiming homestead exemption.

City commissioners quickly told him he should report homestead fraud when he encounters it.

A recent report by the city Budget Task Force said there were 493 rented houses in Delray Beach that receive some form of tax exemption. Adding them to the tax rolls could result in \$376,710 in added revenues annually for the city, the report said. The task force also said there were more than 1,000 rental properties that didn't have landlord permits; this, if confirmed and corrected, could result in \$54,250 more

revenue for the city.

At the public hearing on transient land uses, a statement by Father Chip Stokes at St. Paul's Episcopal Church was read that reiterated his contention the new rules discriminate against unrelated adults who live together, college students, gay and lesbian people, farm laborers and the poor who consolidate for cost savings, as well as the sober-house community. "It is wrong on too many levels," the statement said. "It should not be passed."

The group of ordinances, passed on first reading in June, addressed transient housing by defining family as no more than three unrelated people; updating terminology to conform with the state; and prohibiting transient residential uses in single-family and planned residential developments, but allowing them in medium density residential districts. They also limited the number of times a single-family home can be rented to six times annually and provided for regulation, including permitting, permit fees and revocation of permits.



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Lantana

Town Council holds tax rate

After hearing from town residents struggling to pay increasing utility bills, Lantana commissioners voted July 27 to maintain the existing tax rate as part of their 2010 budget — charging Town Manager Michael Bornstein with finding other ways to fill a \$341,000 deficit. The vote was 3-1, with Mayor David Stewart dissenting. Councilmember Lynn Moorehouse was absent.

Public hearings for the final 2010 budget were set for Sept. 14 and 28.

Also at the meeting:

- The commission approved a request by owners of the Carlisle senior living facility, to convert 20 independent care units to assisted living. The Carlisle, at 450 E. Ocean Ave, would still have the same total units, but the new mix would be 80 assisted living units and 230 for independent living.

- Approved an interlocal agreement with the town of South Palm Beach for police dispatch services.

- Approved a 5 percent increase in business taxes.

— Margie Plunkett and Mary Kate Leming



TREES:

Continued from page 1

Lantana. The homes are generally older. There are no sidewalks, so people can plant right up to the road.

And Mike Greenstein, Lantana's director of operations and also a longtime forester, directs a program that allows residents to buy a tree and have it delivered.

"I actually go and pick the tree out, because I don't want them to get a bad tree," he says. "Half the time, they don't know what they want. And we tell them."

Hypoluxo Island resident and Realtor Jennifer Spitznagel said they've probably planted about 75 trees since the spate of hurricanes.

"We had a lot of the old banyan trees that act like sails in the wind," she said.

To the south of her, Cheifetz and the small committee that formed some years ago to keep things looking nice in town started window shopping.

"The town doesn't look good," she said. "Not only do we not have trees, but the mailboxes are broken and the telephone poles are leaning over."

They did some driving around South Florida — actually, a lot of driving — and came up with a plan that they recently took to the Town Commission.

"Why would you not love a tree?" she says. "It's a tree."

The plan, though, fell flat.

The biggest sticking point? Florida Power & Light Co. insists that

branches be 30 feet from their lines and the committee had fallen in love with live oaks — those big, beautiful natives that can create a canopy.

Cheifetz and the committee wanted the town to change its code to only a 10-foot clearance. She knew her pitch would be an uphill battle, but, Cheifetz said, "you never know."

Now she does.

The proposal got a chilly reception from commissioners, who generally agreed oak trees would be too large.

Manalapan Zoning Administrator Lisa Petersen said FPL's 30-foot rule would stand even if they attempted a fight.

"I don't think we'd have any luck with that," she said. "It's FP&L."

And Manalapan Vice Mayor Kelly Gottlieb, who also lives on the point, pretty much likes the status quo.

Sure, she loves trees. But besides the overhead lines, Gottlieb worries about water lines buried in the swales. And she's not real keen on the idea of an oak canopy.

"I think it would look like we're going through a tunnel," she said.

Meanwhile, Petersen said the town is trying to come up with some guidelines on what residents could plant. Maybe a geiger tree? Or a silver buttonwood?

And Cheifetz just knows the neighborhood will be more green, even if it's later rather than sooner.

"We're going to reconvene and see what we can propose other than the live oak," she said. "I'm one of those people that their cup is always half-full."

"And there will be trees." ✨



Many residents including Daryl Cheifetz feel that Lands End Road in Point Manalapan looks too much like an airport runway...



... hoping instead, to plant trees to create a canopied look similar to that just a few blocks to the North in Hypoluxo Island on Atlantic Drive. **Photos by Jerry Lower**

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Summer drinks

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We asked bartenders at local watering holes to recommend summer drinks; our friends at Caffe Luna Rosa took it a step further, they created The Coastal Star

By Jan Norris

The only way to beat the stifling summertime heat is to pull up a piece of shade by the pool and act like you're on vacation.

That requires only sunglasses and a cool drink in your hand.

Clothing is optional.

There are a number of watering holes in our area to find libations if you'd rather buy than build a decent drink, but these recipes are so good, you'll want to add them to your repertoire.

To honor *The Coastal Star*, the bar staff at Caffe Luna Rosa in Delray Beach came up with the spectacular blue beauty — The Coastal Star. Though it's not served on a bed of sand with seaweed, you'll feel like you're breezing along on a sailboat next to beautiful beaches as you sip this luscious concoction. (They're an exclusive at Caffe Luna Rosa — and cost \$9.)

The Coastal Star

2 ounces 44 North Huckleberry vodka
1/2 ounce curacao
2 ounces Kennesaw Natural Lemonade
ice cubes
sugar for rimming glass
lemon wheel for garnish

Shake all ingredients in a cocktail shaker with ice; pour into martini glass rimmed with white sugar. Serve with a lemon wheel or wedge. Makes 1 drink.

Other coastal cocktails, facing page

Huckleberry vodka lends a sweet edge to The Coastal Star, at Caffe Luna Rosa. Photo by Tim Stepien



Try these other coastal cocktails

Tim Bauer of Delray Beach's Falcon House suggests two coolers packed with a punch. A Cayman Lemonade is actually made with 7-Up — and gin. The Falcon Lemonade is fresh lemonade, and a berry-flavored vodka.

Cayman Lemonade

1.5 ounces gin
 splash of Triple Sec
 splash of peach schnapps
 equal parts to fill glass:
 cranberry juice
 7-Up soda
 lemon wheel to garnish

Shake all ingredients in cocktail shaker with ice. Serve in a tall cooler glass over ice with a lemon wheel garnish

Falcon Lemonade

2 to 3 lemon wedges
 ½ teaspoon granulated sugar
 1.5 ounces Van Gogh North 44 acai-blueberry vodka
 splash of club soda
 mint sprig to garnish

Muddle the lemons with sugar in the bottom of a cocktail shaker. Add cubed ice and vodka — shake well. Pour over ice in a cooler glass and finish with splash of club soda. Garnish with mint sprig.

The Banana Boat, directly on the water, has a number of chill-down drinks. Here's their mango-flavored bay breeze. There are three simple ingredients — easy enough for any amateur.

Mango Bay Breeze

1-1/4 ounces mango schnapps
 Equal parts:
 Pineapple juice
 Cranberry juice
 Shake ingredients together with ice in cocktail shaker. Serve in a rocks glass with cubed ice and a cube of fresh mango or pineapple to garnish. Makes 1 drink.

Martinis are the bar's top sellers at Callaro's Prime Steakhouse in Manalapan, — it's a steakhouse thing. But the bar there features a number of summery drinks that go beyond shaken or stirred — check out the



The Banana Boat's Mango Bay Breeze relies on a heady dose of mango schnapps. Photo by Jerry Lower

creamy, complex Fantasy Island.

Callaro's Fantasy Island

Equal measures of:
 Crème d' banana
 Galliano liqueur
 Amaretto Di Saranno liqueur
 Bailey's Irish Cream
 Coconut rum

Measure all ingredients into a cocktail shaker, shake with ice and pour over ice in a cocktail glass.

At the Old Key Lime House in Lantana, bar manager Danny Hooker pours up a slice of pie in a glass with the Key lime martini. Have crushed graham crackers on hand.

Key Lime House signature Key lime martini

1.5 ounces vanilla vodka
 1 ounce Keke Beach Key lime liqueur
 1 ounce pina colada mix (bottled or homemade)
 1 ounce fresh orange juice
 splash of fresh lime juice
 crushed graham crackers for rimming glass
 lime wheel for garnish

Shake all ingredients in a cocktail shaker with ice; pour into a martini glass rimmed with graham cracker crumbs. Serve with a lime wheel. Makes 1 drink.

Jan Norris is a local food writer. Read her blog at www.jannorris.com or E-mail her at jan@jannorris.com.

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It was a fabulous 4th

ABOVE: Manalapan resident Ronald Barsanti decorated his Lands End Road front yard with American flags to help get his neighborhood into the holiday spirit.

RIGHT: The Puglisi family — Lee, Alex, Frankie and Gwen — along with Alexander Valentine and other friends enjoy the Boynton Beach 4th of July fireworks. They were sitting on the seawall of Island Drive in Ocean Ridge with other local residents and their visitors.

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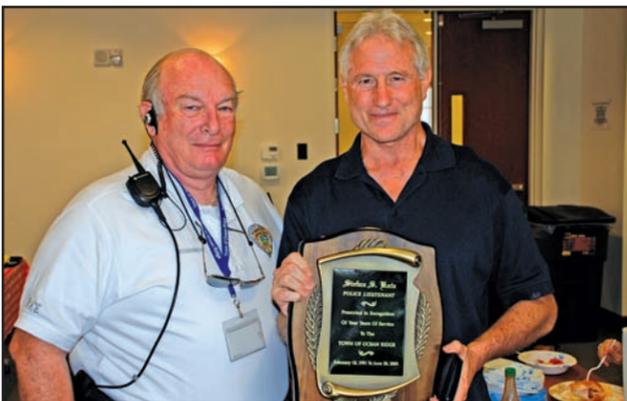
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TOP & RIGHT: Palm Beach County Commissioner Steven Abrams speaks with volunteer organizers of the Sand Sifters after new disposal containers for cigarette butts were put into use at the county's Gulfstream Park. After he unveiled the new butt collectors, Abrams, a self-proclaimed jokester announced, "Now the only butts we want to see on the beach are those in swimming suits." Photos by Jerry Lower



LEFT: After 18 years of service, Lt. Stefan Katz (r) retired from the Ocean Ridge Police Department. The Ocean Ridge Support Group organized a celebration in his honor. He received a gold badge, firearm and plaque. Katz received his plaque from officer and Support Group President, Gene Rosenberg. Photo provided

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Oblio Wish

Oblio Wish of Manalapan is a slim blond ex-model turned Kundalini yoga teacher who follows this mantra: Look good, feel good and be happy.

It works for her. And that's the feeling that emanates from her yoga studio, tea bar and clothing boutique, Gyrotonic Sat Nam in West Palm Beach.

With impeccable taste — she's designed clothing for the likes of Stevie Nicks and other entertainers — she includes doing makeup and personal shopping as part of her services.

"I have a flair for clothes," she says. "I know what looks good on people and what they will feel comfortable wearing.

"That's my talent. I pick up clients' mood, and suggest something. 'Oh, I love that' is what I hear."

She admits to being shy and dyslexic, and appreciates being with others who have non-judgmental attitudes.

"I like my environment to be relaxed. My clients don't have to have their nails done perfectly. They don't have to buy anything, either," she adds.

However, she believes that you don't have to wear your husband's shirt when you work out. "You can look nice," she says.

And she does. "I wear makeup and jewelry because I'm at my studio all day. I don't want to look like a gym rat."

Sometimes you will find her in simple black. And when she's teaching Kundalini, you will see her wearing a turban and dressed in all white.

Currently, she spends two to three hours a day working out, but a healthy lifestyle and outlook on life are nothing new.

"I've done step (aerobics), and when I lived in Palm Beach, I used to roller skate at 2 a.m. I couldn't believe that people would go to bed so early," she said.

"I love to dance and 15 years ago, I became a vegan and got into yoga because I had allergies and wanted to live in a healthier environment."

When she first started learning yoga, she studied with many famous teachers. At one studio, she heard music and laughter coming from the next room.

"I went in and saw they were having fun. They were doing Kundalini and the teacher was Gurmukh (of Golden Bridge Nite Moon, Los Angeles). Gurmukh said, 'I've got to know about you.'"

Kundalini became a way of life and now she finds herself surrounded by practitioners: her gardener,



Manalapan resident Oblio Wish demonstrates Gyrotonic: a low-impact body conditioning system developed in the mid 1980s by a former ballet dancer with the New York City Opera. A yoga teacher, her Kundalini name is Simran Kaun (the Woman Who Prays to God). Her birth name is Oblio, after her grandmother. **Photo by Timothy Rivers**

interior designer, doctor and dentist.

Born in Cape Cod, she was raised around Bel Air, Calif. She then moved to New York City, where she did commercial modeling for companies including Coca-Cola. That's where she met her husband, Barry. She moved to Palm Beach 20 years ago.

Shortly after moving here, her kids, she said, met her future business partner, Rick Carroll, also of Manalapan, on the beach.

"He was thin and my children wanted me to feed him.

"He was the one who suggested I open a store, and I did: Oblio's Dream in Palm Beach and Southampton. I went into business with him."

At her studio she works with people from 3 to 93 years old.

"You don't have to be hard on your body. Working on Gyrotonic (machines) is a little like swimming, ballet or Tai Chi."

One of her best compliments came from a 6-year-old girl visiting the studio with her mother.

"She said, 'I feel like I've been at a spa all day.'"

— Christine Davis

Q. What have been the highlights of your life so far?

A. Meeting and marrying my husband, Barry. My two children, three stepchildren, and six grandchildren.

Q. Tell us one thing your neighbors may not know about you.

A. I'm a neat freak.

Q. How did you choose to make your home in Manalapan?

A. We found our dream — a house on the ocean. We love the little town flavor.

Q. What book are you reading now?

A. *TGIT: Thank God It's Today*, by Barry Gottlieb.

Q. What music do you listen to when you need inspiration? When you want to relax?

A. Spiritual music. A favorite is Aquarian Age, by Nirinjan Kaur.

Q. Do you have a favorite quote that inspires your decisions?

A. "We have so much fear from childhood. We must disconnect from the past so we can have a future." Yogi BhaJan

Q. Have you had mentors in your life? Individuals who have inspired your life decisions?

A. Gurmukh, who introduced me to Kundalini yoga and Elaine Chaback (of Woodstock, N.Y.) who took me in when I was homeless after I went through the money I made doing commercials. I babysat her children.

Q. What advice do you have for a young person selecting a career today?

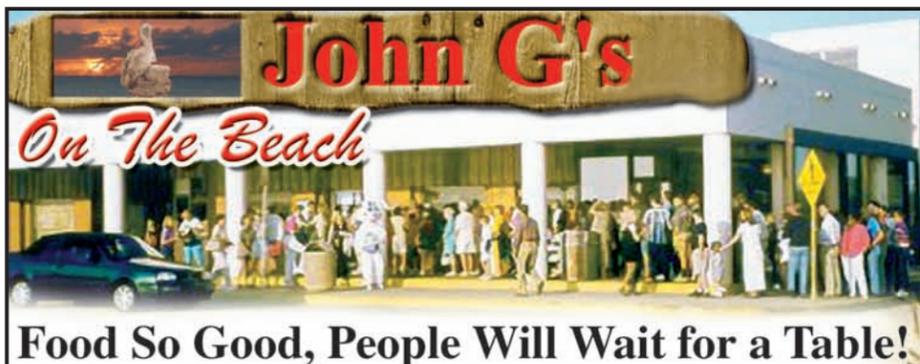
A. Follow your heart, find your passion.

Q. If your life story were made into a movie, who would you want to play you?

A. Kate Hudson. I like the way she dresses. She's spiritual, fun and small like I am. I like the kind of men she likes, too.

Q. Who or what makes you laugh?

A. My husband, Barry. He has an amazing sense of humor. He still gets me after 27 years.



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InterFaith21

Delray clergy group plans 'harvest' dinner

By C.B. Hanif

It's something that any congregation — or, better yet, group of congregations — can do.

This time it's the Delray Beach Interfaith Clergy Association.

The idea germinated from photocopies of Peace Notes. And the note scribbled across them: "Could we do something like this here? Interfaith Harvest."

One of the headlines in that spring 2006 issue of the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program newsletter read, "Shared Thanksgiving, Montclair Presbyterian Church, Oakland, California."

Beneath a photo (caption: "A spirit of celebration filled the hall"), a single paragraph told the story:

"When Tinka Larsen proposed an Interfaith Harvest Dinner, some thought the idea too ambitious.

Her enthusiasm proved contagious and the commitment was made.

Over 180 people from Montclair, the Kehilla Community Synagogue, and the Islamic Cultural Center gathered on Nov. 13.

Christians, Jews and Muslims planned and cooked together, decorated and cleaned up together.

Conversations buzzed around the room as diners exchanged names, e-mail addresses and telephone numbers.

Prayer and food, story and song were enjoyed.

A member of each congregation shared a version of the creation story. A spirit of Thanksgiving was truly present."

Well, it's not too early to replicate that idea across America — and anyplace else where people could use an excuse to express gratitude, share food and get to know fellow citizens of this planet.

The Rev. Elizabeth Hill, of the Church of the Palms, UCC, shared those photocopies during the Delray association's May meeting.

She had been part of that Oakland congregation.

And since she had written the "could we?" note, she volunteered to help the Interfaith Harvest Dinner happen.

Hill served on a similar committee two years ago when the Delray group hosted Jewish, Christian and Muslim women on their The Faith Club book tour promoting mutual understanding.

At her new committee's first meeting July 2 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, she said everyone she had asked had agreed to help.

No date or venue was set. But there was consensus for an open and peaceful atmosphere for learning and sharing, one particularly inviting for youths rather than having them nodding off to adults' monologues.

The Delray Beach Interfaith Clergy Association is one of many interfaith groups doing good things that we'll keep telling about.

So do try this at home. And tell us what you're planning — and when.

Who said Thanksgiving was the only time to show appreciation for life, and for each other?



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Community Calendar

Note: Events are current as of July 27. Please check with organizers for any changes.

August 1 - 8

Saturday - 8/1 - Sand Sifters Turtle Talk - Join the beach cleanup at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd., just north of Ocean Avenue in Ocean Ridge. Meet at the pavilion in the lower parking lot. Learn about turtles and help to dig a nest (if one is ready to hatch.) 8-10:30 am. Free. 734-9128.

8/1 - Shark Week begins at the Sandoway House Nature Center at 142 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. The weeklong event features jaws from more than 50 species, more than 1,000 genuine fossil shark teeth and a touch table for kids. View live shark feedings 8/1, 8/4, 8/6 & 8/8 at 10:30 am. Special weekend activities include shark tooth necklace making for \$4. Nature Center open Tue-Sat, 10 am-4 pm. \$4 admission. 274-7263.

8/1 - Kinder Turtles is held at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Spend one-on-one time with your 5-6 year old learning about sea turtles and decorating a turtle craft to take home. 10:30-11:15 am. \$2/member per child, \$3/non-member per child. 338-1473.

8/1 - Rocket Build and Launch - Join Chris Garrett, The Rocket Man, outside the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. 11 am-3 pm. Free. 742-6390.

8/1 - 4th Annual Block Party is held at the Catherine Strong Splash Park, 1500 SW 6th St., Delray Beach. A full day of free food, live music, basketball games, contests, fun and games for the entire family. Noon - 6 pm. Free. 243-7194.

Monday - 8/3 - Quilting Bee - twice monthly quilting class at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Class offered again on 8/17. 10 am. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

8/3 - Baby Care Prenatal Class at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Three-hour class includes topics such as ensuring your newborn's health, safety and well-being. In addition, it covers car seat safety, childcare, coping skills and more. Early registration recommended. Please check-in at the Hospital's Main Lobby. 5-8 pm. \$35. Payment must be made before class date. 369-2229.

8/3 - Ocean Ridge Town Commission Meeting is held the first Monday of each month at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N. Ocean Blvd. 6 pm. Agenda available at www.oceanridgeflorida.com.

8/3 - U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 54 meets the first Monday of each month at Boynton Beach Boat Park, 2010 N. Federal Hwy. Boaters and non-boaters welcome. 8 pm. 901-0703.

Tuesday - 8/4 - Flamingo Garden Artists Exhibit opens at Crest Theatre Galleries at Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Features 60 multi-media works by regional artists. Exhibit runs until 10/25. Museum hours. Free/members and children 13 and under, \$6/general, \$4/seniors and students. 243-7922 or www.oldschool.org.

8/4 - Sahaja Yoga Meditation is presented by Louisa Upadhyaya at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. 266-9490 or 266-0194

8/4 - Games @ Your Library is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest. Grades K-5 play board and card games before school starts. 2:30-4:30. Games for grades 6-12 held 8/5. Free. 742-6300.

8/4 - Young Adult Book Discussion - Chasing the Falconers by Gordon Korman will be presented at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 4 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

8/4 - Delray Beach City Commission holds its regular meetings on the first & third Tuesdays of each month at Delray Beach City Hall, 100 NW First Ave. Meeting begins at 6 pm. Agenda available at www.mydelraybeach.com.

Wednesday - 8/5 - Rhys Bowen and Marry Anna Evans will speak and sign



Ocean Ridge resident Rosemarie Peterson examines archival quality storage materials as Boynton Beach City Library Archivist, Janet DeVries, shows class attendees tips for handling and preserving their family photographs. The class on photograph preservation will be held again Aug. 18 and Sept. 23. Photo by Mary Kate Leming

their books, *Royal Flush* and *Floodgates* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790 or www.murderonthebeach.com.

Thursday - 8/6 - Boynton Beach Library Quilters meet every Thursday from 9-11:30 am at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Share quilting information and education and perpetuate quilting as a cultural and artistic form. Free. 742-6390.

8/6 - Lunch with Liz @ the Library - brown-bag program features *Navigating the Road Called Life*, based on insights of Barbara Dangles. Liz Sterling hosts at the Delray Beach City Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Noon-1:30 pm. Free. 255-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

8/6 - Dancing at Rick's Cafe - Boynton Beach Senior Center offers dancing at 1201 S. Federal Highway. Listen and dance to the music of Frank Sinatra, Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey, Gene Krupa and Glenn Miller. Dance room will be set up café style with food and beverages available for purchase. Registration required: free for residents within the corporate city limits; \$40/person/year for non-residents. 1-2 pm. Dance held again on 8/13. 742-6570.

8/6 - Zathura - Sizzlin' Summer Movies are shown on Thursdays at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. All movies rated G or PG. Families welcome. 2-4 pm. Free. 742-6380.

8/6 - Beauty Cocktails at The Blue Fish features Drs. Jason Pozner and Kenneth Beer answering questions for the first 50 pre-paid guests about surgical and non-surgical beauty solutions. 6-9 pm at The Blue Fish, 110 E. Atlantic Ave. Suite 100, Delray Beach. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres mixer with beauty treatments available. \$10. 886-0977 to RSVP.

8/6 - Surgical Weight Reduction Symposium - presented by Miguel Lopez-Viego, M.D., Medical Director of the Bethesda Center for Surgical Weight Reduction, at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, Clayton Conference Center, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. 6:30 pm. Free. 737-7733, ext. 4688.

Friday - 8/7 - Pre-K Fun with Food: Happiness Happens - Kids and their families enjoy making yellow frosting smiles to celebrate a joyous day at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Pre-k ages 2-5. 10:30 am. \$2.50 plus admission to the museum. 742-6782.

8/7 - Young Adult Event - "Jump Rope for Your Health" will be presented at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. Event held again on 8/21. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

8/7 - Blast Off! with free admission to the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Learn about space travel by examining a model

spaceship and designing your own space vehicle. Create and launch Alka-Seltzer rockets on the lawn as part of this free family night at the museum. 5-8 pm. 742-6780 or www.schoolhousemuseum.org.

8/7 - Caribbean Summer Nights will be held along NW/SW 5th Ave. in Delray Beach as the kick-off of the Roots Cultural Festival with food, music and children's activities. Event includes caribbean artists as well as hidden "pirate treasure" and other children's activities. 7-10 pm. Free. 279-1380, Ext. 17 or www.downtowndelraybeach.com/summernights.

8/7-8/9 - Summer Classic Basketball Tournament is presented by the Boynton Beach Police Athletic League at the Hester Community Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Tournament features New York City's Allstar Team. 4 divisions. 6 pm. 702-4887 or 742-6550.

Saturday - 8/8 - Mark Garretson Memorial 15th Annual Fishing Tournament begins at 6:30 am. Boaters depart from either the Boynton or Boca Raton Inlets. Weigh-in at Veterans Park between 10 am-4 pm. Includes raffle, barbecue and awards ceremony. Entry forms available at Florida Native Bait & Tackle, 1824 N. Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach or through Officer Jeff Messer: 243-7841.

8/8 - Discover Kayaking with a certified instructor at Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N. Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. Beginner lessons for adults and youth 10+ will be held 10:45 am - noon. Guided kayak tours for adults held 9-10:30 am. \$10-20/residents, \$13-25/non-residents. Equipment included. Bring hat, sunscreen, bottled water, and water sandals. Offered again on 8/22. Pre-registration required. 742-6650.

8/8 - Bon Festival - The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach, celebrates an evening to honor ancestors. Dances and fireworks. 5-9 pm. Adults (ages 18 and over) \$10, Children (ages 4-17) \$5. Free for museum members and children 3 and under. 561-495-0233, ext. 200, or www.morikami.org.

August 9 - 15

Monday - 8/10 - Great Books discussion is held the second and fourth Mondays of each month at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest. 8/10: *A Room of One's Own*, Virginia Woolf and 8/24: *A Dull Story*, Anton Chekhov. 742-6390.

8/10 - Films from the Atomic Age Series - *The Thing From Another World* (1951) - commentary by Assistant Director Mykal Banta at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

8/10 - Learn to Swim with Mr. Blue is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest. A fun and informative puppet show about swimming safety for ages 1-12. Free. 3-4 pm. 742-6390.

8/10 - Lantana Council Meetings are held on the second & fourth Mondays of each month at the Lantana Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Circle. Meeting begins at 7 pm. Agenda available at www.lantana.org.

8/10-14 - Dance Trends Summer Program: Musical Theatre Camp will be held at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Ages 7-18. 9 am-4 pm. 742-6240.

Tuesday - 8/11 - Young Adult Author Visit - Howard Dvorkin & his novel *Credit Hell: How to Dig Out of Debt* will be presented at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 4 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

8/11 - Evening Book Group - Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson will be presented at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 6 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

8/11- Old School Basketball League begins for ages 35+ at the Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Build endurance and muscle, burn calories while you make new friends. Time provided for warm-ups and stretching before hitting the court. League held Tue & Thu, 6-9 pm. \$35/residents, \$44/non-residents. Register at Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N. Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. Continues through 9/24. 742-6550.

Wednesday - 8/12 - Marshmallow Creations & More is held for teens at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest. Teams of two will compete to build a marshmallow and spaghetti tower. 6-7 pm. Free. 742-6390.

Thursday - 8/13 - Knit 'N Purl - twice monthly class presented as part of the Craft Series at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Class offered again on 8/27. 10:30 am. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

Friday - 8/14 - Gulf Stream Town Commission Meeting is held on the second Friday of the month at the Gulf Stream Town Hall, 100 Sea Road. Meeting begins as 9 am. Agenda is available in the clerk's office.

8/14 - Pre-K Fun with Food: Kool Aid Day - Kids and their families will enjoy making scratch-n-sniff paintings using Kool-Aid at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Pre-k ages 2-5. 10:30 am. \$2.50 plus admission to the museum. 742-6782.

8/14 - Sushi and Stroll Summer Walk is held at The Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd., Delray Beach. Experience the gardens in all their beauty, enjoy taiko drumming, a cold

drink and a breathtaking sunset. 5:30-8:30 pm. Free/members, \$5/non-members. 495-0233 or www.morikami.org.

8/14 - Party with Barbie — Her 50th! This family event will be held in conjunction with Old School Square's exhibit of this American icon since her 1959 debut. Barbie Boutique, craft activities, refreshments and special guests. 51 N. Swinton Blvd., Delray Beach. 7-9 pm. \$5 family admission. 279-1380, Ext. 17 or www.downtowndelraybeach.com/summernights.

8/14-8/15 - Tastemasters Passport Tastings will be held at 18 Delray Beach restaurants offering an opportunity to savor international food and wine without leaving the city. \$20 (cash only) passports are for sale at participating restaurants. Passport holders also receive special offers through 9/30 in addition to the tasting weekend. 5-10 pm each evening. 279-1380, ext. 3., or www.downtowndelraybeach.com.

Saturday - 8/15 - Adventures in Marine Biology class is held at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton for ages 7-12. Explore the diversity, threats to, adaptations, and biology of marine life with an emphasis on the marine life of Florida's barrier island. 10 am-noon. \$6/member per child, \$9/non-member per child. Reservations required. 338-1473.

8/15 - Breastfeeding Prenatal Class is taught by lactation consultants at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. This is an opportunity for expectant parents to learn the benefits of breastfeeding, keys to success, supply and demand, positioning, breast pumps, returning to work and weaning. Both parents are encouraged to attend. 10 am-noon. \$25. Payment must be made before class date. 369-2229.

8/15 - Kindermusik - Teddie Bear PJ Party - Ages 1-6 will experience the magic of movement to music and will stretch their boundaries with creativity and fun in these special programs held at Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N. Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to participate. Dress in your jammies and bring your favorite bear and blanket. 10:30-11:30 a.m. \$5/resident, \$7/non-resident. Please register in advance. 742-6650.

8/15-8/16 - Summer Consumer Expo is presented by The Greater Boynton Beach Chamber of Commerce at the Boynton Beach Mall, 801 N. Congress Ave. Sat. 10 am-9 pm, Sun. noon-6 pm. 732-9501 or www.boyntonbeach.org.

August 16 - 22

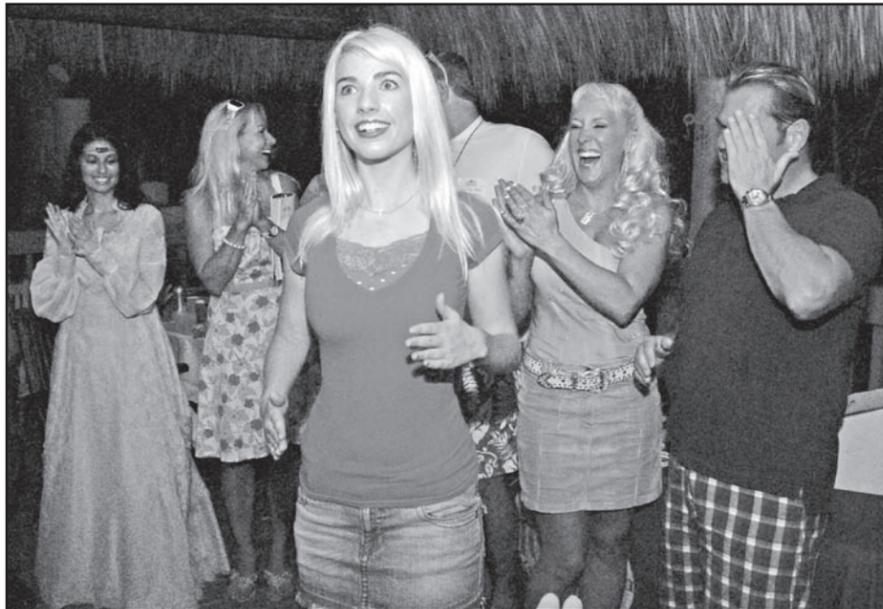
Monday - 8/17 - Oil & Acrylic Painting is offered at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd St. Enjoy painting with other adults to relieve the stress of the day! Learn color techniques, composition, line and value in this six week class. Supply list available at registration. 6:30-9 pm Mondays through 9/28. \$55/resident, \$68/non-resident. 742-6221.

8/17 - Adult Tap is offered at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. 7 pm. 742-6240.

Tuesday - 8/18 - Young Adult Book Discussion - Eclipse by Stephanie Meyer will be presented at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 4 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

8/18 - Delray Beach City Commission holds its regular meetings on the first & third Tuesdays of each month at Delray Beach City Hall, 100 NW First Ave. Meeting begins at 6 pm. Agenda available at www.mydelraybeach.com.

Wednesday - 8/19 - Jamboda! - Get your little one moving with JAM songs and dances. Ages 2-5 benefit from this musical class held at the Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave., Boynton Beach. 9-10 am Wednesdays through 9/16. Registration at Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N. Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. \$28/residents, \$35/non-residents. 742-6221.



Other contestants applaud 19-year-old Amanda Shafer of San Diego after she won the Barbie look-alike contest at Crane's BeachHouse in Delray Beach. The Barbie show continues through Oct. 25 at Old School Square. Photo by Jerry Lower

8/19 - Hot Books @ the Library is held in the Teen Area of the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest. Snacks provided. 6-7 pm. Free. 742-6390.

8/19 - Adult Pottery begins at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd St. Adults enjoy being creative in these six week sessions. The clay room features a slab roller, coil maker, two electric wheels and two kilns. 6:30-9 pm. Wednesdays through 9/23. \$55/resident, \$68/non-resident. 742-6221.

Thursday - 8/20 - Art & Jazz on the Avenue is held along both Atlantic Avenue and NW/SW 5th Avenues in Delray Beach. Open house for restaurants, art galleries and shops with live entertainment. 6-10 pm. Free. 279-1380, ext. 3, or 279-1380, ext. 17.

Saturday - 8/22 - Hooked On Fishing - Ages 9-16 will learn basic fishing skills, character development, marine conservation and more in this course instructed by Captain Bob Cawood of the Florida Fishing Academy. \$10 materials fee (payable to the instructor) for bait, rods & reels and a boat trip! 8 am-noon Saturday's through 9/12. \$75/residents, \$94/non-residents. Register at Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N. Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach.

8/22 - Jambooda! - Ages 2-5 benefit from this musical class held at the Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave., Boynton Beach. 9-10 am Saturdays through 9/19. Registration at Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N. Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. \$28/residents, \$35/non-residents. 742-6221.

8/22 - Pottery Classes begin at the Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave., Boynton Beach. Ages 7-15 learn techniques of pottery including wedging and centering clay, creating shapes, trimming and glazing. Saturdays through 9/26. 9-11:30 am and noon-2:30 pm. \$48/residents, \$60/non-residents. Register at Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N. Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. 742-6650 or 742-6221.

8/22 - Not Another Queen Palm Workshop will be held in the auditorium at the Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Workshop is tailored for homeowners on a quest for knowledge on palms including how to use them in the South Florida landscape, different species available, growing requirements and plantings. A guided walk through the garden gives a chance to view palms in the landscape. Palms available for purchase. 9 am-noon. \$30/members, \$40/non-members. Registration deadline 8/20. 233-1757 or www.mounts.org.

8/22 - Narrated Bus Tour of Historic Delray Beach is conducted by the Museum of Lifestyle & Fashion History. Tour visits 10 historic sites and leaves from the Delray City Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. at 11 am. \$10/adult & seniors, Free/children and teens under 18. 243-2662.

8/22 - Family Fun Program: Marine Dolphin is presented at The Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd., Delray Beach. Explore the culture through hands-on arts and crafts. 11 am-4 pm. Free with paid admission to the museum. 495-0233, ext. 237 or www.morikami.org.

8/22 - Spady Living Heritage Day at the Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave., Delray Beach, includes

demonstrations, interactive exhibits, musical performances, food vendors and children's activities. Free. Noon-10 pm. 279-8883.

August 23 - 29

Sunday - 8/23 - Music at St. Paul's presents *Dueling Divas of Jazz*. Enjoy a sizzling afternoon of jazz solos and duets at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S. Swinton, Delray Beach. 4 pm. \$15 suggested donation. 278-6003.

Monday - 8/24 - Afternoon Book Group - The Commoner by John Burnham Schwartz will be presented at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

8/24 - Lantana Council Meetings are held on the second & fourth Mondays of each month at the Lantana Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Circle. Meeting begins at 7 pm. Agenda available at www.lantana.org.

Tuesday - 8/25 - Manalapan Town Commission Meeting is held the 4th Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am. Meetings are held at Manalapan Town Hall, 600 S Ocean Blvd. 1pm. Agenda available at www.manalapan.org.

8/25 - Young Adult Movie Event - Transformers will be presented at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 6 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

Wednesday - 8/26 - Drop-in Craft Day is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest. Grades K-5 make their own crafts. Free. 4-5 pm. 742-6390.

8/26 - Evening Garden Walk is held at the Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Garden Director Allen Sistrunk narrates the tour., Experience evening fragrances and resident nocturnal creatures. 6 pm. Free/members, \$5/non-members. 233-1757 or www.mounts.org.

8/26 - Pajama Storytime at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest. Ages 3-6 (plus siblings) enjoy silly songs, stories and fun craft in their pajamas. 7-8 pm. Free. 742-6390.

Thursday - 8/27 - Briny Breezes Town Commission Meeting is held at 5:01. The meeting will be held at Briny Breezes Town Hall, 4802 N Ocean Blvd. Agenda available at www.townofbrinybreezes-fl.com.

8/27 - Dine Out for a Cause: Part 3 - Join celebrity chef and city commissioner Gary Eliopoulos at Caffe Luna Rosa, 34 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. 5:30-10:30 pm. Proceeds benefit Delray Beach Public Library. Reservations: 274-9404.

Friday - 8/28 - "Dancing in the Street" Party held in the 500 block of Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach, as part of the Summer Nights on the Avenue. Free. 7-10 pm. 279-1380, Ext. 17.

August 30 - September 5

Thursday - 9/3 - Lunch with Liz @ the Library brown-bag program features *Achieving Financial Happiness* based on insights of Jean Chatsky at the Delray Beach City Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Noon-1:30 pm. Free. 255-9490.

9/3 - Surgical Weight Reduction Symposium - presented by Miguel Lopez-Viego, M.D., Medical Director of the Bethesda Center for Surgical Weight Reduction, at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, Clayton Conference Center, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. 6:30 pm. Free. 737-7733, ext. 4688.

Friday - 9/4 - Florida Watercolor Society 37th Juried Exhibition begins at Cornell Museum at Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 100 works by award-winning Florida artists presented as part of the Society's annual conference. Exhibit runs until 11/15. Museum hours. Free/members and children 13 and under, \$6/general, \$4/seniors and students. 243-7922 or www.oldschool.org.

9/4 - "Last Hurrah of Summer" Party will be held at A1A and Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. A walking tour of Delray Beach's historic beach district will be part of the agenda. Free. 7-10 pm. 279-1380, ext. 17.

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Travel

PBIA sports many new features — and gum!

By Mary Thurwachter

Later this year, patrons of the Palm Beach International Airport will be able to zip in and out of airport parking lots settling with SunPass, the prepaid system used on Florida's Turnpike and other toll roads.

"We don't have it yet," said Casandra R. Davis, community affairs spokeswoman for the airport. "We don't have a firm date; late 2009 is projected."

But there's always something new at the airport, which had humble beginnings as a field with a windsock in 1929, became Morrison Field in 1936 (through the Depression) and served as a military base during World War II and the Korean War.

In 1966, a five-building terminal was built. Twenty-one years ago, the current terminal made its debut, tripling the size of the previous building and doubling the gates.

So what's new today?

A spiffy \$64 million long-term parking garage, for one thing. The seven-story garage opened last year and added 3,400 spaces.



Chili's Too is among the new concessions to open on Concourse C. Photos by Mary Thurwachter

Parking rates have gone up, too. As of May 19, daily fees went up a dollar: \$7 in park-and-ride, \$13 in long-term parking and \$17 in short-term parking.

You can buy gum! After a 20-year ban, PBIA sells chewing gum. Paradies Shops, which run the airport's retail shops, estimates that lifting the no-gum ban will bring in an extra \$225,000 a year. Money wasn't the only motivator. Passengers ask for gum all the time. Davis

insists the change hasn't been the nightmare officials once feared. It's not ruining furniture and carpet. At least not yet ...

You can get pesos for your dollars. A currency exchange, shoe shine and business center have found a home in the terminal.

Stuffed lions and tigers and toys, oh boy! A Kid Zone store and playground have been added. It's all within skipping distance of the putting green, pool tables and foosball game outside



Forget the laptop? Internet access is available for 35 cents a minute.

Sam Snead's Tavern. So there's a playground for big kids, too!

For those who like to watch the planes take off, there's a new observation area. It's got TVs, desks chairs and free Wi-Fi to occupy your time when there's not much activity on the tarmac.

JetBlue moved from Concourse B to Concourse C. The switch came after the recent completion of three new gates on the east section of Concourse C.

Chili's Too and CNBC News concessions have opened in Concourse C. Chili's has a separate line for to-go orders, so travelers can fly the friendly skies while munching on baby back ribs.

Extra ATMs have been installed. Get cash courtesy Fifth Third Bank.

Charge! There's a cell phone charging station at CNBC News.

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Obituaries

Mark Benjamin Alba

By Ron Hayes

COUNTY POCKET — Mark Alba was never a mayor, but to his many friends and acquaintances in South County, he was “The Mayor.”

“You couldn’t go anywhere in Delray Beach without someone knowing him,” remembers his roommate, John Kiggins. “He was just very popular, very social, and a real mainstay in the nightspots along Atlantic Avenue, even though he wasn’t a drinker, so he became known as the mayor.”

Mark “The Mayor” Alba died suddenly of heart failure on June 26. He was 53, and had lived in the area since 1989.

Before moving to Lake Worth shortly before his death, Mr. Alba shared a house with Kiggins on Surf Road in the county pocket south of Briny Breezes.

“About a year ago, he built an amazing Tiki bar in the backyard that sort of became the centerpiece in our neighborhood,” remembers John Ferber, another longtime friend.

Only after the bar was complete, did the renters remember that they hadn’t



Mark Alba was dubbed ‘The Mayor’ of the County Pocket. He built a tiki hut in his backyard. Photo provided

asked their landlord’s permission to erect the structure.

“Then the landlord saw it and loved it,” Ferber says. “He said, ‘I always wanted to do this.’”

When not impulsively building, Mr. Alba was a book lover who spent hours on the beach, pursuing an amateur historian’s love of World War II military history. He retained a love for his native New England, followed the Red Sox and New England Patriots faithfully, and also dabbled in the local antique market.

“He had a knack for buying something at the

Goodwill store for \$10 and selling it in an auction for \$200,” says Kiggins.

Mark Benjamin Alba was born on Dec. 17, 1955, in Winchester, Mass. A 1977 graduate of Boston College, he had worked for Merrill Lynch of New York before coming to Florida, where he continued to work as a financial trader.

Mr. Alba is survived by two sisters, Beverly Alba and Cynthia Alba, and a brother, Bruce, all of Massachusetts.

A memorial service was held in Winthrop, Mass., with a local memorial on the beach to be announced. ✧

Cavet Cloyd Snyder

By Ron Hayes

DELRAY BEACH — Cavet Snyder made money selling cold air, then gave it away with a warm heart.

Entering the nascent air-conditioning business just after World War II, Mr. Snyder sold the Stromberg Sheetmetal Co. of Rockville, Md., in 1987 and established the CCS Charitable Foundation.

“He lost his mother at 3 and his father at 10, so he always gave to children’s charities,” recalled his son, Marc Snyder. “Make-A-Wish and Habitat For Humanity, he had a special place in his heart for children who were orphaned or disadvantaged. He was just a very classy and elegant guy.”

A snowbird who retired to Delray Beach permanently in 1989, Mr. Snyder died July 9. He was 87 and a resident of the Banyan House condominium, where he served as the board’s president from 1989 to 1994 and vice

president from 1998 to 2000.

He also was an occasional guest lecturer to business students at Palm Beach Community College and a member of the Delray Beach Club.

Cavet Cloyd Snyder was born Sept. 30, 1921, in Warm Springs, Va., and graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in engineering.

Mr. Snyder’s wife of 49 years, Peggy Krimming Snyder, died in 1993. In addition to his son, of Manitou, Colo., he is survived by a daughter, Kelly, of Highland, Md.; their spouses, Kelly and Hunter; and four granddaughters, Katie, Cassidy, Annie and Riley.

A memorial service was held July 14 in Delray Beach, with a scattering of ashes planned at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a favorite charity. ✧



James Wilson Clark

By Mary Katherine Stump

OCEAN RIDGE — James Clark died July 21 at the age of 92. He is survived by his wife of 22 years, Katherine Clark.

He was very active in the community in St. Louis, having served on the board of the Girl Scout Council, the Missouri Baptist Hospital, and the Central Presbyterian Church.

He also was an active fund-raiser for Washington University, the YMCA and the Arts Education Council in St. Louis.

Mr. Clark was a resident of Ocean Ridge for more than 25 years, having first moved here with his first wife, Harriet, who passed away in 1986.

He was a member of the Gulf Stream Golf Club, where he served on the

board and on the financial committee, as well as The Gulf Stream Bath and Tennis Club and The Little Club. He was an avid bridge and golf player.

“He was very intelligent and quiet,” said his wife, Kathleen. “But we used to provoke each other for kicks to see how the other one would react. He had a wonderful sense of humor. A dry wit.”

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his half-sister, Margaret Jewell of Paige, Texas, and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be private. Lorne & Sons Funeral Home, Delray Beach is in charge of arrangements.

Contributions may be made to the Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach, FL 33445. ✧



Ralph R. Zuckerman

By Mary Katherine Stump

OCEAN RIDGE — Ralph Zuckerman, 93, a long-time resident of Crown Colony, died Monday, July 20. He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Violet Schmitt Zuckerman.

“Theirs was a true love story,” said his niece, Pam Holy.

The two met at the Ford plant responsible for the production of airplane parts during WWII on the Southside of Chicago. He was a supervisor. She was responsible for quality control down on the line. They were married in 1946.

In the 1940s the two began driving down to Florida from Chicago, having fallen in love with the ocean, the unique vegetation and wildlife, and the climate.

In 1969 they purchased a place in Crown Colony, where they vacationed until

a permanent move in the 1970s.

“Up until the end they continued a nighttime routine,” said Holy. “Every night one of them would say ‘I love you’ and the other would say ‘I love you more.’”

Mr. Zuckerman was born and raised in Chicago and was an electrician there until his move to South Florida. He was a veteran of WWII.

“He was the best-natured man you’d ever want to meet,” said Holy. “He was like a father to me. He loved to have a good conversation and never talked at you. I remember that even from when I was little.”

Mr. Zuckerman is survived by Holy and a grandnephew, Michael, both of Chicago.

His ashes will be placed along with his wife’s in a columbarium at a V.A. cemetery in Florida at a later date. ✧

E-mail obituary information to news@thecoastalstar.com

Boynton Beach

City considers historic preservation ordinance

The Boynton Beach City Commission has taken the first step toward the possible creation of a historic preservation ordinance.

The commission voted at its July 21 meeting to appoint a committee to look into the issue.

Although commissioners are intrigued by the benefits of such

an ordinance, they want more information, including the impact on affected property owners and what rules the ordinance would mandate.

Barbara Ready, chairman of the Boynton Beach Arts Commission and president of Save Old Boynton High, urged commissioners to probe the issue.

“I would encourage you to establish a task force to look into this,” Ready told commissioners, adding that she knows a few people who would be eager to join that advisory board.

“This does come with pots of money,” she said, although matching grants would be required.

Boynton Beach has several

historic properties, including the Boynton Woman’s Club and the 1913 Schoolhouse, which are on the National Register of Historic Places.

Though Delray Beach has a historic preservation ordinance, she noted, “We aren’t Delray Beach, we don’t need to have one as strict as theirs.”

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Fishing

Shark fishing banned from Delray Beach

By Margie Plunkett

Anyone fishing for shark, be on notice: Delray Beach commissioners in July voted to prohibit shark fishing 300 feet from the municipal beach.

As part of the ordinance passed July 21, no chumming or baiting — using cut up bait to attract sharks — or the use of lures or rigs for shark fishing is allowed. And any accidental catches are required to be thrown back, the ordinance said.

The commissioners were responding to recent resident concern that shark fishing on the municipal beach may create hazardous conditions for swimmers, according to a memo to commissioners from Terrill C. Pyburn, assistant city attorney.

The ordinance passed after a long line of speakers from the public passionately voiced various perspectives on conservation, swimmer safety and the land fisherman's freedom to pursue the sport.

In the end, the preservation of Delray Beach's "jewel" — the beach — won unanimously. "Our Delray beach is our pride and joy," said Vice Mayor Gary Eliopoulos, who favored the ordinance on the basis of public safety. "I think what the ordinance was written for was that we don't want to be attracting sharks to our shore. With the exception of one, most of the Delray residents who spoke tonight were in favor of this ordinance."

Shoreline anglers must now buy license

Florida's resident saltwater anglers who fish from shore, or a structure affixed to shore, will need to buy a shoreline fishing license as of Aug. 1, unless they have a regular resident saltwater fishing license.

The cost is \$7.50, plus administrative and handling fees.

The new license applies only to Florida resident saltwater anglers who fish from shore. Resident anglers

may prefer to purchase the regular recreational saltwater license that covers them no matter where they fish for saltwater species in Florida.

Florida has always required nonresidents to have a license when fishing from shore, and they will still need to purchase a regular nonresident saltwater fishing license.

The new shoreline saltwater fishing license for residents went on sale July 15. It provides all of the same

exemptions as a regular license, including senior citizens, children, disabled people who meet certain qualifications, active-duty military personnel while home on leave, and anglers who fish from a licensed pier. In addition, the shoreline license requirement includes anglers drawing food stamps, temporary cash assistance or Medicaid.

For more information, go to MyFWC.com.

Golf

PB Par-3 course under renovation

By Craig Dolch

Palm Beach Par-3 has long billed itself as "golf on the ocean" — that's even the name of the course's Web site — and soon this statement will be more appropriate.

Thanks to a long-awaited \$4.8 million renovation that combines public and private money, Palm Beach Par 3 will have 50 percent more holes on the Atlantic Ocean when it reopens Nov. 1.

Architect and Palm Beach resident Raymond Floyd's plans have expanded the ocean holes from four to six, as well as changing the routing of the course and the direction of all 18 holes.

"These are major changes," said head professional Rick Dytrych, who has been at the club since 1978. "Not only are there more holes on the ocean, but you will now finish on the ocean. Before, most of the holes always ran north-south. But with the different layout of east-west holes, you're going to see the wind play a much greater role out here. I think the golfers are really going to like that."

Palm Beach Par-3 was once rated the best short course in the U.S. by *Golf* magazine, but the layout has been worn down by thousands of rounds every year and the ocean climate.

Finding the resources to renovate the course likely wasn't going to happen until Floyd, a member of the World



The Palm Beach Par 3 is receiving \$4.8 million in renovations. Photo by Jerry Lower

Golf Hall of Fame, stepped in last year and led the effort.

Not only did Floyd volunteer his services for free, he helped raise more than \$2 million in private donations from Palm Beach residents. The rest of the money came from the town of Palm Beach.

"Without Raymond, this doesn't get done," Dytrych said. "It's as simple as that."

Golfers will notice many other changes when the course reopens.

Within the next month, the white sands that dominate the landscape will be grassed over with paspallum, an environmentally friendly turf that doesn't require freshwater for irrigation. Installing paspallum is more expensive than conventional grass, but because it can be irrigated with brackish water from a well 1,400 feet beneath the course, it will save the course thousands of dollars in water costs.

Instead of two smaller

lakes, there will be one large lake that brings water into play on four holes. Dytrych said each of the 18 holes will play longer by an average of 10 to 15 yards, but there will be multiple teeing areas so players can find their comfort zone. There also will be two putting greens (instead of one) and an enlarged range.

Dytrych said the second part of the project — building a state-of-the-art clubhouse that overlooks the ocean — has been delayed until probably 2011 because of zoning issues.

Greens fees will be higher when Palm Beach Par-3 reopens, Dytrych said, but he estimates by no more than 20 percent. There also will be discounts for Palm Beach residents and tourists who stay at Palm Beach hotels.

"The town of Palm Beach deserves a great golf course," Dytrych said, "and that's what we're going to have."

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Paws up for Pets!

DNA testing unravels the mysteries of your mutt

By Arden Moore

Love your mutt, but perplexed when it comes to pinpointing his breed blend? Sure, you make your best guess — and maybe solicit the suggestions of others. Now, thanks to a new DNA test, there's a scientific way to sniff out your canine's family tree.

Just be prepared to be surprised. I was.

Two years ago, I adopted Cleo, my sweet 12-pound mystery mutt. At the time, she was a scared stray, dodging cars in my neighborhood in quest of a home. Looking at her, my dog-loving friends pegged her as a Bichon-Maltese-poodle-met-a-terrier mix.

Wrong. A DNA test, specifically called the Wisdom Panel MX Mixed Breed Analysis by Mars Veterinary, revealed Cleo's true — and surprising — ancestry. She is a lot of miniature poodle with a dash of basset hound and a sprinkling of other breeds too diluted to identify.

In other words, Cleo is truly an all-American mutt. Or as Dr. Angela Hughes, DVM, a veterinary geneticist, describes: "Cleo's ancestry has certainly been around the block — and then some."



DNA testing determined Cleo is an all-American mutt, with miniature poodle, basset hound and a sprinkling of other breeds in her pedigree. **Photo by Arden Moore**

Based on the results of Cleo's blood test, her parents were mutts, but at least one grandparent was a miniature poodle and at least one great-grandparent was mostly basset hound. That probably explains why Cleo sports a wavy, apricot-colored coat, but spends way too much time on walks sniffing trees and lawns.

Why do the test? Because

knowledge is power.

Gleaning as much as you can about your dog's breed background — and its past — can be valuable when it comes to bringing out the best in your dog's health and temperament.

Veterinarians, professional breeders and dog trainers know a lot about the 158 breeds recognized by the American Kennel Club.

There's a definite association between certain breeds and specific diseases, nutritional needs and temperament tendencies.

For example, basset hounds live by the motto "Have nose, will travel" and can be challenging when it comes to training them off-leash to heed the "come" command. Health-wise, the doe-eyed Cavalier King Charles spaniel has a genetic propensity for developing a heart condition known as hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. Large breeds like German shepherds are at greater risk for hip dysplasia and fare better when kept at healthy weights and engaged in low-impact exercises like swimming or long walks.

Two methods of collecting canine DNA exist. One involves swabbing inside your dog's mouth and sending off the cheek-cell sample to a lab. Be aware that this test carries a risk of false results (the sample could mistakenly also contain bacteria or food particles). The second type requires taking your dog to a veterinary clinic for a quick blood draw and then mailing off the vial to a lab.

"The blood draw is the far more accurate test

because the best possible source of a dog's DNA is in the blood (white blood cells) and it is least likely to be contaminated," Hughes explained.

It can take a few weeks for the results to come back to reveal just who your dog really is. The day the results arrive can be one of surprise (as in my case with Cleo) or affirmation.

But knowing the principal breeds that make up your marvelous mutt takes away some of the guesswork when it comes to providing the best type of veterinary care — and selecting the right training approach — to suit your dog.

Cleo's "mystery mutt" moniker has now been replaced by a more accurate nickname: "your royal hound-ness."

Arden Moore, an animal behavior consultant, editor, author and professional speaker, shares her Oceanside, Calif., home with two cats, two dogs and one overworked vacuum cleaner.

Tune in to her "Oh Behave!" show on [Pet Life Radio.com](http://PetLifeRadio.com) and contact her at ardenmoore.com.



Hurricane season

Keep pets in mind while plotting storm-evacuation strategy

By Mary Thurwachter

Everyone who lives on a barrier island should have a hurricane evacuation plan and that plan should include Fido and Fluffy.

There is a shelter in the area that accepts pets, but if a shelter or a friend's house is not in your plan, and you're thinking about fleeing the storm, consider booking a room at a nice pet-friendly hotel like Casa Monica in St. Augustine or the Loews Royal Pacific Resort at Universal Orlando. There are extra fees, of course, but you and your pets can get some pampering, which you'll undoubtedly appreciate after fleeing the storm.

Of course, you could board your four-legged friends. At Colonial Animal Hospital in Boynton Beach, for example, dogs can weather storms for about \$22 a day and cats for \$17 a day. There are other choices for boarding, too, including Barkingham Palace in Delray Beach, Camp Canine in Boca Raton and the Delray Beach Veterinary Hospital.

Gulf Stream Police Chief Garrett Ward says residents typically make provisions for their pets during storms.

Most take them along with them to the homes of friends, family or to a hotel. "It hasn't been a problem for us," he said.

Other coastal town police departments agree.

"We just encourage residents to have a plan in place for pets," says Manalapan Chief Clay Walker. "Most residents are gone during the summer, so it isn't a problem here." Lt. Chris Yannuzzi of the Ocean Ridge Police Department says, "We don't make arrangements for pets, other than to tell residents to make plans — and make them early."

When you and your best friend leave the island, be sure to pack a leash and collar, a crate, a two-week supply of food and water, vaccination records for your pet and medications. For cats, don't forget kitty-litter and a container.

To make a reservation for your pet to stay at a shelter, call Animal Care and Control, (561) 233-1266 or see www.pbcgov.com/pubsafety/animal. The gymnasium at West Boynton Recreation Center (east of high school), 6000 Northtree Blvd. in Lake Worth

(between Hypoluxo Road and Gateway Boulevard off the east side of Jog Road) will be available as a pet-friendly shelter. Dogs, cats and birds are accepted, but not reptiles. The shelter is restricted to county residents residing in a mandatory evacuation zones or in mobile homes. Proof of residency is required. Space is limited and restrictions apply. Pet owners are required to stay at the shelter. Pets will be housed in an area separate from people; pet owners will be given a schedule to attend to their animals' needs.

Some nearby pet-friendly hotels: Colony Hotel, Delray Beach, (561) 276-4123; Comfort Inn & Conference Center, West Palm Beach, (561) 689-6100; Courtyard by Marriott, Boynton Beach, (561) 737-4600; Days Inn, Airport North, West Palm Beach, (561) 689-0450; Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott, Jupiter, (561) 748-5252; Fairfield Inn & Suites, Boca Raton, (561) 417-8585; LaQuinta Inn and Suites, West Palm Beach, (561) 689-8540; PGA National Resort & Spa, Palm Beach Gardens, (561) 627-2000; Royal Inn, Royal Palm Beach, (561) 793-3000; Grandview Gardens

B&B, West Palm Beach, (561) 833-9023.

Some pet-friendly hotels a little farther away: Casa Monica, St. Augustine, (904) 810-6810; Loews Royal Pacific Resort, Orlando, (407) 503-3000; Grand Bohemian Hotel, Orlando, (866) 663-

0024; Hilton Ocala, Ocala, (352) 854-1400; Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota, (941) 309-2000.

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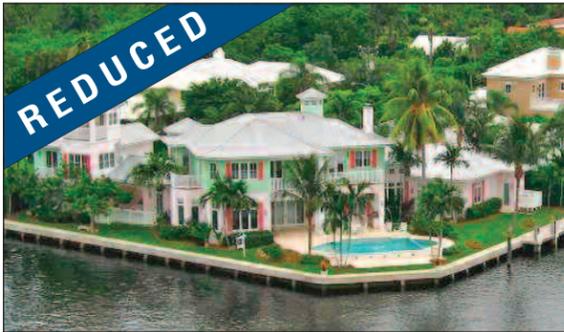
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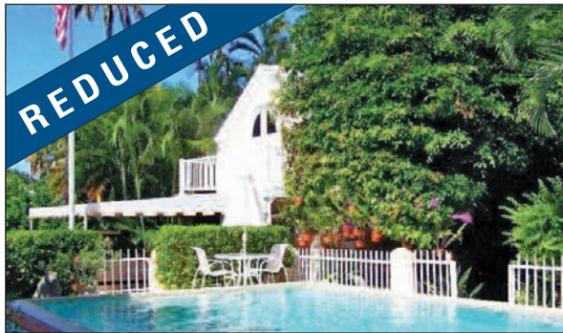
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