

Celebrating Our History

Casa Alva: From home to club to home again

By Mary Thurwachter

Back in 1957, Eisenhower was president, *Leave It to Beaver* premiered on TV, and Elvis was shaking, rattling and rolling his way toward becoming the king of rock 'n' roll.

Closer to home, a couple of movers and shakers were making headlines, too. The former Duchess of Marlborough, Consuelo Vanderbilt Balsan, was selling her fashionable Manalapan estate, Casa Alva, to developer William E. Benjamin II.

Benjamin turned much of the mangrove hammock island into a gated, luxury subdivision called Point Manalapan and transformed the Vanderbilt Balsan estate into a private social club and golf course.

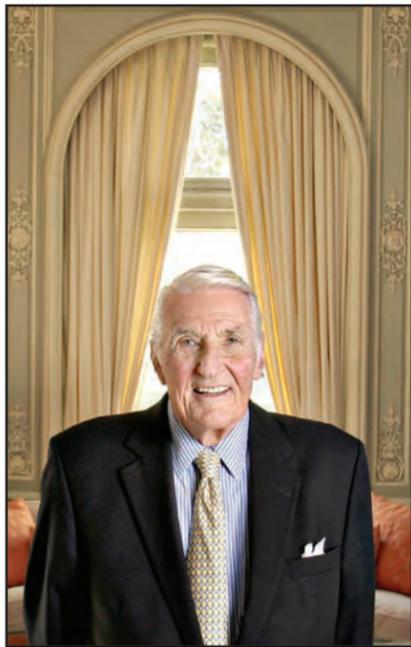
"I wanted to have some sort of center to the community here," says Benjamin, who moved to Florida from Southampton, Long Island, in 1950.

He knew a thing or two about local social clubs as a member of the Everglades

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TOP: While it was The Manalapan Club, the property had a palm-lined swimming pool. **MIDDLE:** Looking north across Hypoluxo Island, Casa Alva dominated the undeveloped landscape. **LEFT:** William E. Benjamin II, has owned Casa Alva since 1957. It's now for sale. **ABOVE:** The gilded dining hall has changed little since it hosted club guests. **Photos courtesy of the Historical Society of Palm Beach County, Diana Reed, and by Tim Stepien**

Along the Coast

Annexation specter puts island on alert

By Thomas R. Collins

Just south of Briny Breezes, east of the St. Andrews golf course and north of Gulf Stream sit two rarities: pieces of barrier island land that are unincorporated, belonging to no city.

And the residents have seemed to like it that way.

But lately Boynton Beach officials have been talking about making those areas — "pockets," they're called — part of their city through annexation. That would likely bring better services but also higher taxes — and a loss of a sense of independence. It also raises questions about what could be built there.

The interest in annexing the pockets, the last unincorporated pieces of barrier island in southern Palm Beach County, has put neighboring cities on alert and prompted the Florida Coalition for Preservation to begin education efforts to make sure residents there know what's going on.

Boynton Beach publicly discussed including the pockets as part of an official study — called an interlocal services boundary agreement, or ISBA — that needs to happen before annexation is possible. But the city, for now, is focusing only on areas west of the Intracoastal, most of it west of I-95.

Donna Brosemer, a consultant working on the annexation issue for the city, said Boynton Beach considered it to be too complicated politically to include the barrier island pockets in the study with those western areas.

Kurt Bressner, Boynton Beach's city manager, said annexation of the barrier island pockets is still up for

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Coastal Stars

Fitness bug an epidemic in this family

By Emily J. Minor

The fitness bug took root many, many years ago, with little notice, when Leonard Griff began teaching his four children through example.

Griff, a retired radiation oncologist, would take the

stairs. He'd bike to work. He jogged before they even called it jogging.

"I think they called it 'crazy' back then," he says. "Very few people were running and people used to think there was something wrong with me."

And now?

Well, if ever there were a family addicted to endorphins, it's this one.

Maybe you've heard about this sweaty gang — or saw them, even, at the Marathon of Palm Beaches, the grandkids wearing sombreros, working

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Drs. Charles and Nancy Griff follow the example set by their dad, Leonard, and now run marathons. **Photo by Jerry Lower**

Unsafe playground equipment removed

Hypoluxo Island neighbors working with city to find replacement. **Page 10**



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the water station on Hypoluxo Island with grandma (Roberta, also a doctor).

Leonard Griff, 75, ran the half marathon. So did his son, Lawrence, 42, and his daughter-in-law, Christine, 43. They both flew down from New York.

Nancy Griff, his daughter, ran the full 26.2 miles. So did her husband, Scott Reiter, a local attorney. "That's amazing," says Nancy Griff, who lives on Hypoluxo Island. "He had lung surgery and 10 years ago, he couldn't even run a mile."

Oh, but there's more. Charles Griff, another Griff kid who grew up under the examples of Leonard and Roberta, ran the full marathon — and he's a Type 1, insulin-dependent diabetic. "I think that does add another challenge," Griff says, making a giant Griff family understatement since intense, prolonged exercise for Type 1 diabetics is tricky business, requiring constant attention to food, insulin and blood-sugar levels.

Griff, 43, a dermatologist, has had diabetes since he was 18.

Leonard Griff said despite the heavy work schedule when he and his wife were raising the kids in Harrisburg, Pa., he was always home for after-school sports with the children.

And it caught on. "It's my therapy," says Nancy Griff, a psychiatrist with a local practice. "It's one time that I'm outside and nobody can get in touch with me."

But wait. Is running 26.2 miles really that much of a physical challenge?

What if you swam 2.4 miles? And biked for 112? And THEN ran a full marathon?

Yes. Drs. Charles and Nancy compete in Ironman triathlons. In the last two years, the brother-sister duo has done four of them together. And even though they each qualified for the Boston Marathon when they ran the Palm Beach race back in December — and, for a while, they intended to run the Boston — they've decided against making the trip.



Leonard Griff's grandchildren have followed their families' leads by participating in fitness events. Robin (left), Daniel, Connor, Jeremy, David, Haliley and Matthew hand cups of water to runners during the Marathon of the Palm Beaches.



Sister and brother Nancy and Charles Griff, who compete together in Ironman competitions, run along Old Ocean Boulevard in Ocean Ridge. Photos by Jerry Lower

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don't think he had as much fun," says Nancy Griff, who played college tennis but didn't start competitive running until she was almost finished with her medical studies.

Leonard Griff, who lives on Hypoluxo Island, said he never made workouts mandatory when the kids were growing up, but he did stress "a good sense of values."

"I think we've always had a sense of commitment to be the best we can, but not be better than anyone," says Leonard Griff. "I think if you do the athletics and perform them well, it carries over into the academics."

And, in this case, it sure did.

In this family of six, there are five doctors and a certified public accountant with his MBA.

Says the family patriarch: "I guess you could say we're kind of intense people."

There's another of those Griff family understatements. ✨

Editorial

Summer comings and goings

Easter marks the beginning of the end of tourist season: no more waiting in line at restaurants and movies; less traffic along A1A; fewer people at the beach.

As much as we enjoy the quiet, lazy days of summer, most of us have jobs (at least the lucky ones) and feel the pinch when snowbirds depart. Especially those of us with small, family-owned businesses who know only too intimately the ebb and flow of a service-based economy during a national recession.

Luckily for *The Coastal Star*, our piece of paradise is unique enough to weather seasonal trends.

Our sister publication, *The Palm Beach ArtsPaper*, however, is not as immune to the vagaries of a recession that has dramatically impacted the local arts community. As a result, Greg Stepanich and his excellent group of arts writers will focus their attention on their Web site (www.palmbeachartspaper.com) during the summer months and return to print in October with

a revamped season preview.

Since covering the arts is an important part of our mission — and is essential to our South Florida quality of life — we've asked Greg to contribute a column over the summer giving *Coastal Star* readers a quick look at summer arts news and happenings.

As for the snowbirds heading north, please be sure to fill out the subscription form on Page 28 and drop it (plus your check for \$18) by our office at 5011 N. Ocean Blvd. in Ocean Ridge. Or feel free to mail the form and your payment and we'll be sure to send you a copy each month that you're away.

Of course our paper also is available at: www.thecoastalstar.com and we give you several ways to read the paper online.

We wish our snowbirds safe travels. If you're staying for the summer, stop by and say hello. We'll be here.



— Mary Kate Leming, editor

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Letters to the Editor

Riders flout bike laws and standards of civility

Nowhere in your March bicycle-sign article do I read anything about enforcement of the laws currently on the books covering bicycle safety.

As an everyday motorist on A1A, I regularly have to contend with large "pods" of bicyclists frequently riding three and four abreast. A light tap of my horn to warn the riders of my intention to pass quite often results in rude gestures and derisive shouts from the throng.

I have to wonder whether

strict enforcement of the "no more than two abreast riders" and "three feet clearance" statutes, as well as rider observance of traffic signals, would make eight more signs along A1A superfluous.

I suppose we could always close A1A to vehicular traffic to appease the bike lobby. Coming events cast their shadow before them.

T. C. Mulry
Gulf Stream

Residents well-served by quality newspaper

I have a place in Delray Beach and I reside in Rehoboth Beach, Del.

I was surprised at the newspaper delivery as I was leaving to go to the airport. During my flight I was able to read it and thoroughly enjoyed it.

I think the quality of the paper used, advertisements and the contents are so nice and refreshing, especially for us who have a residence in the areas served by the newspaper.

I am planning on getting a subscription for myself and a friend who is also from Delaware but has a place in

South Palm Beach.

I have a blog-style Web site and I mention your paper in it. If you would like to see it, please go to www.aboutmybeaches.com.

Gloria Merryman
Delray Beach

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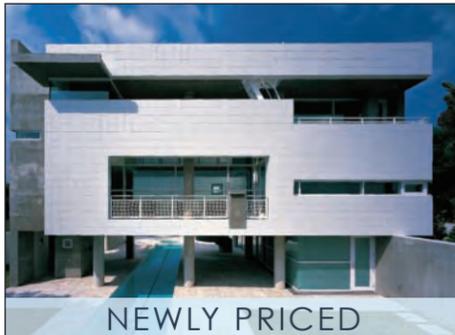
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Local Voices

Police program enriches understanding

We joined the Citizen's Police Academy sponsored by the Boynton Beach Police Department. This is our second year taking this class. The class meets on Wednesdays for 10 weeks from 7 to 10 p.m.

During each session we had up to six policemen give us demonstrations and slideshows. Police instructors answered all our questions. We had two or three different program elements each week and every one of them was very interesting, some were fun to watch and all were informative. They ranged from K-9 unit demonstrations to information about special weapons and tactics and the Police Athletic League.

It would be hard to pick our favorite evening, as each night we learned so much from each group. On one memorable night they Tasered

two rookie policemen. Every police officer who will be using a Taser must experience being Tasered. It was difficult to watch, as it felt like one of our grandchildren was being Tasered that evening.

In addition to the classroom experiences, we participated in a ride-along program. We were able to spend four hours riding with the policemen while they were on duty.

We had no idea how the other half of the world lives and once we were home safe we thanked God for our country and our freedom. We are so lucky to live in the country we live in.

We have always felt so safe in our area, but with drugs and all the crime we have now, it is good to know we are so well-protected. We always had a lot of respect for

our policemen, but now are more aware of the job they are doing and the danger they are in each day. They are like everyone else. They do their job the best as they can and look forward to a safe return home to their families after each shift.

After we finished our 10 weeks, the Police Department hosted a banquet for class members. They give us a diploma, shirts and a picture of the whole group who attended.

It was a wonderful and fulfilling experience for us and many others. We met a lot of nice people and now when we hear the police siren, we know the police are out doing their job to protect every one of us. We should feel very blessed to have them in our community.

Bev and Lew Williams
Briny Breezes

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consideration, just not right now.

“We’re just going to go ahead with the workload we have,” he said. “And then we’ll swing into consideration of the other areas possibly later on this year.”

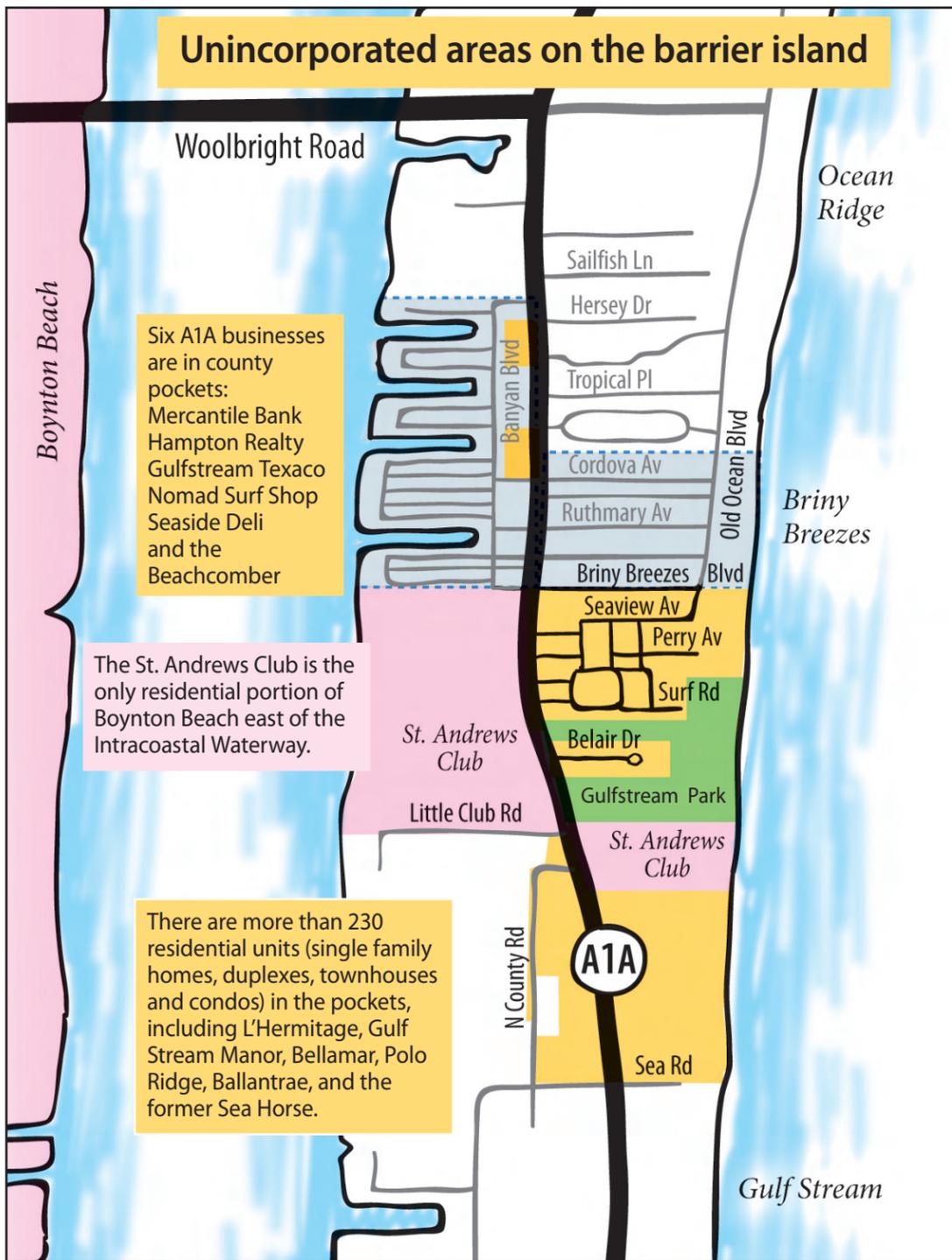
Boynton Beach and Palm Beach County are in the process of approving an interlocal agreement to provide fire-rescue service to the pockets, to avoid another tragedy like the choking death of a resident there in November. But that’s separate from outright annexation.

Annexation of the pockets has to be approved with petition-style signatures from a majority of the residents — or 50 percent plus one.

Just because it’s not in the official study plan doesn’t mean annexation of the pockets is not being researched now, said Bob Ganger of the Coalition, a group that works to protect the barrier island from excessive development.

“In order to make a sensible assessment of future service needs and capabilities, they really have to look at any county pockets that they currently serve and that would include the barrier island because they serve the barrier island with water and sewer,” said Ganger, who also is president of the Gulf Stream Civic Association.

“From the point of view of the people who live in the county pocket, whether or not they’re identified on a map of the ISBA study, they probably ought to be thinking about how do they feel eventually being annexed by Boynton Beach, whether



SOURCE: Palm Beach County Planning Division

Map by Bonnie Lallky-Seibert

that’s a year from now, ten years from now or sometime in the future.”

Existing development rules allow six to 12 units per acre in the pockets, depending

on the size and location of the lot being developed. A resurrection of the Seahorse project north of Gulf Stream is proposed at 42 units — or 12 per acre and possibly seven

stories in height, or about 70 feet.

An agreement between Boynton Beach and Gulf Stream says that, in the event of annexation of the pockets

by Boynton, development there will be capped at six units per acre and 35 feet in height.

Ganger said the Coalition feels that the agreement should carry the day in the event of annexation, but said island residents need to stay on their toes nonetheless.

Any close observer of government knows that an agreement that’s approved by one slate of elected officials might be undone by another slate.

County Commissioner Steven Abrams, who represents the area, said he supported annexation of the pockets to get better fire-rescue service. But since that is being addressed with a separate agreement, he said he is fine with annexation being considered later.

Ocean Ridge and Briny Breezes recently proposed resolutions that allow them to sit at the table during discussions about annexation.

Briny Breezes Mayor Roger Bennett said the residents in the pockets have generally resisted the idea.

“They feel more like they’re self-governed there,” he said.

Ocean Ridge Town Manager Ken Schenck said the town just wants to keep up with the annexation topic.

“The commission hasn’t taken a stance on it because it hasn’t come up,” he said.

Gulf Stream Town Manager Bill Thrasher said his town also just wants to stay involved.

“We want to know what’s going on,” he said. “We don’t want to wake up one morning and find out something’s happened that would be detrimental to us.”



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Along the Avenues

Delray promises another Affair to remember

Brace yourselves. It's April, but it seems like the season is just starting.

Savor the Avenue's long table has barely been cleared, the last reel is still spinning at the **Delray Beach Film Festival**, and already the aroma of conch fritters is filling the air along Atlantic Avenue. Fritters, of course, mean that the **48th Delray Affair** is upon us.

From April 9 to 11, more than 800 artists and crafters from 38 states and 16 countries will show off their talents, local vendors will offer everything from bric-a-brac to fresh vegetables, and the seemingly endless food and drink stations will be highlighted by what many believe is food from heaven: those conch fritters.

Doesn't cost a thing to get in, which is good, because with all the good stuff on sale, your wallets still will take a beating. Organizers expect upward of 300,000 visitors, so be patient, have fun and bring plenty of sunscreen.

A week later (April 17), it's the **Sixth Annual Circle on the Square "Martinis & Motown" Food & Wine Dance Party** under the tent at Old School Square, with food and drink from top area eateries. For advance tickets, call 561-637-4441; general admission is \$90, VIP \$120. Hours are 7-10:30 p.m.

The aforementioned long table was set up on March 18 right down the centerline



Seated outside 32 East (from left): Ginny Marx, Jan Judson, Mary Lafferty, Marie Dering, Bob Judson were just a few of the 1,000 diners at Savor the Avenue. **Photo by Thom Smith**

of Atlantic from Swinton to Fifth Avenue, with breaks only for stoplights and the railroad tracks. The diners, more than 1,000 in all (up 60 percent from last year's inaugural) barely noticed the two noisy northbound freights as they enjoyed their *prix fixe* meals from 18 of Delray's top restaurants.

Each restaurant set its own four-course menu and its own price. Santa Rita Wines provided pairings for each course. At the low end for \$50, **Cabana El Rey** offered a nuevo Latina "fab fusion" meal of beef empanada or spicy shrimp, cabana salad or lobster bisque, churrasco (marinated skirt steak) or roasted chicken and shrimp in a garlic and wine demi-glace and flan or tres leches.

At the top, the 56 fans of **La Cigale** paid \$85 for antipasti, jumbo Maryland crab cake or beet and goat cheese salad; veal wrapped in prosciutto in a morel mushroom reduction, or seafood paella and a mixed-fruit tart.

Most of the restaurants sold out in advance, although a few late deciders were accommodated by **Gol!**, the Brazilian steakhouse. A slight chill did little to dampen enthusiasm, and, in fact, to **Linda Bean** it was downright balmy.

"The weather's been terrible this winter," the lobsterwoman said of her home state of Maine (She's L.L. Bean's granddaughter), as she made a point of chatting up all her **Perfect Lobster Roll** guests. "In the places where it usually snows, it's been rainy and muddy. A real mess. So it's really nice to be here."

Despite all the eatin' in

the street, most Atlantic Avenue restaurants, typical for a Thursday night, were packed with diners. That meant double duty for **Larry LaValley**, executive chef at **Vic & Angelo's**, who recently took on the same role across the street at **The Office**, after owner **David Manero** dismissed über-chef **Mark Militello** (reportedly via text message). Based on the reaction at his tables to the osso bucco Milanese and Guinness braised short ribs, LaValley did just fine.

Though **Taste Gastropub** was still a few weeks from opening, chef **Allen Susser** used the long table as a test run for his staff. Dubbed the "Ponce de Leon of New Florida Cuisine" by *The New York Times*, the James Beard Award winner couldn't have been more excited as he offered last-minute instructions to his staff on the sidewalk.

"We're excited," said Susser, who also plies his trade at **Chef Allen's** in Aventura. "We finally get to show our stuff. Delray's such an exciting place."

Each guest received a backpack, courtesy of **Office Depot**, and was urged to fill it with school supplies or food for redistribution to needy school kids through the Office Depot Foundation, which also received \$5 from each meal served at Savor the Avenue.

Too bad the crowd at the **Movies of Delray** wasn't larger. Then again, patrons are accustomed to seeing movie stars on the screen, not in person. But in slacks, a jersey top and sneakers, **Jessica Walter** hardly looked the part. In some ways, she didn't seem to feel the part, either, as she hosted a special **Delray**

Beach Film Festival screening on March 24 of her most memorable film, *Play Misty for Me*.



Walter

When one fan mentioned one of her earliest roles, opposite William Shatner, in the TV legal series *For The People*, she paused,

giggled, juggled some figures in her head, and joked, "You've got a great memory. That was almost 50 ... yes, 50 ... years ago."

You name it, she's been in it, starting with the soap opera *Love of Life* in 1962 when she was 21. Now, just turned 69, married to actor Ron Liebman since 1983, Walter stays busy, most recently as a voice on the animated *Archer*, as Tabitha Wilson on *90210* and soon to return as Lucille Bluth on *Arrested Development*.

Yet her iconic role remains that of Clint Eastwood's obsessive, possessive jazz radio fan in *Play Misty for Me*, a portrayal that blazed the trail for *Fatal Attraction* and *Basic Instinct*.

"It was a great movie to work on," Walter said.

Almost as quickly as she arrived, Walter had to leave. "If I miss my flight, my husband will never forgive me," she yelled on the way out with festival organizer **Michael Posner**.

A busy man, Posner founded the event in 2006. He's a veterinarian by trade, but movies are his love, and Delray, he believes, is the perfect place to hold a festival. It may also be the only film festival that includes a surfing contest and a beach cleanup. But Posner has nerve. He once invited **Anthony Hopkins**, who gave a "maybe."

Last year the festival honored **Barry Bostwick**, who's back as the "creative chair." **Walter and Sharon Gless** (*Cagney & Lacey*) are Lifetime Achievement Award recipients.

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Local floral designers bloom at Norton exhibit



The 'Art in Bloom: Art & Flowers in Harmony' exhibit March 25-28 at the Norton Museum of Art featured floral designs by local residents (above left) Christina Benisch, Ocean Ridge Garden Club; (above right) floral designer Beverly Myers; and (left) Grass River Garden Club members Carolyn Patton, Holly Thom and Pat Goth. **Photos by Jerry Lower**



Emilia Kawashima (left) and Stephanie Fries perform during Celebration on the Piazza, Florida Stage's annual fund-raising dinner March 23 at Manalapan's Plaza del Mar. Photo by Jerry Lower

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close March 21. Should Cela's son Marc be unable to resurrect L'Anjou, it will be remembered every time someone sees Body Heat. The restaurant's exterior provided backdrop for a meeting between Ned Racine (William Hurt) and Matty Walker (Kathleen Turner) in the classic film noir shot in and around Lake Worth in November and December 1981.

A thank-you ad in The Palm Beach Post from the Ladd Co., which produced the film, included L'Anjou as

one of the businesses "whose cooperation and patience were indispensable."

Incidentally, the movie's best line isn't uttered in Lake Worth. When Walker snares Racine with, "You aren't very smart, are you. I like that in a man," they're at the bandshell on Hollywood Beach, about 45 miles south.



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County Pocket

Better fire rescue response pledged under interim plan

By Nirvi Shah

Fire rescue officials from Boynton Beach and Palm Beach County pledged to improve emergency response times in the county pocket — even without an agreement in hand that would put the city in charge of the area.

Boynton Beach has fire stations much closer to the area and already serves neighboring Briny Breezes and Ocean Ridge, which pay for those services. But city commissioners couldn't give their blessing to an adoption of more residents to serve

without a plan for payment in place, among other issues.

The discussion was triggered by the death of Bill Dunn in November. It took county fire rescue workers more than 11 minutes to reach Dunn, who was choking. Under an existing mutual aid agreement, the county could have called Boynton Beach, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Chief Steve Jerauld said.

The way the system works, county fire rescue staff decide to call upon other agencies based on the nature of the call or if county workers

are spread too thin working other calls. The proposed agreement would have cut out the dispatcher, rerouting every county pocket call automatically to Boynton Beach.

In Dunn's case, Jerauld said, conflicting information about the severity of the 48-year-old's condition from the people on the phone — at one point they said he was breathing — led to dispatchers' decision not to call another agency.

"With hindsight, I wish we had called Boynton for sure," Jerauld said, adding, "There's no way to tell had they

been called as to whether the outcome would be different." On average, it takes Palm Beach County emergency workers 11 to 16 minutes to reach the county pocket. Overall, the county responds on average in 6 minutes and 26 seconds to calls countywide, spokesman Don Delucia said. The average response time by Boynton Beach is 4 minutes, 2 seconds, city Fire Rescue Chief William Bingham said.

Bingham said that, based on conversations with Jerauld, "We have agreed to allow our existing mutual aid agreement to resolve the issue of extended response times for fire and emergency medical service calls to this area in which a delay in response time may have a detrimental effect on the outcome."

He said he expects Boynton Beach will respond to the county pocket more often than in the past. None of this takes the approval of the City Commission, which questioned the cost of serving the area, whether it would compromise service to the city's taxpaying residents and if Delray Beach should be asked to be the first responder to the southernmost area in question. They also think they should be in charge of conducting fire inspections in the area to ensure buildings have as many fire prevention measures in place as possible.

"We didn't reject anything," newly elected Mayor Jose Rodriguez said. "We said 'Chief, can you go back and see if that makes any sense or not?'"

County Commissioner Steven Abrams initially proposed the change after hearing from county pocket residents upset about how events unfolded the day of Dunn's death. After city commissioners balked at the automatic mutual aid agreement, he said he asked Jerauld to figure something else out.

"That will be the stop-gap as we continue to iron this out,"

said Abrams, who was not expecting city commissioners' lack of action.

But county pocket resident and former fire fighter Mike Smollon, who reached out to Abrams, said he will wait and see how future emergency calls are handled before being satisfied with the solution the county and city fire rescue chiefs have cobbled together.

"We don't really know what would happen if my neighbor starts choking on a piece of meat," Smollon said, adding that the county should have had a plan in place to better serve county pocket residents long before Dunn's death. "They didn't just drop the ball on that one call. They have totally let it sit there until it bit them."

Last year, Bingham said Palm Beach County responded to 58 calls in all to the county pocket — and it took an average of more than 11 minutes for fire rescue to arrive. Of those calls, 42 were for medical emergencies. In most cases, the city would be able to recoup expenses associated with those calls through medical insurance. Of the remaining calls, seven were for fires, including two in area high-rises, three were about car accidents and six were false alarms.

Boynton Beach City Manager Kurt Bressner could have signed off on the measure without consulting commissioners, but he instead chose to present it at a city meeting that was the first for two newly elected commissioners and the first with Rodriguez presiding as mayor.

"I thought it was important that the commission look at this," Bressner said. "I got the sense that they would have had an issue with it. Everybody's looking at dollars now, (although) from the average citizen's point of view they don't care what color the fire engine is. They just want it to be there." ✧

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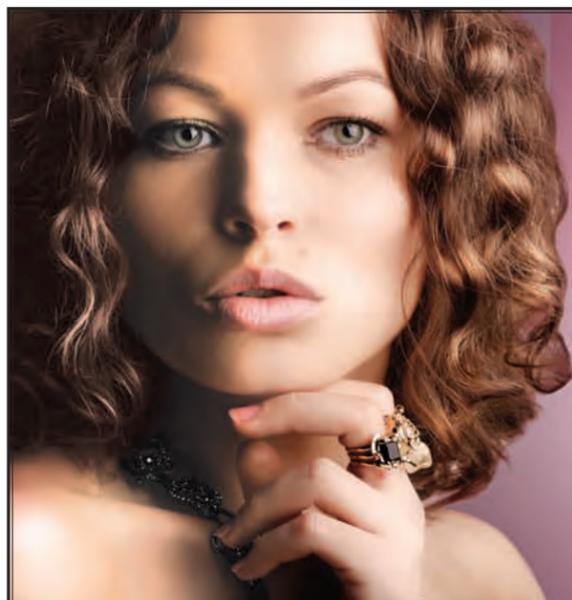
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Delray Beach

Crosswalk signs judged effective; expect more

By Margie Plunkett

Five more sets of crosswalk signs designed to safeguard pedestrians and educate drivers will be installed on A1A after a state study deemed test signs near Atlantic Avenue effective.

The Florida Department of Transportation gave a thumbs up to Delray Beach's request for the added signs, which are mounted on short plastic poles placed in the center of A1A to instruct motorists to stop for pedestrians.

Crosswalk signs are also expected to be put up near Briny Breezes, just south of the St. Andrews Club, and in Highland Beach. They were posted in Ocean Ridge early in March.

"It's more educational to the motorist, to let them know it's a state law," said Carmen Li, FDOT senior engineer in training in Fort Lauderdale.

The FDOT study showed clear improvement of safety conditions for pedestrians after the Delray Beach test signs were placed, according to Li. "We got a lot of positive feedback," she said. "The motorists' compliance — stopping for pedestrians — improved and people felt more safe to cross between these signs."

The evaluation indicated:

- Motorists have stopped for pedestrians 5.2 percent more.
- Drivers disregarding

New Crossing Signs

Signs telling motorists to stop for pedestrians will be placed in the center of A1A at the following five Delray Beach locations. Two sets of pilot signs are just north and south of Atlantic Avenue as well.

- Atlantic Dunes Park, just north of the crossing
- Casuarina Road, one set south of the crossing and a second set north of it.
- Beach Road, north of the crossing
- South Crestwood Drive

SOURCE: Florida Department of Transportation

Engineer Randal L. Krejcarek anticipated the new signs would be up by mid-April.

"We've been asking for them for seven to eight years," he said, but previously, the state didn't recognize them as proper signs within the right of way.

The signs will cost up to \$4,100, Krejcarek said. The cost probably will be less, because fewer signs will be posted than initially proposed, because of conflicts with driveways, he said.

Each sign assembly has two panels, with some crossings suitable for one assembly and others for two, Li said. Location of driveways and side streets determines how many assemblies can be used, she said. "They are recommended to go in unsignalized crosswalks, most that are painted like a zebra."

Jim Smith, chairman of Safety As Floridians Expect, was pleased with the news. "It's really a good thing. Those signs have been a big help."

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Neighborhood party

While some of the kids played games (above), Hypoluxo Island's Joseph Conti concentrated on his fiddle while performing with father Joe and other musicians at the annual Hypoluxo Island Property Owners Picnic.

Photos by Jerry Lower



Hypoluxo Island/Lantana

Neighbors, town see solution for playground

By Margie Plunkett
and Mary Kate Leming

McKinley Park on Hypoluxo Island has been a meeting ground, a community "piazza" that's brought parents and children together over the years to bond and play. A main draw for families, the playground equipment is now gone, removed without notice or hope of replacement after town inspectors deemed it a safety hazard.

Lantana doesn't have the money budgeted for the estimated replacement cost of the \$50,000 play units, Town Manager Mike Bornstein said at a council meeting in March. But is hoping to find a six-swing set for McKinley Park that has a price tag of about \$5,000.

The equipment, up to an estimated 12 to 15 years old, deteriorated in the harsh environment of salt air and sand and was beyond saving, said Lantana Director of Operations Mike Greenstein.

The attachments as well as the framework were cracked, rusted and dissolving, he said. "It couldn't be repaired. It was not an option."

Parents and neighbors, caught by surprise when the equipment was scrapped, protested at a Town Council

meeting in March, unhappy that they weren't notified the equipment was unsafe or would be removed and not replaced.

"It was there one day, gone the next," said neighbor Diana Reed during a later interview. "It was just done so haphazardly, never giving us the opportunity to do anything about it until it was too late. I think the decision was a mistake." Reed spoke passionately during the meeting about just how important the playground was for the children — including her now-11-year-old son — and in fostering a sense of community and camaraderie among young parents. Some of her son's best friendships were formed at play in the park and her family made close friends, Reed said.

The real estate agent added that amenities like playground equipment bolster property values as well.

Bornstein apologized at the meeting for not notifying the neighborhood and Mayor David Stewart suggested grant money or other financial aid might be more easily found if residents initiated a grassroots effort to raise part of the funds.

Judy Black, president of the Hypoluxo Island Property Owners Association, planned to bring up the possibility of fund-raising for new equipment

during her organization's subsequent meeting. She knew at least some residents would think it unfair for the town to fund its \$25,000 July Fourth fireworks display, but not replace McKinley Park's playground equipment.

"The town will put in the swing set and we will maybe, hopefully, work together to put in some of the other equipment," Black said following the homeowner group's meeting that was attended by some town officials as well. "It wouldn't be the homeowners association; it would be some money privately raised."

Reed said the next step is "to decide what direction we want to take to put something back ... to find money to put it back."

Meanwhile, the lack of communication on the issue was unfortunate, Black added. "We were unaware of the situation altogether. These things happen. We usually have very good communication and are on good terms." ✨

Fireworks budget down, but not out

Lantana council members voted to contract Zambelli Fireworks Manufacturing Co. for up to \$25,000 to put on the July Fourth display this year, \$10,000 less than budgeted.

The company will launch fireworks along the Sportsman's Park seawall, rather than from a barge on the water, producing a savings of about 10 percent, Town Manager Mike Bornstein said at the council's March 22 meeting. Zambelli, which has put on Lantana's fireworks display for several years, has already tested the launch site.

Resident Bob Little wondered if this was a year to spend on fireworks, without other organizations helping to defray the cost. "It's a lot of money spent on 20 minutes," he said. The expense was contemplated and discussed during budget approval last year, Bornstein noted.

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South Palm Beach

New members join green Town Council

By Tim O'Meilia

The South Palm Beach Town Council is going green. Not environmentally speaking, but experience-wise.

Two new council members, Stella Jordan and Susan Lillybeck, were sworn at the March 23 Town Council meeting by U. S. District Judge Daniel T.K. Hurley, giving the council four members in their first two-year term.

Councilmen Brian Merbler and Donald Clayman completed their first elected year in office (although Clayman was appointed three months before he ran). Only Mayor Martin Millar has much time behind the council table. He served four years as a councilman before he was elected mayor in 2009.

But that didn't stop the council from making two immediate, if minor, changes in town procedures. At Jordan's

suggestion, the council moved to change its monthly meeting from 7:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. And, at the mayor's urging, the council will be called "council members" individually instead of the more formal and seldom-used "councilors." Both changes were approved unanimously.

"The honeymoon begins tonight and ends tonight," Merbler jokingly told his two new colleagues.

The March 9 election was a clear-cut win for those who opposed a 10-story condominium hotel on the site of the Palm Beach Oceanfront Inn, the only commercial property in town.

Jordan and Lillybeck handily defeated four other first-time candidates, Iris Lieberman, Isabella Ralston-Charnley, Richard Akin and Clare Semer. Lieberman and Ralston-Charnley favored changing the town's comprehensive plan to allow the hotel.

The Town Council turned down the proposal by a 3-2 vote in September but two of the council members opposing the change — Charles McCrosson and Joseph Flagello — did not seek re-election. McCrosson recently moved to the Florida Keys.

Jordan and Lillybeck each attracted more than 30 percent of the votes. No other candidate reached 15 percent. Almost 37 percent of the town's 1,303 registered voters cast ballots.

"You spoke loudly, clearly and decisively on election day," Jordan told the meeting of about 75 residents. "The election confirms what the town's comprehensive plan states."

Jordan, a retired banker, said she would follow the voices of the town's residents. "The residents of South Palm Beach are at the top of the organizational chart. The mayor and the council report



Susan Lillybeck (left) and longtime commission watcher Stella Jordan ran on a united campaign to win seats on the council. Photo by Jerry Lower

to you."

Lillybeck, who owns a doughnut shop in Illinois thanked the residents who worked for her election. "I can't tell you how honored I am to be sitting here, that you chose me for this job. I will make you proud that you put me here," she said.

In other business, he council accepted the annual audit performed by the accounting firm of MarcumRachlin. Accountant Andrew Fierman said the town's books showed no deficiencies and the \$1.95 million in reserves "is indicative of the good financial health of the town." ✧

Along the Coast

Officials ready, alert to Haitian refugee potential

By Dianna Smith

Local officials are continuing to comb the seas and beaches for Haitians fleeing their devastated country.

Though no refugees have been spotted in Palm Beach County since January's deadly earthquake in Haiti, four Haitian nationals came ashore in Martin County on Feb. 22, reminding locals to keep an eye out for any kind of suspicious activity on the beaches.

"They don't stop, they really don't stop," said Ed Greenfield, public affairs officer for the U.S. Coast Guard Lake Worth.

For years, political uprising and an unstable economy has pushed Haitians to travel the rough seas to South Florida, in search of better lives. But many worry the earthquake that killed hundreds of thousands and left many more homeless may lure even more Haitians to flee in the weeks to come.

The Palm Beach County Emergency Management Center has reminded local officials of the mass migration plan that was updated just two years ago.

And the United States Coast Guard has various ships and aircrafts patrolling the seas.

On Feb. 16, the coast guard intercepted a boat with 88 Haitians just 45 miles north of Haiti. All 88 were returned to Haiti. That was the first group of Haitians spotted in the waters since the earthquake, said Coast Guard Petty Officer Barry Bena.

"We always have a presence to deter illegal migration," Bena said.

Soon after the earthquake, Haitians in the United States were given the opportunity to

apply for temporary protected status, which will allow the undocumented to stay in the states and work until July 2011. Of the more than 37,000 Haitians who have applied for TPS so far, 25,000 have been from Florida alone.

But those Haitians who arrive illegally in the United States after Jan. 12 do not qualify for TPS and will be sent back to Haiti.

Though Matt Chandler, deputy press secretary for the U.S. Department of Homeland

Security, said officials do not see signs of a pending mass migration, a few hundred detainees were moved from the Krome detention center in Miami-Dade County in January to make room for a potential influx of Haitian

refugees. The center is a place where immigrants wait for their immigration status or to be returned to their country.

Chandler called the move "simply an act of cautionary planning." ✧

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Manalapan

Utilities, landscaping, signs and turtle-sensitive lighting occupy commission

By Margie Plunkett

Manalapan commissioners agreed to pay a company \$13,550 to locate and map utilities throughout the town, paving the way for a plan that guides residents in landscaping swales while protecting utilities.

With the utility mapping progressing, commissioners will trek to Lighthouse Point to view the work of a landscape consultant whom they are considering contracting to provide expertise on plantings.

High Tech Locating in Miami was contracted after the town struggled for nearly two months in its internal attempt to locate and map water pipes alone, devoting about \$5,300 in salaries to the task. The work may take up to 60 days. The commission also generally agreed it was interested in hiring landscape consultant Roy Rogers of Southeastern Consulting Group for up to \$1,000 to provide expertise on plantings. The panel thought it premature, however, pending completion of utility mapping and their tour of Lighthouse Point.

In separate action: commissioners passed on first reading an ordinance that gives them hometown rule on turtle protection in the face of increasingly strict county restrictions, according to Mayor Tom Gerrard. The



Incumbent Robert Evans (left), who ran unopposed, is joined by new commissioners Howard Roder and Louis DeStefano. In Manalapan, 209 voters out of a total 353 registered voters, or 59.2 percent, turned out for the March elections. **Photo by Jerry Lower**

ordinance still restricts lighting that can be seen from the beach, because it interferes with turtle nesting. But the ordinance focuses on lighting that can be seen from a height of 36 inches, rather than from the six feet the county requires.

Commissioners sent a sign ordinance to the zoning board to review after residents and the real estate community complained that it forced them to place real estate sale signs behind hedges and walls where they couldn't be seen from the street. The commissioners suspended enforcement concerning those signs pending the review.

The process of hiring a town manager was progressing: Commissioner William Bernstein was authorized to negotiate a contract in a pay

range of \$80,000 to \$120,000 with the No. 1 candidate, Thomas Heck of Nevada, who was interviewed along with two other candidates in March. Commissioners ranked the candidates at the regular March 23 meeting and plan a discussion during an April 6 special meeting.

Finance Director Linda Stumpf updated commissioners on the progress of a fundraising drive to refurbish the town's library. By March 23, resident contributions had reached \$47,769.67. The library committee is working on bids to replace the ceiling.

"It's very heartening that the community has responded as it has," Gerrard said. "I commend everyone who's helped."



Delray Beach

Beachfront group moves ahead with master planning

The Beach Property Owners Association is taking the next step toward a long-term plan for the beachfront, after meeting March 24 with city leaders, city employees and residents.

At its April 1 board meeting, the association

intended to set a date to present its report and renderings to the City Commission.

The association wants to create a master plan for the beachfront to tackle residents' concerns in the future. Planning began in

November, with a successful, standing-room-only charrette where people said they were concerned about, among other things, parking, people on the beach after dark and smoking.

Since then, organizers have compiled a report and created artist renderings to show the City Commission what they envision as the beachfront in Delray Beach.

No changes are expected in the near future, except the possibility of new garbage cans. But the association said it is important to have a guide for the future.

"Everyone is behind us," said Mary Renaud, president of the BPOA.

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Along the Coast

Hurricane seasons expected to pick up, but still depend on el Niño

By Tim O'Meil

South Florida whistled past the hurricane graveyard last summer and nary a storm howled in return. Only three hurricanes formed last year and none sent anyone scurrying to Home Depot for plywood.

Don't expect to sneak by again this year, said National Hurricane Center forecaster Chris Landsea, who said the eastern Atlantic, Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico are in the midst of a 25- to 30-year uptick in storms that began in 1995.

"Do not expect things to stay quiet for the next five years," he said.

But Landsea isn't ready to make those fashionable predictions of how many storms we will worry over or where the cone of destruction, er, probability, will take aim.

"It's too early. Those predictions aren't worth

the ink on the paper," said Landsea, who spoke in March at the annual lecture series sponsored by the Community Affairs Advisory Board of the town of South Palm Beach. Wait until May, or better yet, August for more accurate assessments, he said.



Landsea

It mostly depends on how fast el Niño weakens in the eastern Pacific Ocean and Landsea says it's too soon to say.

El Niño is a warming of the waters off Ecuador and Peru. The warmer the Pacific, the stronger the wind shear to chop off the heads of developing storms, as happened in 2009. It's a climatic domino effect.

El Niño made 2009 a one-year wonder. The increase of storms in the past decade is part of a multi-decade cycle last seen in the late 1920s through the early 1950s and not the result of global warming, as some scientists

have suggested.

Landsea, a research meteorologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration until last year, is one of the authors of a study published in February that included scientists who said global warming was the cause of the increase in hurricanes.

"Hurricanes are the poster child of global warming, as Al Gore sees it," Landsea said. "But our computer models show that there will be fewer tropical storms and hurricanes by the end of the century because of global warming — fewer but slightly stronger."

By the numbers, the

number of storms will drop by 6 percent to 34 percent by 2100. But the intensity of those that survive will increase by 2 percent to 11 percent, and there may be twice as many Category 4 and 5 storms as now.

The reason: Global warming will increase the ocean temperature, making stronger storms, but it also will cause more wind shear, decapitating all but the most beefy hurricanes.

"The trouble is, there are lots more people in hurricanes' way than there used to be," Landsea said. "Society is making storm damage higher, not global warming."

Hurricane Katrina, a strong Category 3 storm when it struck New Orleans in 2005, caused \$81 billion in damage. In contrast, the 1926 Category 4/5 storm that struck South Florida would cause \$140 billion to \$157 billion in damage if it hit today, adjusted for inflation and for the influx of population.

What's that mean for today's South Palm Beach condo dwellers? "You're on a barrier island. The first floor of condos could easily get flooded. Power could be out for five days. If you get the word to evacuate, do it," Landsea said.

"We're fortunate we can see them coming."



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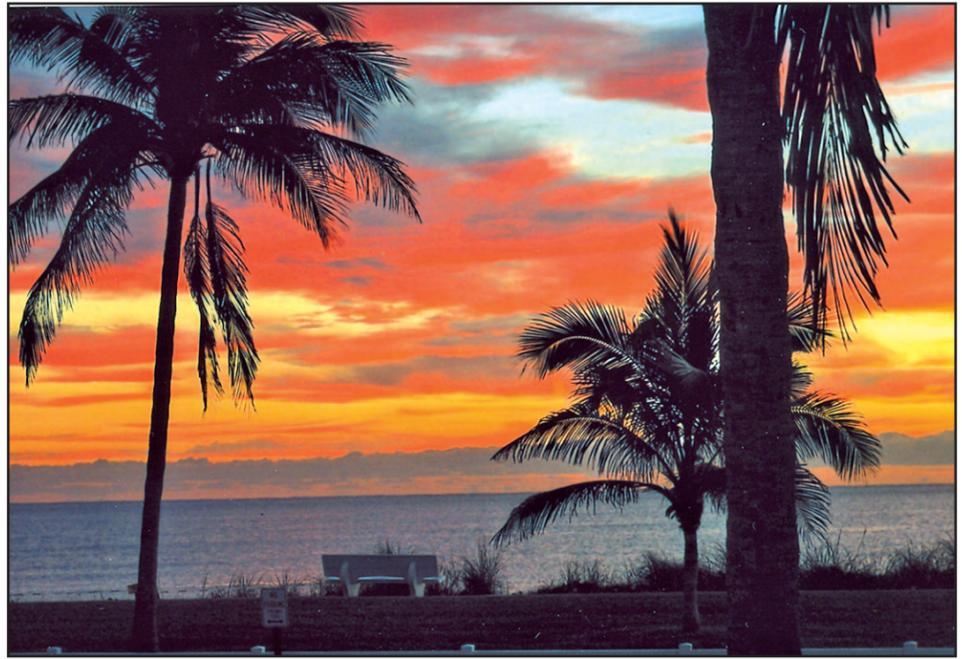
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Along the Coast



Artist Darlene Erickson shows off one of her paintings during the Briny Breezes Art League Art Show on March 21. Photo by Jerry Lower



A spectacular sunrise paints the sky near Colonial Ridge Club in Ocean Ridge. Photo provided by Richard Ferrini



There were bargains galore when the Ocean Ridge Garden Club held its annual rummage sale at town hall on March 13. Ocean Ridge resident Christel Connolly shows a dress to her mother and husband, Jim. The sale netted more than \$1,000. Photo by Jerry Lower



Thousands of Portuguese Man o' War washed ashore near Briny Breezes in late February. Photo provided by Rachel Rickard



Andy Quinn poses with a black tip shark he caught surf casting off Briny Breezes beach with his father, Dr. Tony Quinn, on March 14. The Quinns were visiting family in Briny Breezes from Sheridan, Wyo. The shark was 5 feet, 10 inches long and weighed about 130 pounds. Photo provided by Bayless family

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Gulf Stream

Burying power lines would cost \$4.6 million

By Margie Plunkett

Burying Gulf Stream's overhead power lines would cost roughly \$4.6 million and entail six months of pre-construction work and six to eight months of construction, according to a consultant hired to study the feasibility of the project.

Town commissioners took the next step toward burying electric lines when they directed Danny Brannon, the Brannon & Gillespie LLC consultant who presented the study results in March, to provide a more detailed report on the project.

"There's still some questions that need to be answered, but I think we should move ahead, obtain these answers, look at the total picture and let the people decide what they want to do," said Mayor William Koch Jr. during the March town meeting. "It's been a long time in coming," Vice Mayor Joan Orthwein said.

Brannon studied the area of Gulf Stream that's east of the Intracoastal Waterway, including about 200 homes and 15 multifamily residences. The area encompasses 29,500 feet of overhead power lines and 115 Florida Power & Light Co. transformers, according to the

study. The Wellington consultant recommended that the town hire construction contractors to complete the work rather than FPL to keep control of costs, time and other factors.

Gulf Stream commissioners would need to consider how to finance the project, including options of taxation and sale of municipal bonds. Another community Brannon worked with on burying power lines, Jupiter Island, took a

referendum to the voters, borrowed money for the project and planned to pay the loan by taxing residents, the consultant said.

"We'd probably have to go for a bond issue," Koch said. "Gulf Stream has only had one bond issue that I could remember. It was very successful — especially for the people who bought the bonds."

Bob Ganger, president of the Civic Association — which paid for half the

cost of the feasibility study — said he planned to relay the information from the commission meeting to residents at the association's next meeting. Most people are aware that Gulf Stream will see a return on the money in terms of safety and way of life, he said.

"The people I've talked to are very much in favor," Ganger said. "They're saying, 'In concept I'm for it. Give me the details.'" 

Ocean Ridge

Town looks into 'bird sanctuary' status

By Margie Plunkett

Hérons, cranes, spoonbills, terns, pelicans and even red hawks make Ocean Ridge their home. Now, the town is moving toward becoming a bird sanctuary to protect them.

The town is exploring and preparing an ordinance it expects to present at its April 5 meeting, after resident Jeff Lee proposed the designation in March.

"The bird sanctuary prevents people from killing birds or their eggs," Lee said. "It's just for community awareness. If you raise the awareness of birds, people will participate. It will bring out a different aspect of the town."

The effort can be done with little or no cost to the town and without sanction from the National Audubon Society, Lee said. "We don't have to go through anyone to do this, we just have to declare ourselves a sanctuary," Town Manager Ken Schenck said.

"It might bring some recognition to Ocean Ridge," Commissioner Betty Bingham

said. "We're beginning to get more and more birds, although many people don't see them." The parks and mangroves provide the beginnings of a sanctuary, Bingham said, forming a habitat for a host of birds, including storks, cranes and owls. Bingham noted "two red-tailed hawks most people don't see."

"There are so many different varieties of birds in Ocean Ridge because we have so much different parkland," Lee said. The town's parks include the 12-acre Ocean Ridge Natural Area.

The town in Ohio Lee previously lived in had "bird sanctuary" on every sign, he said. Groups formed to watch the birds and people's involvement grew, with residents leading bird walks and spearheading other activities, he recalled. "It's a community thing." 



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Delray Beach

Sale of teacher's paintings to help scholarship fund

By Christine Davis

Sandra Morrison of Ocean Ridge found a treasure trove of watercolors in Norman Scofield's garage. Landscapes of all descriptions delightfully alive with dynamic lines and beautiful colors: tropical island scenes, snow and old barn paintings, northern vistas and local views, sunny to sad.

"There is even one of the Crest Theatre, and another of the Nomad Surf Shop," Morrison said. "Every sky is different and unique. You feel it and it makes you feel joyful. If his skies have squalls, you feel that, too, and become apprehensive."

Scofield, an accomplished artist and art instructor who had retired to Delray Beach in the early 1990s, died last July. He had been Morrison's teacher and friend. When she saw his vast collection, she knew she had to keep his vision alive.

"To see all his work was just amazing and I wanted others to see it, particularly his students. I took his framed tropical scenes and hung them at Veterans Park in Delray Beach."

When going through his work, she realized that he had been an artist all his life. "I found sketch books from when he was in grammar school. He won his first art competition when he was 7 or 8 years old,"



Scofield's painting of the surf shop and deli on A1A.

If you go

Veterans Park is at 802 NE First St., Delray Beach. Hours are 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday until April 15. The contact number at the park is (561) 243-7350. To buy a painting or to see his unframed works, call Sandra Morrison at (561) 736-6671.

and art director.

After retiring, he taught at Santaluces High School, Briny Breezes Art League and the city of Boynton Beach Art Center. He painted with the children at the Milagro Center. He was a member of the Delray Art League, Palm Beach Watercolor Society and a signature member of the Florida Watercolor Society.

Emily, his wife who died before him, also was active in the art community. She was treasurer for the Delray Art League, and had been chairman of its scholarship fund.

The works are priced from \$75 to \$250. "He had priced his watercolors much higher, but I couldn't bear that they would be buried away," Morrison said.

she said.

Scofield was born in Jackson, Mich. After serving in the Air Force in World War II, he attended the Cleveland Institute of Art, which led him to a 36-year career in commercial art as an illustrator, graphic designer

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Delray Beach

Board lays out plans, to expand 'greening' the city

By Margie Plunkett

Imagine stopping by an automated stand to rent a bicycle and being able to drop it off at a station in another part of town. The board formerly known as the Green Task Force has this on the roster of projects it wants to make reality.

The Green Task Force presented icon projects including the public bicycle system as part of its status update to Delray Beach commissioners during a special meeting/workshop in March, as well as noting it would like to use Earth Day on April 22 as a springboard event.

The panel first, however, sought to change its name to the Delray Beach Green Implementation Advancement Board because it had progressed from its initial purpose of reviewing the city's sustainability practices to implementing proposed changes.

To date, 70 of 122 of the board's recommendations have been completed or are ongoing, everything from using green cleaning supplies to securing a green grant worth \$638,500, the board's chairman, Yalmaz Siddiqui, said. The list also includes an aggressive pilot recycling program, a tiered water rate structure, support of organic community gardens and work toward an electronic police citation system, he said.

The chairman, who proposed building awareness of the board's achievements among Delray Beach residents, said the role of the board is now to advance green initiatives by engaging key stakeholders and working together to put proposals into practice.

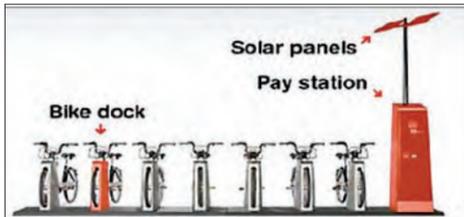
Part of the communication plans includes collecting measurements to illustrate progress made by various programs. Metrics could include annual reclaimed water usage, average daily water usage per capita, annual kilowatts of electricity used in city facilities and the carbon footprint from city facilities and operations. The latter is already in the works: Florida Atlantic University is working on Delray Beach's carbon footprint for free at the Green

board's request, he said.

"Having metrics publicly aggregated and disclosed will help the city save money and potential energy wastes," Siddiqui said.

Commissioner Gary Eliopoulos agreed. "Measurements are going to be the key for us."

The green board was seeking overall comments from commissioners on five proposals, including the public bike system, to get support or guidance on what's next, Siddiqui said.



The public bike system improves the use of energy-saving, pollution-free transportation for both tourists and residents, according to Siddiqui. The board proposal would investigate a pilot program for Delray Beach and move forward if it is deemed "fiscally responsible," he said. The bike system could help alleviate traffic congestion as well as provide a revenue stream to the city, according to the presentation.

Other short-term projects include community gardens, a trolley system with eco features and environmental training opportunities. Request for bids on the trolley project were due March 15.

One longer-term project was to create an Eco District, an overlay district in Delray Beach designated in an attempt to attract green business, Siddiqui said. The city could provide incentives and adjust zoning to attract business in an innovative way and differentiate the region. ✨



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Delray Beach

RIGHT: Sporting a green moustache, firefighter John Ferguson and Capt. John Fischer tune their bagpipes. More than 1,000 firefighters took part in this year's parade, which drew 85,000 people, organizers said. **BELOW:** Kayleigh Devery enjoys a prime seat on an antique firetruck with her mother, Faith. Her father, Conor Devery, is a Delray firefighter raised in Ireland.



Captain Mark Yates (West Palm Beach Station 1) directs the lifting of a giant American flag over East Atlantic Avenue before the parade. Photos by Jerry Lower

St. Patrick's Day Parade salutes firefighters, fun

By Kelly Wolfe

When in doubt, walk right up to the guy in the kilt. It makes life more interesting. And in this case, it's the best way to find the guy running things.

Capt. John Ficsher of the Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Pipe and Drum Band, has spent the better part of a year collaborating with Delray Beach, bringing hundreds of firefighters from around the world here to march on Atlantic Avenue March 13, during the city's the 42nd



Pat Robinson carries a portrait of Maury Power, who founded the parade 28 years ago.

See **PARADE** on page 19



Fire station Dalmatians and red-haired lasses enjoying each other's company as this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade celebrated firefighters.



A group of residents of Barr Terrace wave to musicians performing on a passing float.

PARADE:

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Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

"It gives people a sense of stability in unstable times," Fischer said, as dozens of his colleagues shined red fire engines and handed out green beads nearby. "It's important to show unity. We're all here on one street, on one day."

Fischer, a firefighter 24 years, said Delray Beach honored firefighters at its St. Patrick's Day Parade for the first time last year. Now, it's an annual tradition.

"Absolutely," Fischer said, when asked if he'll be back next year.

More than an hour before the official parade kickoff, Atlantic Avenue was a festive sea of green — wigs, dresses, socks, beads, flip-flops, boas. People strode along the avenue with dogs, strollers and emerald balloons. Women wore shamrock-shaped freckles, men donned oversized green hats.

John and Barbara Connolly live in the Bronx, but they've been coming to the Delray Beach St. Patrick's Day Parade for eight years.

"It's a nice group of people," John Connolly said.

And it's sunny.

"In New York it's always snowing," said Barbara

Connolly.

The weather also lured Lt. Peter Halderman, a firefighter from Dublin, Ireland. He spent a gray, rainy day circling the airport in West Palm Beach, the day before. But now that he's standing in the sunshine, he's not disappointed.

"We were going to go to New York," said the 29-year veteran. "But then we said 'Hold on a second, New York's too cold.'"

He said he's enjoying the hospitality, and has made a lot of friends. But he isn't quite sure he'll remember them once he gets back to Dublin.

"Ask me tomorrow," he said. "Today is going to be a long day."

Gary Sands, a paramedic on Palm Beach County's Trauma Hawk air ambulance, had a more altruistic take on the day.

"To me, it's giving back," said Sands. "It's showing the community we're there for them."

Joe Rodgers, an antique dealer from Wellington, brought a 1950 fire engine to ride in the parade.

He likes to take the truck around the state, riding in parades and showing it off.

"It's not like the new ones," he said, opening the door and giving a guest a gander inside.

"The kids get on it, women get behind the wheel," he said. "Everybody loves a firetruck." ✪

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Food

You, too, can be a 'local-avore'

By Jan Norris

The locavore movement — that group that espouses eating foods produced closer to home — is catching on, with the benefits to farmers, cooks and the environment.

Reducing the travel time between harvest and market means fresher and more nutritious foods. Shortening the transport means cleaner air. And farmers, ranchers and small food producers who get an enthusiastic response for their products are more likely to grow more and expand — so it's a winning proposition for all.

South Palm Beach County is lucky to have a number of outlets for fresh foods, including greenmarkets and U-picks, the unique Oceanside Greenmarket Café (where locals cook and produce foods unique to their kitchens in a business incubator program), and the community farms where the foods are packed and delivered to residents in a subscription sale.

In its 11th year, the Delray Greenmarket continues to

offer a whole meal's worth of foods at one-stop shopping on Saturdays. Held in the street on Southeast Fourth Avenue off Atlantic Avenue, it provides cooks with fresh seafoods, vegetables, produce and flowers for the tables. The second edition of the Greenmarket cookbook is out (\$14.95, available at the Community Redevelopment Agency offices), with recipes that use the products at the market.

Fresh duck and chicken eggs are the latest best-seller, said Lori Nolan, greenmarket director. "We have a gal from out on 441 who calls her business 'Laid in Delray.' The fresh chicken and duck eggs are selling out really early every week, even though she's bringing more each week."

The ever-growing Ocean Avenue Greenmarket in Boynton Beach has the popular Greenmarket Café attached to it. Here, cooks share a community kitchen, and on various nights, you might get in on the now-famous snapper prepared by chef Roselaine Joseph, or taste Rima Lorenzo's cheesecake or Earl Campbell's



Jessica Bronner and Matt Chase of Delray Beach purchase produce from Joe Volkar at the Greenmarket Cafe in Boynton Beach. Photo by Tim Stepien

smoked kingfish dip also available to buy at the market.

"We have so many amazing people here," said Sherry Johnson, Community Caring Center director, who shepherded the project that gives a leg up to locals wanting to start a small food business or begin a culinary career.

"Phillip Herman is our amazing Sunday brunch chef. Allison Zimmer does the best gourmet cookies. Athena Holmes is our resident vegan chef, Cherl Anderson has just started her juice bar and is squeezing fresh wheatgrass and

others," Johnson said. There's Italian foods from Patty and Larry Korn, Marcia and Jim Tong are behind Mia Cosina — a Peruvian and Brazilian cuisine served in the café.

"We're open seven days a week — and we have a happy hour, too, with appetizers from the market," Johnson said.

As for fresh produce, the market supports the organic farm behind the Greenmarket, and they buy from local growers like Aldeman Farms, a backyard organic farmer. "We have organic tomatoes, bok choy, green peppers — a

number of other vegetables right now," she said.

At Lake Worth's Oceanside Farmer's Market, vendors sell everything from cookies to cucumbers, honey to honeybells — all produced locally. A focus on "artisan" foods is here, with local bakers, grower and florists selling their products. The Saturday market continues through May in the parking lot behind John G's in Lake Worth at A1A.

At the Girl's Market in western Delray, strawberries are the big hit this time of year at the U-pick farm out back.

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Also out west is the Green Gourmet, a new café but also a market. Chef Joey Gianuzzi, formerly of Henry's, has opened the market of organics and locally grown products. On Sundays in his parking lot, he sponsors a greenmarket for local and organic growers. It's new, but worth checking out.

If you're one of the lucky ones who remembered to sign on in August, you are receiving boxes of vegetables from Green Cay Farms, a local subscription farm.

It's a Community Supported Agriculture project run by Nancy Roe. Residents who want fresh produce delivered buy a share of the farm in August. For 34 weeks, they benefit from her harvests at the west Boynton farm.

Boxes of mixed vegetables are delivered to your home or office. The popular program sells out every season, however, so you must reserve a subscription in August before the farm is planted. There's no guarantee; you are partnering with Roe and whatever happens at her farm happens to your subscription (i.e., a hurricane). It's a unique way to participate in local farming.

The latest food program is the Rise and Shine produce and grocery project run by the Boys & Girls Club in Delray Beach. For \$30, those in need can pick up bags of fresh produce, staples and prepared foods twice a month. Rorabeck's Produce supports the program that kicked off in early March with a grant from the Quantum Foundation.

Lottie Gatewood, director of development for the youth

If You Go

Delray Beach Greenmarket: Along Southeast Fourth Avenue, south of Atlantic Avenue, Saturdays, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. through May

Ocean Avenue Green Market and Café: 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Greenmarket open Friday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Café and marketplace open for lunch and dinner, Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday, brunch only, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Green Gourmet: 16950 Jog Road (Shoppes of Addison Place), Delray Beach. (561) 455-2466. Open Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Greenmarket, Sunday: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Green Cay Farms: Subscription farm information at www.veggies4u.com; (561) 638-2755. New subscriptions taken beginning Aug. 2.

Oceanside Farmer's Market: A1A at Lake Avenue (behind John G's), Lake Worth. Hours: Saturdays, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Rise and Shine Food Co-Op: Naoma Donnelly Boys and Girls Club, 1451 SW Seventh St., Delray Beach. Distribution first and third Saturdays of the month; orders due Thursday before Saturday pick-up. For information: (561) 279-0251.

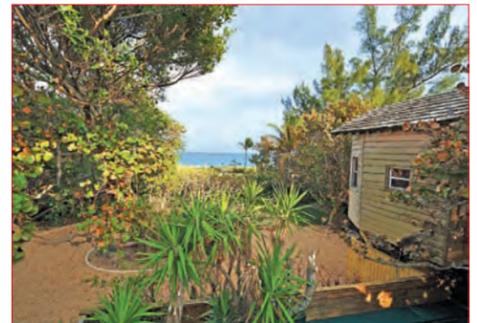
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group, says teens from the Boys and Girls Club help run it, with adult support. "Our goal is to give a hand up — not a hand out," she said.

Buying local supports our area agriculture and food producers, but the winner is truly the cook, who's getting the freshest foods available. Flavors are more intense and even if they're not "pretty" and "perfect," their flavor and nutrients will win you over.

Jan Norris is a freelance food writer and editor. For more recipes for seasonal produce, log on to JanNorris.com

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Fox later sold the estate to The Mott family, known for Mott's Apple Sauce and other apple based products, hence the name, Ocean Apple Estate.

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Evens Daleant, 12, and Jovante Pierre-Louis, 6, are among the nearly 30 students attending Paul's Place After School program at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Delray Beach. Their garden, which supplements the kids' daily meals, is a project of the Grass River Garden Club. Photo by Barbara Whittaker

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Delray Beach

Ogren's designs defined early Delray

By Christine Davis

If you want to learn first hand about Samuel Ogren Sr. [1899-1988], known as the "father of Delray Beach architecture," you have a chance over the next two months to come look at his work and hear about him from people, who study him, knew him or live in his houses.

A three-month program that runs through May is being presented by the Delray Beach Historical Society and funded

by a Florida Humanities Council and National Endowment of the Humanities grant. The program includes three one-month-long exhibits as well as three evening discussions.

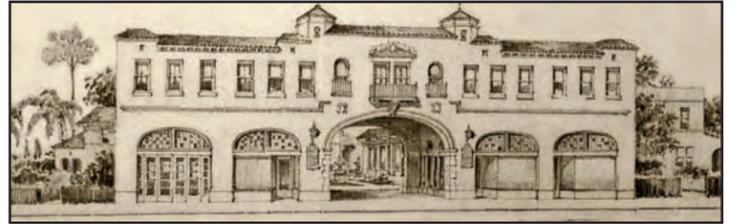
The first program, held at the Sandoway House Nature Center — an Ogren-designed home built in 1936 — was educating while fostering a sense of community. The March 11 open discourse was moderated by the historical



Ogren

society's archivist, Dottie Patterson, with panelists Roy Simon and Roger Cope, both local architects. Members of the audience, which included Ogren's son-in-law, family friends and owners of Ogren's homes, were also invited to share stories and insights.

Patterson said she learned about Sam Ogren years ago. "When I started at Cason Cottage, I would look at the



Still standing on Atlantic Avenue, the Delray Arcade was designed by Sam Ogren. Drawing courtesy of the Delray Beach Historical Society

school gym, which he designed with its multiple arch doorway and a Jacaranda limb near it and I remember thinking about how Sam's designs made me feel — and it was perfect satisfaction." She said.

The Historical Society has 500 of Ogren's drawings and is working to uncover more

Ogren-designed homes.

Ogren worked in Delray Beach from 1925 to 1950. Some of his existing designs include the Sandoway House, the Arcade Building designed in 1925, the Gymnasium and the High School at Old School Square, designed in 1926.

After 1950 Ogren Sr. left his Delray business to his son, Sam Ogren Jr., also an architect.

JoAnn Peart, who lives in an Ogren-designed house, shared that Ogren Jr., had worked on her house when he was a teenager. "He told me that his father believed in learning about building by working in the construction trades," she said. "I am honored to live in a home designed by Ogren Sr. His houses have a special quality and elegance."

Ogren's son-in-law, Jim Clark of Windermere, told how Ogren's parents were Swedish missionaries caught up in China's Boxer rebellion when Ogren was 1 year old. His father was killed and he and his mother went into hiding, according to Clark.

"She later moved to New York City, and taught Sam at home — he didn't go to school. Later, he moved to Florida, worked for several architects and in 1924 took the exam to be an architect in Florida. He was awarded License No. 024, and his first office was in Delray Beach," he said.

When he retired, Ogren Sr. moved to Windermere, where he and his second wife, Jessie, spent their remaining years. Ogren Sr., died in 1988. Ogren Jr., died in 2007.

Patterson said she also enjoyed the discussion. "I liked Roy Simon and his brother, Sandy, talking about how the philosophy of architecture has changed," she said.

"The idea of a home, designed for the homeowners, where they planned to live for many years, has changed into the home as an investment that might be flipped. ... It's interesting to think about what we have lost."



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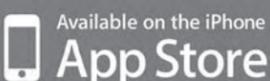
If you go

The second exhibit, currently underway, is at Delray Beach City Hall in the Planning and Zoning Lobby, 100 NW First St., and runs through April.

Ogren Designs of the Past: Planning for the Future, will be held at Delray Beach City Hall at 6:30 pm on April 29. The May 4-29 exhibition is at the Ethel Sterling Williams Learning Center, 111 N. Swinton Ave.

Ogren — Green Themes: What We Can Learn, also is at the Learning Center and is scheduled for 6:30 pm on May 20.

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10 Questions

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: James Gardner

On a recent day, the sun glittered on the Intracoastal Waterway outside James Gardner's Ocean Ridge home, where he lives with his wife of 45 years and their sociable black poodle. It is a comfortable and well-appointed abode, but with his collection of African sculpture and masks on loan for Black History Month to Tequesta's Lighthouse Center for the Arts, the place feels empty, he said.

He opened the door to a cabinet that is usually home to the pieces, where a smoky aroma lingered still.

"Can you smell it?" he asked. "The smell of Africa."

Africa is the setting for his just-published novel, *The Lion Killer* — the first in a projected "Dark Continent Chronicles" trilogy — and it is a place he knows well. He has visited an estimated 25 times since first setting foot in Zimbabwe (then Rhodesia) in 1968.

Gardner, 66, who made his living as a senior vice president at Smith Barney Palm Beach County, wrote the book to draw attention to the changes he has seen unfold in Africa since his first visit. They show the effects of misguided aid policies, he says, "that make systemic problems out of temporary solutions."

A history reader who can reel off statistics of America's slave trade, Civil War and Great Society programs, Gardner also keeps himself occupied flying seaplanes, sailing, scuba diving, fishing — and returning to Africa.

Taking a break from work on his second novel in the series, set for completion later this year, Gardner talked to *The Coastal Star* about what the rest of the world can learn from Africa, why foreigners can't solve the continent's problems and why he can't stop going back.

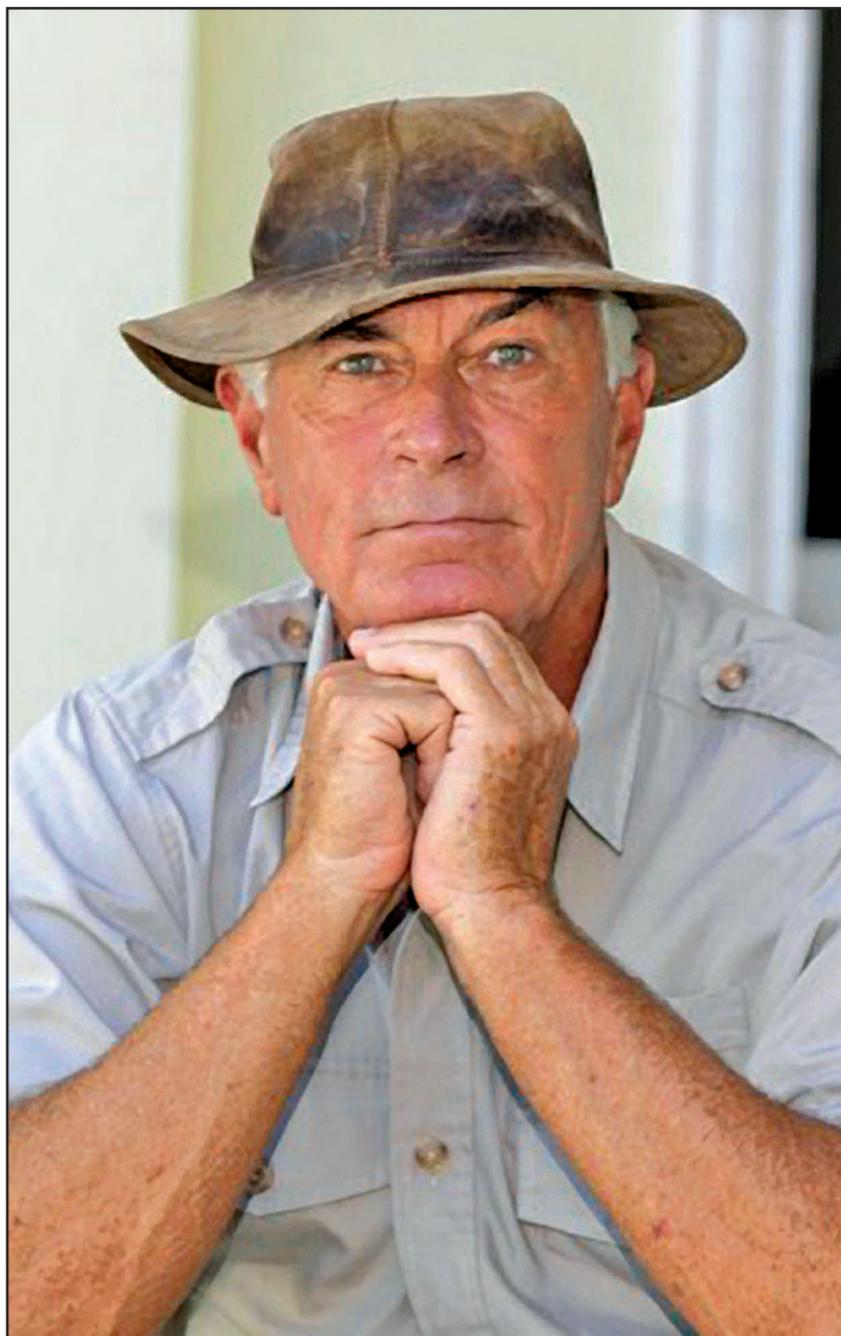
— Antigone Barton

Q: Where did you go to school?

A: I've lived here all my life. I went to Delray Elementary School at Old School Square — 32 East. It was hot then, no air-conditioning. I went to Seacrest High School, University of Kentucky and Florida Atlantic University. I majored in anthropology.

Q: What prompted your first trip to Africa?

A: Majoring in anthropology. You have to see for yourself. Then there's always something new to see. It's like skin-diving, it's different every time.



Author James Gardner recently published *The Lion Killer*, the first in a projected 'Dark Continent Chronicles' trilogy. Gardner, who specializes in Africa studies, lives in Ocean Ridge. Photo provided/Robert Pierce

Q: What is your favorite country in Africa, and why?

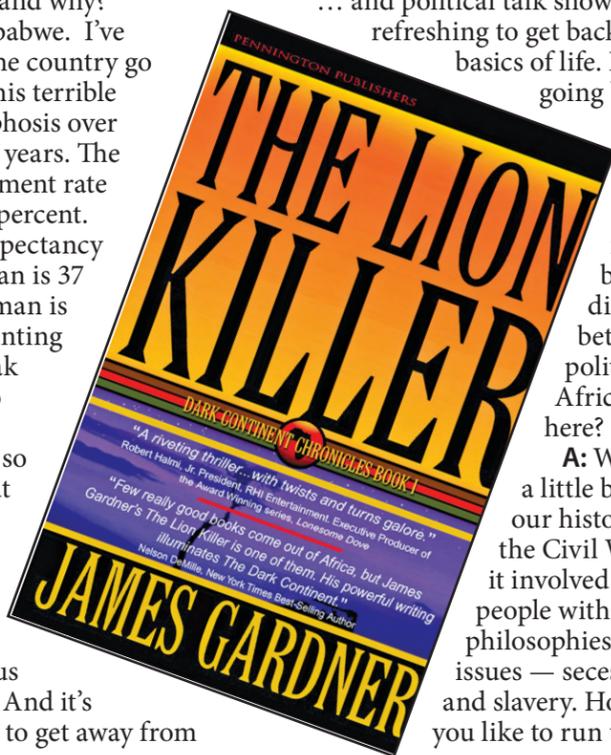
A: Zimbabwe. I've watched the country go through this terrible metamorphosis over the last 29 years. The unemployment rate now is 94 percent. The life expectancy for a woman is 37 and for a man is 39. I'm painting a very bleak picture, so you might say what's so great about it?

The people have such tremendous resilience. And it's refreshing to get away from

the twittering and Paris Hilton ... and political talk shows. It's refreshing to get back to the basics of life. It's like going back in history.

Q: What is the biggest difference between politics in Africa and here?

A: We've had a little bump in our history with the Civil War but it involved the same people with different philosophies on two issues — secession and slavery. How would you like to run the



Congo with 70 different languages spoken? It's easy to exploit people when they really have a deep-seated hatred for each other. Africa has 53 countries. They may need 250 countries. Remember we're the ones who carved that up, we put those people together.

Q: What are people doing right in Africa that people here don't know about?

A: We are obsessed with death. They value life. We see death in the abstract. They see it every day. It permeates their society. If someone dies, they clean the body. They're not as fearful of death as we are. Another difference, the Shona people (a tribe from Zimbabwe) revere the elderly. Most Africans do. The Shona believe the ancestors speak to the elderly and that's why they take care of their elders. Why would you put your smartest people in a nursing home? We take our old people and we put them out.

The San (tribe located primarily in Botswana) are bush people. You'll never see a crying San baby. Someone will pick it up. It's a communal society.

Q: Why don't more people know about what works in Africa?

A: Good news is boring. Lot's of good things happen there.

Q: When were you last in Africa and when are you going back?

A: I last went two years ago. I'm going in September this year. I don't know where else I'm going this time, but I have to go to Zimbabwe, because I have friends there.

Q: When you are here, what do you miss from Africa?

A: The simplicity of it. I miss the people. I really like the people.

Q: What do you miss from the United States when you are there?

A: When I'm there don't miss anything. If it wasn't for my grandkids, I would live there four months of the year. The worst months here are the best months there.

Q: What do you like about living in Ocean Ridge?

A: I'm an ocean person, I love living close to the sea.

Antigone Barton is freelance writer and author living in Lantana. She was a 2009-2010 Knight Health Journalism Fellow in Africa, where she worked with reporters at the Zambia Daily Mail.



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Casa Alva (center left) has a few more neighbors today than it did in its glory days as The Manalapan Club. Photo provided by Diana Reed/Illustrated Properties



CASA ALVA:

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Club, Sailfish Club and the Bath & Tennis in Palm Beach and Manalapan's other swanky club, La Coquille.

According to the brochure promoting The Manalapan Club at the time, members were provided "a full round of social activities including dancing, gala balls, fashion shows, lectures, bridge, game instruction and tournaments."

Hotel service was available as well. Guest suites, with views of the lake or the golf course, were air-conditioned for heat or cooling. Many had private terraces and fireplaces.

"This (club) was largely people who bought houses here," Benjamin recalls. There were no initiation fees, just annual dues of \$400. Others were permitted to join, too, as long as the membership committee voted them in.

It took two years to get Casa Alva (which Consuelo Vanderbilt Balsan referred to as her "winter cottage") into club form. Kitchens were modernized, a golf course was installed, men's and women's locker rooms and a snack bar were added to the old pool house, and the yacht docks were expanded. Staff was brought on board, although not nearly as many as were employed by the former Duchess of Marlborough, Benjamin says.



The early days

A group of settlers had put Manalapan on the map in 1894, when they put up a hunting and fishing lodge in the town's south end between the Intracoastal and the ocean. But this tony community halfway between Delray Beach and Palm Beach found its place on the social map with the construction of two grand homes for two great-grandchildren of shipping and railroad tycoon Cornelius Vanderbilt. One was built on the ocean in 1929 for Commodore Harold Vanderbilt. The other was Casa Alva, built across the lagoon in 1934 for Harold's sister, Consuelo Vanderbilt Balsan.

Like many aristocratic young Americans of her time,



Consuelo married into an aristocratic European family. Her husband was the 9th Duke of Marlborough, making her the Duchess of Marlborough. Her domineering mother, Alva, arranged the match. After the pair divorced in 1926, Consuelo reconciled with her mother (the house's namesake) and found true love with French balloonist Col. Jacques Balsan.

During the height of the Great Depression in 1934, the Balsans bought the south end of Hypoluxo Island and three nearby islands for \$75,000. There already was a home on the 50-acre property. It was called La Linda and it had belonged to the John Demarest family.

The Balsans tapped noted Palm Beach architect Maurice Fatio, the same man who designed Harold Vanderbilt's

home, to turn their love nest into a fabulous romantic mansion. Fatio had his work cut out for him because the house had to be renovated to include the couple's priceless collection of exquisite 18th- and 19th-century hand-carved French wood paneling. Collected from churches, castles and manor houses before the destruction of World War II, the paneling varied in height so the ceiling height in different rooms had to vary, as well.

The wilderness mansion's north wing became the bedroom wing and the south wing housed servants. The old garage area, with its cypress ceiling, became a living room. As Fatio's work continued, all that remained of the original structure was a stucco tower.

Casa Alva mirrored the Balsans' attention to detail and

FAR LEFT: Members were serenaded by piano music as they mingled in one of the salons at The Manalapan Club. **LEFT:** Guests had the option of using the elegant iron-railed staircase or taking an elevator to the second floor.

BELOW LEFT: A fashion show was part of the fun during lunch at The Manalapan Club. Photos courtesy of William E. Benjamin II and the Historical Society of Palm Beach County.

was known to be one of the most richly furnished homes in all of South Florida, according to Fatio's daughter, Alexandra Fatio Taylor, in her book *Maurice Fatio, Architect*.

Well-known visitors

Sir Winston Churchill, a family friend and cousin of Consuelo's first husband, visited Casa Alva several times and often spent his time painting scenes around the grounds. A print of one of his paintings of the pool still has a place of honor above the door in the library.

Churchill came to Casa Alva in 1946 in route to Fulton, Mo., to deliver his Iron Curtain speech at Westminster College.

"I like to say he was polishing it up here," Benjamin reflects.

Consuelo's son Albert, the 10th Duke of Marlborough, visited Casa Alva frequently, as well.

Life at the club

The Manalapan Club's brochure gives a glimpse into life there:

Primarily a social club, it provides relaxation amid sumptuous surroundings. The blue salon, a large, delicately paneled room with a wood-burning marble fireplace and two book-lined walls, is furnished with cozy groupings of comfortable chairs where

cocktails and conversation are welcome. The adjacent smaller game room and the gold room are inviting and a bit more intimate. The cocktail lounge and the pink and green dining rooms possess a charm of their own. The loggia and terrace are the out-of-doors and under-the-stars setting for many club events.

"The ladies played bridge, and outside there was the nine-hole, par-3 golf course," Benjamin remembers. "Children came for the pool and to take lessons from the tennis pro, who had a top-notch reputation."

Special outings were part of the merriment, as is evident in this account in the April 1964, issue of *The Palm Beach Daily News*:

The Paddleboat Queen steamed into the Manalapan Club yacht docks on the South of Hypoluxo Island on Saturday evening and picked up a gay group of club members, marking the final gala event of a busy Season. ... The spring cruise has become almost a tradition at the Club.

"We had a wonderful French chef who had been the pastry chef at the Gulf Stream Club," Benjamin, town mayor from 2002 to 2008, says. "There were big New Year's Eve parties, awards dinners for golf and tennis, and quite a few weddings. I myself performed three weddings here, although that was after the club closed and I was the mayor."

Thirty-four years ago, Manalapan didn't have a Town Hall, so commissioners held their meeting in Casa Alva's main drawing room. Benjamin rented a former butler's room to the town manager. A building on the property was used for the town library.

After the *National Enquirer* moved to Lantana in 1971, media mogul and Manalapan resident Generoso Pope made a habit of bringing his editors to the club for lunch.

"He (Pope) was very pleasant to me," Benjamin remembers. "I got him to serve on the board at JFK Hospital. He never said boo at board meetings, but then there would be a check for \$1 million now and then."

The club closes

By 1976, Benjamin determined it was time to raise the annual dues by \$100. When members resisted, he closed the club for good.

"A lot of residents were business executives, a lot of them were from steel companies and their stocks sank in the '70s after a bad economic time," Benjamin recalls. "In a way, I wished I had kept it open. It gave more of a sense of community to this part of our town."

Benjamin, who had lived in a large Point Manalapan home overlooking Manatee Cove, moved into Casa Alva after the club closed. His current wife, Maura, handled the interior design, making the 23,000-square-foot manse more light and airy.



In 1961, Benjamin added the newest and oldest member of the club when he added a ship's figurehead known to be at least 140 years old as a focal point above the fireplace in the club's new cocktail lounge. **Photo by Tim Stepien**

New air conditioning was installed and kitchens were updated in the home, with its eight bedrooms (including two master suites), eight bathrooms,

a stunning pair of wrought-iron-embellished staircases, and even a basement for storage. The house, on five acres of land with 500 feet on the water, even has a special closet for hats, a silver vault, and an elevator to the second floor for those who don't want to tackle the stairs. Apart from the main house, there's a four-car garage, pool, and a one-bedroom lakefront cottage cantilevered out over the lake.

"This is a very amiable house," Benjamin says. "It's a lovely house to be in, a peaceful house, really a joy." But now the couple is ready to downsize.

The Benjamins have the house listed with Diana Reed of Illustrated Properties for \$13.5 million. "We've entertained the high and mighty," Benjamin says. "Now we're getting older and it's time to simplify."

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Along the Coast

Talented preteen designs for dolls with Earth in mind

By Linda Haase

When Amanda Jean got her first Barbie doll, she had no desire to play with it. Her first instinct was to design a new wardrobe for the model-thin fashion icon.

She used any material she could find, including her own clothes, but after a few years it was apparent this wasn't a passing whim and her mom beseeched her to find other fabric for her creations.

"So I thought, I'll use toilet paper because it is biodegradable and good for the Earth," says the 12-year-old Gulf Stream School student, who started her design career when she was 4.

Using her imagination — and toilet paper by the carload — she creates detailed wedding dresses, beautiful ball gowns, haughty halter dresses, billowing skirts, striking bikinis and more for Barbies and pants, shirts, tuxedos and swim trunks for Kens. Then she washes, cuts, dyes, and styles their hair (with everything from gel to a flat iron) and poses them for photo shoots.

The dolls all have names. There's Aphrodite, a sexy brunette sporting a revealing dress. And Natalie, who is lounging in a pool (a plastic



On opening night of her exhibit at the Delray Art and Frame Gallery, Amada Jean and her family welcomed friends and neighbors with a reception. Photo by Jerry Lower



"Natalie" takes a dip in custom made toilet paper attire. Photo by Amanda Jean

container with dyed water). And Jean, named after her creator, who says "she has sparkle, like me."

Amanda Jean's family requested their last name not be used.

"She's very imaginative and way ahead of her time," says her mom, Carol, who relies on her daughter for fashion advice.

There are challenges, though. Posing the dolls doesn't always go smoothly. "When I was posing Ken and Barbie for the wedding series, they kept falling and one of their heads popped off. It was so frustrating," says Amanda Jean, a Barbie lookalike who takes singing and piano lessons. "It took about 100 shots, but it

finally came out great."

Amanda Jean's creations caught the eye of Joe Davis, owner of Delray Art & Frame Center, who was hired to enlarge and frame her photos. He offered to exhibit the photos at a show at his Atlantic Avenue shop. "I believe she is a brilliant designer. This is someone who has astonishing ideas about

how to make designs," he said. Although the March exhibit was Amanda Jean's first solo show, she was in her element on opening night. Decked out in a beaded pink dress and a sparkling tiara, she explained her creations to visitors, pausing to take a demure sip of a Shirley Temple on the rocks.

As for Amanda Jean's future plans? "I hope to make recyclable dresses out of a fabric that would be good for the environment. When you have a dress and it doesn't fit anymore and you throw it away, it is such a waste," she said.

Oh, and the blue-eyed blonde also wants to be a model, a singer and an actress.



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CLOSE TO HOME

American Heritage Summer Day Camp: 6200 Linton Blvd., Delray Beach. Ages 3-12. Sports and musical theater academies. Four two-week sessions 6/7-8/13 and one one-week session 8/2-6. M-F, 8:30 am-3:30 pm, with a Junior Program (ages 3-5) from 8:30 am-1:30 pm. Early drop-off and extended care available. \$895/two-week session, \$450/one-week session, and \$730/ 1/2 day Junior Program. 637-2440 or www.ahschool.com.

Art-Sea Living Gallery & Studio: 640 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Ages 4-12. Ten different one-week art classes. 10:30 am-1:30 pm, T-F, 6/8-8/13, \$135/session or \$40 daily, children must bring lunch; 2-4 pm, T-F, 6/8-8/13. \$90/session or \$27 daily. Includes supplies. Sibling discounts. 737-2600 or www.artsealiving.com.

Boynton Beach Recreation & Parks Department Summer Camps: 7:30 am-5:30 pm, M-F, 6/14-8/6. \$450-\$565. Themed camps with age-appropriate activities meet at various locations: Art Center, 125 S.E. 2nd Ave., 742-6237; Boat Club Park, 2010 N. Federal Highway, 736-9372; Civic Center, 128 E Ocean Ave., 742-6240; Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N Federal Highway, 742-6650; Ezell Hester Community Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Boulevard, 742-6550; Carolyn Sims Center, 225 NW 11 Ave., 742-6550; Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave., 742-6221; Art Camp: \$550-688. www.boynton-beach.org.

Bucky Dent's Baseball School: 490 Dotterel Road, Delray Beach. Ages 7 & up. 9 am-3 pm, M-F. Baseball games, batting practice, pitching. Sessions start 6/7. \$275/week, discounts available. Rookie Camp: Age 5-7, 9 am-12:30 pm, M-F, Includes lunch. \$175/week. Camp runs through 8/6. 265-0280 or www.buckydentbaseballschooll.com.

Camp Clown 'n Around: Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Age 7-16. Learn balloon sculpturing, juggling, costuming, plate spinning, face painting, pie throwing and magic. 9 am-5 pm. M-F. 7/19-7/23. \$175/week plus \$25/week materials fee. 243-7922, ext. 317 or www.oldschool.org.

The Delray Beach Playhouse Acting Camp: 950 N.W. Ninth St., Delray Beach. Age 6-13. Write and act a variety show sketch (by age group.) 9 am-4 pm (after-care available until 6 pm for \$50/week), M-F, 6/7-8/13. \$190-\$210/week. 436-9554 or www.delraybeachplayhouse.com.

Delray Beach Summer Camp: Delray Beach Parks & Recreation Dept. is currently holding registration for all three camp sites (Community Center, Pompey Park and Pine Grove Elementary). Parents should bring: completed registration application, a \$25 registration fee, \$157 (first payment), a headshot of the child(ren) & a copy of the child(ren)'s birth certificate. Camp will be held 6/14-8/6. M-F. 7:30-5:30. \$545/eight-week program. 243-7249 or www.mydelraybeach.com.

Delray Water Sports Surf Camp: 500 S. Ocean Blvd./1100 Casuarina Rd., Delray Beach. Ages 6-15. Surfing, skim & boogie boarding, kayaking, snorkeling, standup paddling. 8:30 am-noon M-Th, 8:30am-12:30pm, Friday. 6/7-8/27. \$350/week-new students, \$300/week-returning students. 703-7210. www.delraywatersports.com.

DeVos-Blum Family YMCA Camp: 9600 S. Military Trail, Boynton Beach. Grades K-5. Field trips, entertainment, arts & crafts, swimming, sports. Parent orientation: 1 pm 5/22. 6/7-8/13. M-F, 7:30 am-6 pm. \$165/members, \$250/non-members. 738-9622 or www.ymcaspc.org.

East West Karate Kid Academy: 125-H Hypoluxo Rd., Hypoluxo. Age 5-12. Karate

and field trips. 7:30 am-6 pm. M-F. 6/7-8/13. \$179. 493-0082 or www.ewkarate.com.

Explorer's Club at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum: 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Age 5-9. Art, crafts, dance, nature, games, field trips. Full day 8:30 am-5:30 pm, M-F. 6/14-8/6. \$185/week; Half-day 8:30 am-2 pm, M-F. \$125/week. 742-6783. www.schoolhousemuseum.org.

First Impressions Pre-School: 2214 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Ages 5-12. Field trips and more. 6:30 am-6 pm. M-F. 6/4-8/16. \$145/week. \$50 registration. 737-4373 or www.firstimpressionsschools.com.

Gulf Stream School Summer Camp: Gulf Stream School, 3600 Gulf Stream Road, Gulf Stream. School offers summer programs for children Pre-K through 5th grade. 6/14-8/23. During the summer, there is a camp for Lower School students which combines a variety of both on-campus and off-campus activities. A camp for Pre-Kindergarten students provides educational play. 276-5225 or www.gulfstreamschool.org.

The Learning Place Summer Camp: 1400 SW. Third St., Boynton Beach. Activities and field trips. 6:45 am-6 pm. Age 4-12. M-F. 6/7-8/16. \$145/week includes meals. \$25 registration. 742-4441.

Ocean View Summer Day Camp: Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. Age 7-12. Snorkeling plus beach scavenger hunts, nature crafts and games. Marine Biology Camp: 6/7-11 (age 10-12), \$350/week. Science Camp, 6/14-7/9 (age 7-9), \$195/week. M-F from 9 am to 4 pm. Free before care at 7:30am and after care until 5:30 pm. 274-7263 or www.sandowayhouse.com.

Palm Beach Fashion Camp: Boynton Beach Mall, 801 N. Congress Ave., Boynton Beach. Age 5-18. Seven-week program. Modeling technique, health/nutrition, pilates, musical movement, hair, nail and skin care, fashion trends, etiquette, acting. Age 5-10 / 10-11:30 am and age 11-18 / 11:30 am-1 pm Saturdays, 6/5-26; 7/10-24. \$250. 747-6594 or www.palmbeachfashioncamp.com.

St. Joseph's Episcopal School Camps: 3300 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach.: Arts and Athletic Summer Camp: Arts & Athletics for age 5-12. Pre-registration prices through 4/15: \$200-\$225/week; Prices after 4/15: \$225-\$250/week. Aftercare: \$10 per hour. \$30 registration fee (waived for SJES Families). 6/21-8/13, 8 am-4 pm. Aftercare 4-6 pm; Taz and Felicia's Fun Fest: Age 5 and up. Pre-registration prices through 4/15: \$200/week or \$40/day. Prices after 4/15: \$225. Aftercare: \$10 per hour. 6/7-11, 8 am-4 pm. Aftercare 4-6 pm; Mr. Aubrey's Awesome Academic Adventures: Age 5 and up. Pre-registration prices through 4/15: \$100/week; Prices after 4/15: \$125/week. 6/14-18, Noon-4 pm. 732-2045 or www.sjsonline.org.

Seacrest Christian School: 2703 N. Seacrest Blvd., Delray Beach. Age 2-11. Arts, crafts, and science. 6/7-8/13. 7:45 am-3:30 pm, M-F. \$90-\$181/week. Aftercare \$3/hour. \$120 registration fee. 276-5552 or www.seacrestchurch.com.

Summer Dance & Musical Theatre Camps: Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Princess Dance Camp (ages 4-10). Focus on different Disney princess each day. 9 am-4 pm. M-F. 6/7-11; Musical Theatre Camp (ages 6-18) Singing, acting and costuming. 9 am-4 pm. M-F. 8/9-13. \$175-\$220. 542-0215 or www.dancetrendsboynton.com.

SUNFUN Summer Camp & Sports Camps at Trinity Lutheran School: 400 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. SUNFUN: Ages 2-11. Christian environment with field trips. 8 am-3:30 pm (aftercare until 5:30 pm.) M-F. 6/1-7/30. \$150/week. \$20/aftercare. SPORTS CAMPS: Ages 7-14. 9 am-3:15 pm (aftercare until 5:30 pm.) 6/1-8/13. \$150/week (sibling discount). \$20/aftercare. 276-8458 or www.trinitydelray.org.

TO THE SOUTH

Advent Camp ADVENTure: 300 E. Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Grade K-8. Christ-centered arts, sports, science, cooking, nature and field trips. 7:30 am-5:30 pm, M-F, 6/1-8/13. \$175/week. 395-5322 or www.adventlifenet.org

e-soccercamps: Florida Atlantic University, 777 Glades Rd., Boca Raton. Age 5-18. Soccer for all ability levels. Day camp for age 5-18 (9 am-3 pm). Half-day camp for age 5-9 (9-11:45 am). M-F. 6/7-7/2. \$115/half day, \$225/full day. Residential & commuter programs: 6/26-29 (age 12-18), \$395-\$495. 954-648-7498 or www.e-soccercamps.com.

Exploring the World Through Art: Boca Raton Museum of Art School, 801 W. Palmetto Park Rd., Boca Raton. Age 5-12. M-F, 9 am-4 pm. 6/7-7/30. \$250/week. Extended care 8-9am (\$50/week) and 4-5:15pm (\$75/week). Discounts available for multiple kids and members. 392-2503 or www.bocamuseum.org.

FAU-Goal To Goal Soccer Camps: 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Foundations for beginners and skill enhancement for the competitive/travel team player. Camp activities offered in afternoon. Half-day: 9 am-noon, full day 9 am-3 pm. M-F, 6/7-8/13. \$125/week half-day, \$225/week full-day. Lunch included for half & full days, pool time included for full day campers only. Age 5-14. Also offered: Advanced Training Camps, \$375-475. 297-3711 or www.goaltogoalsoccercamps.com.

FAU TOPS Summer Arts Camps: 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Piano, creative writing, junior band, junior choral, ballet, tap and creative movement, theatre performance, musical showcase. Camps divided by age, K-12. 9 am-4 pm. 6/14-7/30. \$260/week. \$10 Registration. 297-3821 or www.fau.edu/tops.

Performing Arts Summer Camp: Sol Children's Theatre, 3333 N. Federal Highway, Suite 5, Boca Raton. Vocal music, acting, dance, theater. Age 7 and older. Two sessions: Willy Wonka from 9 am-3 pm. M-F, 6/7-7/2. \$1200/4 week session and Walt Disney's Aladdin from 9 am-3 pm. M-F, 7/5-8/6. \$1,500/5 week session. Lunch included. Before care beginning at 7:30 am. is \$25/week; after care until 5:30 pm is \$35/week. 447-8829 or www.solchildrenstheatretroupe.org.

Peter Blum Family YMCA Camp: 6631 Palmetto Circle South, Boca Raton. Three different camps are offered: Traditional Camp (Age 5-11), \$180/members, \$275/non-members per week; Aquatic Camps (Age 5-15), \$195-225/members, \$290-310/non-members per week; Performing Arts/Art Camp (Age 6-14), \$195/members, \$290/non-members per week; Sports camps 9 am-3 pm, (Age 5-15), \$195/members, \$290/non members per week; Teen Camps (Age 12-15), \$225-300/members, \$310-410/non members per week. Ten one-week sessions (6/7-8/13). 9am-2pm, extended morning/evening care available 7:30am-9 and 2-6 pm. Register on 4/17, 9 am-2 pm to receive 10% discount on camp fees. 237-0949 or www.ymcaspc.org

Saint Andrew's School Day and Sports Camps: Saint Andrew's School, 3900 Jog Road, Boca Raton. Ages 4-14. Four, two-week sessions from 6/7-7/30. M-F, 8:40 am-3:10 pm, Before-care: 7:45-8:20am and after camp care (by reservation) available 3:45-5:45 pm. Day Camp, Adventure Camp, Sports Camp, Sports Travel Camp and Counselor in Training Program Camp. \$770-\$825 per session. All program/registration fees must be paid in full by 5/21. 210-2100 or www.saintandrewsschool.net.

St. Paul Lutheran Summer Camp: 701 W. Palmetto Park Rd., Boca Raton. Age 3-grade 6. 7:30 am-5:30 pm (half-days available). M-F. 6/1-8/13. \$175/week full day, \$125/week half-day. Sibling discounts. \$50 registration. 395-8548, Ext. 152 or www.cyberfalcon.com.

The Salvation Army (Boca Raton): 300 SW Second Ave. Boca Raton. Elementary school age. Themed camp programs and trips. 8 am-5 pm. M-F. 6/14-7/30. \$100/week. \$25 registration. 931-1344. www.salvationarmypalmbeachcounty.org.



Summer Youth College: Palm Beach State College, 3000 St. Lucie Ave., Boca Raton. Age 8-14. Students pick classes and enjoy a unique college experience. 9 am-4 pm, M-Th., \$59 per class (each class is 2 hours per week for 6 weeks.) 6/21-7/29. 862-4730 or www.pbcc.edu.

TO THE NORTH

Aloha Surfing School: 2695 S. Ocean Blvd., Lake Worth. Beginners-intermediates. 9 am-1 pm. Age 6-15. M-F. 6/7-8/13. \$200/week. Includes all equipment. 543-7873 or www.alohasurfingschool.com.

Armory Art Center Summer Camp: 1700 Parker Ave., West Palm Beach. Age 5-7, 8-11 and 12 and older. Focus on artistic development and fun. 9 am-4:30 pm, M-F, 6/7-8/6. Age 5-11: \$220/week members, \$255/week non members; Ages 12 and older: \$275/week members, \$300/week non members. Extended care available. 832-1776 or www.armoryart.org.

Arts Camp at Dreyfoos School of the Arts: 501 S. Sapidilla Ave., West Palm Beach. Age 6-11. Dance, music, theater, communications and visual arts. 8 am-4 pm, M-Th., 6/7-10. Lottery registration at noon-4 pm May 1. \$65. 802-6029 or www.awdsoa.org.

ArtsCamp: Cohen Pavilion, Kravis Center, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Age 9-11. Dramatic composition and performance. 9 am-4:45 pm, M-F. 6/14-7/2. \$530/3-week session. Enrollment limited. 651-4366 or www.kravis.org/artscamp.

Breakers Golf & Tennis Camp: 2 South County Rd., Palm Beach. Ages 6-13 at all levels. 9 am-4 pm. M-F. 6/7-8/13. \$495/week plus \$125/registration. 659-8474 or www.thebreakers.com/golf/academy/juniors.

Downtown Dance Summer Dance Camp: 805 Lucerne Ave., Lake Worth. Ages 6-14. Ballet, modern, jazz, tap, hip-hop, acting and more. 9 am-5 pm (extended hours available). M-F. Two sessions: 6/7-7/2 & 7/5-7/30. \$700/session. \$200/weekly option. 588-3828 or www.downtown-dance.com.

Flagler Museum Summer Camps: One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. Grades 6-8. 9 am-4 pm. M-F: Crime Investigation During the Gilded Age: 6/14-18; Inventions that Changed the World: 7/12-16; Magicians and Magic in the Gilded Age: 7/19-23. Bring lunch & snacks. All Camps: \$200-\$225. Extended hours until 5 pm. 655-2833 or www.flaglERMuseum.us.

FOTOcamp: Palm Beach Photographic Centre, 415 Clematis St., West Palm Beach. Age 10-17. Focus on all areas of photography, from basics to state-of-the-art digital imaging. 9 am-3 pm. M-F. 6/14-25, 7/12-23 & 7/26-8/6. \$595-\$645/two-week session. Fees include the use of cameras, some supplies, field-trip transportation and admissions. 253-2600 or www.workshop.org.

Gold Coast Summer Gymnastics: 1420 Rupp Lane, Lake Worth. Age 5-12. 8:30 am-3 pm full-day or 8:30 am-noon half-day. M-F. 6/7-8/6. \$135-\$165/week. \$30 membership fee. Late pick up 3-5 pm, \$30/week. 585-2700 or www.gcgym.com.

Lake Worth Playhouse Summer Performance Camp: 713 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. Age 6-14. Each session has half day option, Creative Stage Sessions 9am-noon and Performance Sessions 1-5pm. Summer Session 1: *Pocahontas*: Three-week camp includes performance classes, cast rehearsals, and participation in a full-scale musical production. 6/7-25, M-F. 9-noon and 1-5 pm. Performance dates; 6/23-26;

Summer Session 2: *Enchanted Sleeping Beauty*: Five-week camp. M-F. 9-noon and 1-5 pm. 7/19-8/13. Performances: 8/13 & 14. \$450/half day session or \$800 all day (both sessions). After care provided 5-6 pm for \$50/week. 586-6410 or www.lakeworthplayhouse.org.

Munchkin Manners Breakers Camp: The Breakers Resort, 1 South County Rd., Palm Beach. Ages 4-6 and 7-9. Indoor and outdoor activities reinforce etiquette. 9 am-3 pm. M-F. 6/14-18. \$495/week, plus \$125/supply fee (includes camp essentials bag). 582-8222. www.MunchkinManners.com.

Palm Beach Atlantic University Summer Camps: Greene Complex for Sports & Recreation, 1100 S. Dixie Hwy., West Palm Beach. Age 9-18. Sailfish Camps include: Boys and Girls Basketball, 6/7-11 & 6/14-18. \$140-\$240. Boys and Girls Basketball Team (six games plus playoffs), 6/18-20. \$395-\$460 per team; Girls Volleyball (Individuals, includes lunch) 9 am-3 pm, 7/5-8. \$225; Girls Volleyball (Evening), 6 pm-8 pm, 7/5-7. \$100; Girls Volleyball (Team), 9 am-3 pm. 7/11-14. \$225-\$325. Girls Volleyball (Evening), 6 pm-8 pm. 7/11-14. \$100. 803-2333 or www.pbasailfish.com.

Palm Beach Suzuki School of Music: First Evangelical Lutheran Church 2405 Parker Ave., West Palm Beach. Age 3-14. Piano, violin, viola, cello, bass and guitar. Explore music through song and movement, plus art and yoga. Theme is Irish music. 6/7-18. Full-day 9 am-5 pm. M-F. \$450/2 weeks. Half-day for age 3-7, 9 am-1:30 pm. \$350/2 weeks. (561) 308-7954. www.pbssm.com.

Progressive Arts & Theatre Camps: St. Ann School, 324 N. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach. An introduction to musical theater. Age 3-8th grade. 8:30 am-4:30 pm. M-F. 6/7-7/30. \$260/two week session. \$80 registration. 792-0448 or 602-0730.

SCUBA Camp: The Scuba Club Inc., 4708 North Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach. Age 12-18. Scuba certification, including all equipment, and five open-water dives. 9 am-4 pm. M-F. 6/14-18, 6/28-7/2, 7/12-16. 7/26-30 and 8/2-6. \$300. 844-2466 or www.TheScubaClub.com.

South Florida Science Museum Summer Camp: 4801 Dreher Trail N., West Palm Beach. Age 4-12. Science lessons, laboratories, crafts and outside activities. 9 am-4 pm. M-F. Extended hours from 7:30 am-5:30 pm for \$25/week, which includes breakfast and afternoon snack. 6/7-8/13. Registration fee \$25, plus \$50 non-refundable deposit for each week. \$200-\$225/week. 370-7708 or www.sfsm.org.

Summer Sail Camp: Palm Beach Sailing Club, 4600 N. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach. Age 7-15. Water safety, boat handling, team work, sportsmanship and sailing basics. Classes by age, weight, and skill level. Class size is limited. Basic swimming skills required.

Half days 9 am-12 pm, or full day 9 am-4 pm. M-F, 6/8-8/14. Half Day camp \$165-195. Full Day camp \$260-\$325. \$20 registration. Free registration before May 1. 881-0809 or www.pbsail.org.

Summer Zoo Camp: Palm Beach Zoo, 1301 Summit Blvd., in Dreher Park, West Palm Beach. Unique wildlife themes with experiences in zokeeping and zoo activities including animal encounters, animal exhibit visits, crafts and games. Zoo Camps for ages 5-10: 6/7-8/13, \$200/member, \$225/non-member per week. Jr. Zookeepers for ages 11-14, 6/21-25, 7/12-16, 8/2-6. \$250/member, \$275/non-member per week. 533-0887, Ext. 229, or www.palmbeachzoo.org.



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Obituaries

Patricia Wade Owen

By Emily J. Minor

DELRAY BEACH — Patricia Wade Owen, a Chicago native who joined key social philanthropic causes when she was a young college graduate, died March 15 at age 87. She had been in the care of Hospice of Palm Beach County for about three years.

Mrs. Owen, a lifelong smoker, died from complications of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and had been on oxygen a good while before her death, said her daughter, Wendy Zecy.

The daughter of a Chicago ad agency executive, Mrs. Owen left Chicago in 1940 to attend Wellesley College in Wellesley, Mass., but the outbreak of World War II brought her home. Her parents, worried about blackouts and bomb scares on the East Coast, insisted she leave Wellesley after two years. Mrs. Owen enrolled in Northwestern University and graduated Cum Laude with a degree in English/journalism. She was also a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

In Chicago, she was a member and past president of the Service Club of Chicago, started in 1890 to help women with social, economical and civic needs. It's still in existence. She also involved

herself early on with another agency that is still standing: the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago.

After college, she met and married Harry O. "Bunny" Owen, who owned a publishing business — which the couple eventually sold to Rand McNally, said their daughter. The couple bought at the Ocean Club in 1968

and traveled to Florida regularly. They began living in Florida year-round in 1984 after they bought a house on Harbour Drive. She eventually moved to St. Andrews.

Mrs. Owen was always a free spirit who enjoyed golf, travel and bridge. After her husband died in 1987, she continued to travel. She enjoyed an African safari, went to the Galapagos Islands, visited Hawaii, New Zealand and Australia and took a cooking class in Italy.

She also kept up with the changing times.

"She was great on the internet for a gal her age," said her daughter. "She even took (online) classes."

She is survived by a son, Jay L. Owen, and two daughters, Zecy and Pam Wrisley. She also leaves behind seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Services were held a few days after her death at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach.



Carl Gauer

By Ron Hayes

BRINY BREEZES — The words appeared for a week on the town's closed-circuit television station: In Memory of Carl Gauer.

That's how this small, mobile home community reports the death of friends and neighbors, but this time the message was especially poignant.

For more than a decade, Mr. Gauer had been a tireless volunteer at BBC-8.

"He was there every day for 10 years, at least," remembers Jack Taylor, who co-founded the station. "He worked in the control room, making DVD copies of our programs, and he was a fixture there. Very quiet, very sensitive and very dedicated."

Carl Francis Gauer, 80, died

March 6 of pneumonia after a long battle with Parkinson's disease.

"So many people have come by and said nobody inspired them like my brother," said Mr. Gauer's sister-in-law, June Kaiser. "He would go on trips, to Canada or the Four Corners, and trudge along with his walker."

Born in Elizabeth, N.J., on Aug. 10, 1929, Mr. Gauer was a graduate of Linden High School. He served as a Navy corpsman during the Korean War, and attended Union College in Cranford, N.J.

Mr. Gauer and his wife, Joan, began vacationing in Briny Breezes in 1978 and moved here permanently in 1998, after his retirement from Exxon Research & Engineering, where he worked



as a photolithographer and production coordinator.

He also served as a head usher at the Briny Breezes Community Church and was active in the town's annual charity bazaar.

In addition to Joan Samer Gauer, his wife of 56 years, Mr. Gauer is survived by two sisters, Nancy Boczon and June Kaiser, both of Briny Breezes; two sons, Jeffrey, of Somerset, N.J., and Glenn, of Brick, N.J.; a brother-in-law, Fred Kaiser, of Briny Breezes; a daughter-in-law Vickiemarie Gauer; and a granddaughter, Crystal Evelyn Gauer.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the South Palm Beach County chapter of the National Parkinson Foundation, PO Box 880145, Boca Raton, FL 33488-0145.

A memorial service will be scheduled later.

Mary Ellen Cannon

By Emily J. Minor

OCEAN RIDGE — Mary Ellen Cannon, who raised her six children in Michigan and moved to Florida in her later years to golf, garden and give more attention to her love for crafting, died in the care of Hospice of Palm Beach County on March 8 after suffering a stroke.

Until the time of her sudden illness, she remained active with everything she loved, said her daughter, K.T. Cannon-Eger. Mrs. Cannon enjoyed golfing, working in the yard, and she was the consummate craftswoman. "She could stand in front of a store window and sketch the design for a ski sweater and go home and knit it," K.T. said.

Her daughter said her

mother never publicly disclosed her age, always just saying she was "old enough."

After the couple's retirement,

Mrs. Cannon spent even more time working in the yard — something for which she had an incredible knack.

"My dad called her the Picasso of the garden," said K.T.

She also loved to travel and would "go anywhere at the drop of the hat," her daughter said.

Born in Providence, R.I., she graduated from Beverly Hills High School and then attended Stanford University in California. She married George W. Cannon Jr. on St. Patrick's Day in 1954.

The couple lived in his hometown of Muskegon, Mich., and raised their six children

at their home on Mona Lake. After the kids were out of the house, the couple moved to Ocean Ridge in the early 1980s, said Cannon-Eger.

Mrs. Cannon was a member of St. Mark Catholic Church in Boynton Beach and attended Mass several times a week, her daughter said.

Besides her husband, George, survivors include their six children: Cannon-Eger, Christine Cannon Bucher, Kiki Cannon, Carolyn Cannon, George W. Cannon and Timothy James Cannon. She also leaves 12 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Mass was said March 13 at St. Mark's and there will be a service for family and friends in Muskegon later this summer, said her daughter.



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By Emily J. Minor

OCEAN RIDGE — Eileen T. Simpson, who began coming to Crown Colony Club nearly 30 years ago when she and her husband bought a condo here for retirement, has died of complications related to Alzheimer's disease. She was 82.

Mrs. Simpson is survived by her husband of 58 years, Bernie, who still lives at Crown Colony. The couple moved to Florida permanently from East North Point, N.Y., in 1989 when Bernie Simpson retired. For many years, Eileen Simpson worked as a secretary for the Department of Health in Suffolk, N.Y.

Mr. Simpson said his wife died Feb. 23 at Boulevard Manor Nursing Center in Boynton Beach, where she had been living since falling

last summer and breaking her elbow. After a short hospital stay, Eileen Simpson went through rehabilitation and then began living in the home because she needed so much care, he said.

But before she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, the couple enjoyed many years of traveling — both in Florida, the continental U.S. and abroad. On several occasions, the Simpsons visited Mrs. Simpson's family in

Ireland — where her parents were born — and often entertained her Irish relatives at their home in Crown Colony Club condominiums, he said.

Several years after they retired here, Mrs. Simpson began working as editor of the Crown Colony Club newspaper — a pastime she loved, said her husband.

"She would write about

people who went on trips, people on vacation, people who were deceased," he said. "She would go around and if people wanted the information revealed, she would put it in the paper."

Mr. Simpson said his wife did this for about 6 years. But in 2002, the newspaper began relying on e-mail for residents to get their news and Mrs. Simpson no longer acted the role of condo reporter.

Besides her husband, three children survive her: Daughters Laura and Kerry and son, Robert. Her sister, Kitty Higgins, also survives her, as do two brothers, Emmet and Edward O'Rourke. A daughter, Gail, preceded her in death.

Mrs. Simpson's remains were cremated. She will be interred at Calverton National Cemetery in Long Island.



Community Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 3/26. Please check with organizers for any changes.

APRIL 3

Saturday - 4/3 - 18th Annual Egg Hunt at the Seacrest Soccer Complex, 2505 N. Seacrest Blvd., Delray Beach. Ages 1-8. Easter Bunny arrives at 8 am, egg hunt begins at 8:30 am. 243-7277.

4/3 - Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup - Beach cleanup at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. 8-10:30 am. Free. 734-9128.

4/3 - Tropical Gardening Course with Gene Joyner is held at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Three session course continues on 4/10 & 4/17 and includes plant selection, insect and disease control and lawn maintenance. 8-11 am. \$40/members, \$50/non-members. 233-1757.

4/3 - Delray Greenmarket - new downtown location on SE 4th Ave. just south of Atlantic Ave. Every Saturday. 8 am-1 pm. 276-7511.

4/3 - Oceanside Farmers Market - A1A and Lake Ave., Lake Worth. Open Saturdays year-round. 8 am-1 pm. 547-3100.

4/3 - Surf Saturdays are held at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge for beginner surfers ages 6+. Bring sunscreen, bottled water and water shoes. 8:30-10 am. \$25/resident, \$31/non-resident. Held again 4/17. 742-6650.

4/3 - Easter Egg Hunt and Egg Roll is held on the south lawn of Whitehall, Flagler Museum, Coconut Row and Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. 9 am. with egg hunt beginning promptly at 10 am. Please bring Easter egg basket. \$5/children, \$15/adults. 655-2833.

4/3 - GreenMarket 9th Annual Easter Bonnet Pet Parade at Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Proceeds benefit Animal Rescue Force. Judging and prizes in various categories. Registration at 9 am; parade begins at 10 am. \$2 registration donation. 276-8640.

4/3 - Tiny Turtles/Kinder Turtles - Learn about sea turtles at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Ages 3 & 4: 9:30-10:15 am. Ages 5&6: 10:30-11:15 am. \$4/members, \$6/non-members, free/accompanying adults. Reservations: 391-8110.

4/3 - Gymnastics classes for ages 4-16 every Saturday at the Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Ages 4-5: 10-11 am; ages 6-16: 11-Noon. Classes run through 5/8. \$57/resident, \$71/non-resident. Registration: 742-6550.

4/3 - 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Bryant Park, 14th Ave. S. and S. Lakeside Drive, Lake Worth. Performances, food and games. 10 am-1 pm. Free. 533-7363.

4/3 - Spring Egg-Stravaganza is held at the Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Face painting, games and egg hunt. 10 am-1 pm. Ages 1-12. Free. 742-6550.

4/3 - Start Smart Baseball is held at Catherine Strong Park, 1500 SW 6th St., Delray Beach for ages 3-5 and their parents. 4-week class runs through 4/24. 10:30-11:30 am. \$20/residents and \$25/non-residents. 243-7194.

4/3 - Mixing It Up with Cooking and Art - Ages 6-12 make small masterpieces and prepare healthy snacks at Veterans Park, 802 N.E. 1st St., Delray Beach. 10:30-noon or 1:30-3 pm Saturdays. Class for ages 3-5 begins 4/7: 9:30-11 am. \$135-150/9-week class. 243-7350.

4/3 - Family Easter Eve Holy Eucharist, Pageant and Egg Hunt is held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 4 pm: Easter egg hunt follows service. 8 pm: Combined service with St. Matthew's. 276-4541.

4/3 - Holy Saturday Mass at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, 840 George Bush Blvd., Delray Beach. 7 pm. 276-6892.

4/3&4 - Ocean Ave. Green Market - At the Green Market Cafe, 400 E. Boynton Beach Blvd., Boynton Beach every F, Sat. & Sun. Bakery, deli, local produce and Sunday brunch. 10 am-3 pm. 752-8598.

4/3&4 - Artists in the Park is held at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. 10 am-4:30 pm. Free. 843-2311.

4/3&4 - Delray Arts Collective holds a Village ArtsMart at 115 NE 4th Ave. Noon to sunset. Held again: 4/10&11, 4/17&18, 4/24&25. 715-8849.

APRIL 4-10

Sunday - 4/4 - Easter Day Services are held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Holy Eucharist: 7 am; Festival Eucharist with St. Paul's Choir: 9:30 & 11:30 am. 276-4541.

4/4 - St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church Easter Sunday Mass is held in the Main Church, 840 George Bush Blvd., Delray Beach: 7, 8:30, 10 & 11 am. Parish Center: 10:10 & 11:40 am. 276-6892.

4/4 - Easter Sunday Pancake Breakfast & Worship Service is held at Church of the Palms, 1960 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Pancake Breakfast: 8:30-9:15 am. Easter Service: 10 am followed by coffee in the church garden with live butterfly release and egg hunt. Free. 276-6347.

4/4 - Easter Sunday Services are held at the First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St. All are welcome. 9 am and 11 am services. 276-6338.

4/4 - 16th Annual Easter Bonnet Stroll is held at Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton, Delray Beach. 3-4:30 pm. Wear your best Easter clothes and don your favorite bonnet. Pets welcome. Stroll led by Dixieland Band and Easter Bunny. Prizes awarded. Refreshments. Free. 276-1715.

Monday - 4/5 - Colorful Creations is held for ages 4&5 at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. on M, W, and F through 5/14. Kids learn letter and number recognition while enjoying songs, stories and crafts. 9 am-Noon. \$69/residents, \$86/non-resident. 742-6221.

Easter Sunrise Services

4/4 - Our Savior Lutheran Easter Sunrise Service is held at 6:30 am at R.G. Kruesler Park at the Lake Worth Beach, 10 S. Ocean Blvd., Lake Worth. All are welcome. Following service, public is invited to breakfast at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1615 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. 8 am. Free will offering. 582-4430

4/4 - Easter Sunrise Service is held at the Beach Pavilion located at Atlantic Avenue and A1A, Delray Beach. Presented by the Delray Beach Clergy Association. St. Paul's Jazz Ensemble performs. All are welcome. 6:30 am. 276-4541.

4/4 - Briny Breezes Easter Sunrise Service is held starting at 6:30 am at the beach clubhouse, Old Ocean Ave., Briny Breezes. Briny Breezes Community Church hosts this event for residents, but public is welcome. 276-7405.

4/4 - St. Jude Easter Sunrise Service at South Boca Inlet, 1298 S. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Each year Father Michael celebrates an Easter Sunrise Mass on the beach. People of all faiths and parishes gather for this event. 6:30 am. 392-8172.

4/5 - Quilt Sale - Quilts made by the Boynton Beach City Library Quilters are displayed and offered for sale at the library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. M-Th: 9 am-8:30 pm, Sat.: 9 am-5 pm. 742-6390.

4/5 - Quilting Bee - Twice monthly quilting class presented at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 10 am. Free. Held again 4/19. 266-9490.

4/5 - OSS Student Art Exhibit - Artwork by students enrolled at Crest Theatre Galleries, Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Free. Runs through 4/18. M-F: 10 am-4:30 pm. 243-7922.

4/5 - AmeriCorps Literacy Volunteer is available M-Th at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Tutoring and homework help offered for children and teens. 2:30-6:30 pm. Free. 742-6396.

4/5 - Got Gaming? is presented at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. Held again 4/19. 5:15 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

4/5 - U.S. Coast Guard Auxillary 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. 966-2158.

Tuesday - 4/6 - Young Explorers is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. Ages 24-35 months improve eye-hand coordination through creative movement and music. 9-10 am. Tuesdays through 5/11. \$25/residents, \$32/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650.

4/6 - Creative Kids is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. for ages 3+ on Thursdays through 5/13. Crafts, stories, songs and creative play. 9-11 am. \$48/residents, \$60 non/residents. Registration: 742-6650.

4/6 - Family Storytime is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Stories, songs and more. Infants-age 5. 10-10:45 am. Held again 4/13, 4/20, & 4/27. Free. 742-6380.

4/6 - Coral Reef Shark Feedings are held daily, T-Sat., at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd. Delray Beach. Feeding begins at 10:30 am. Free with \$4 nature center admission. 274-7263.

4/6 - The Importance of Using Nutrition to Enhance Your Immune System is presented by R. Mark Stowe of Nutrition Cottage at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490.

4/6 - Karate for Youth begins at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Ages 6-10 meet T&Th, 3:45-4:30 pm. \$115/residents, \$144/non-residents. New students receive free uniform. 742-6240.

4/6 - Games @ Your Library is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 508 S. Seacrest Blvd. Grades K-5 play favorite video games. Held again 4/20. 6-7 pm. Free. 742-6380.

4/6 - Kids Flag Football League begins at the Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center,

4/6 - Itty-Bits Football/Soccer is held for ages 3-5 at the Ezell Hester Jr. Community Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach on Tuesdays from 10-11 am. Teaches sports through a progressive program of varying levels. Runs through 5/11. \$40/resident, \$50/non-resident. Registration: 742-6650.

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Wednesday - 4/7 - Great American Cleanup managed by the City of Lake Worth is held to cleanup projects in alleys, right of ways and parks. 8 am. Information and zone locations: 533-7394.

4/7 - Playdough Fun Day - Ages 3-5 years make shapes and more with playdough and a little imagination at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. 10-11 am. Free. 742-6393.

4/7 - Every Novel Has a Road Map is presented by local author Prudy Taylor Board at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490.

4/7 - Race and War in France: Colonial Subjects in the French Army, 1914-1918 is presented by Richard Fogarty at the Wimberly Library on Florida Atlantic University campus, 777 Glades Rd., Boca Raton. 2 pm. Free. 297-2816.

4/7 - Saint Joseph's Softball Field Dedication - Billy the Marlin appears to present a grant award from the Florida Marlins Foundation. 3 pm: dedication; 3:30 pm: girls softball game vs. St. Vincent Ferrer School. 732-2045.

4/7 - JAMbooda: Music & Movement is held for ages 2-4 at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. Wednesdays through 5/12. 4:30-5:30 pm. \$30/residents, \$38/non-residents. 742-6221.

4/7 - Teen Gaming is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd.

Grades 6-12 play video games. Held again 4/14, 21 & 28. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 742-6393.

4/7 - Operation Continuing Promise: An International Aid Legacy in Central and South America is presented by RADM, Victor G. Guillory, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command/U.S. Fourth Fleet at Northern Trust Bank, 770 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. Hosted by World Affairs Council of the Florida Palm Beaches. 6-7:45 pm. \$30/advance, \$35/door, Free/Members. 236-1825.

4/7 - The Passing Zone is performed at the Crest Theatre, Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 8 pm. \$32. 243-7922 or www.oldschool.org.

4/7-11 - 20th Annual Florida Open International Wheelchair Tennis Championships are held at Patch Reef Park Tennis Center, 2000 Yamato Rd., Boca Raton. Matches begin at 8 am each day, with finals on 4/10-11. Free. 367-7090.

Thursday - 4/8 - Boynton Beach Library Quilters meet every Thursday at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. 9-11:45 am. Free. 742-6390.

4/8 - Ride & Remember Trolley Tour - 90-minute tour focuses on Delray's historic districts. 10 am pick-up at Cason Cottage, 5 N.E. First St. \$15. \$12/ members of Spady Museum and Delray Beach Historical Society. Reservations: 279-8883.

4/8 - Knit 'N Purl - is presented at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Class offered again 4/22. 10:30 am. Free. 266-9490.

4/8 - Dancing at Rick's Café - Dance to music of Frank Sinatra, Benny Goodman,

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4/8 - Kerry Maxx Cook - Best selling author of *Chasing Justice* tells of his two decades in the notorious Texas death house wrongly convicted of murder. Crest Theatre at Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 2 pm. \$25. 243-7922 ext. 1.

4/8 - Will You Outlive Your Income During Retirement? is presented by Certified Financial Planner Barry Rabinowitz at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

4/8 - Read with Hogan the Reading Dog at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Each reader gets 10 minutes with Hogan. All ages. Also held 4/15 & 4/29. 4-5 pm. Free. 742-6380.

4/8 - Heart Symposium: An Open Forum for Preventive Cardiology - presented by Carlos A. Cowley, M.D., at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, Clayton Conference Center, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. 4:30 pm. Free. 731-2273.

4/8 - Teen Advisory Board - Teens, let your voice be heard at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Grades 6-12. 6-7 pm. Free. 742-6380.

4/8 - Writers Corner is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Free manuscript critiques by published authors. 6:30-8 pm. Free. 742-6380 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

4/8 - Nathan Pacheco: A Magical Evening of Music - 5th annual fundraiser presented by CROS Ministries is held at the Crest Theatre, Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Proceeds benefit The Caring Kitchen and emergency food pantry. 6-9 pm. \$75/general admission; \$100/VIP. 233-9009 ext. 106.

4/8 - The Anime Imagination: The Perils and Pleasures of Japanese Animation is presented by Dr. Suan Napier in the Morikami Theater at Morikami Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd., Delray Beach. 7:30 pm. \$7/members, \$10/non-members. 495-0233, Ext. 210.

Friday - 4/9 - Contesting Borders: Black Feminist Contributions to International Human Rights is presented by Stanlie James at Florida Atlantic University, Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing Auditorium, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. 10-11 am. Free. 297-3865.

4/9 - Pre-K Rhythm & Rhyme: Symphony of the Americas - Master musicians play classic children's songs at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Special guest is a harpist. Ages 2-5. 10:30 am-Noon. \$2.50 plus museum admission. 742-6782.

4/9 - Dinner and Classic Movie is presented in the Church Fellowship Center at Church of the Palms, 1960 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Hungarian Chicken Paprika dinner followed by 1939 film *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*. 5:30 pm. \$8/ adults, \$4/children under 12. 276-6347.

4/9 - Michael Wiley speaks and signs his new book, *Bad Kitty Lounge* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790.

4/9-11 - 48th Annual Delray Affair - Street festival with more than 800 exhibits along Atlantic Ave. in Delray Beach. Kids' places, food, music and more. 10 am-7 pm. Free. 279-1380 ext. 22.

Saturday - 4/10 - I Love Art Classes for Kids are held at the Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach for ages 4-10. Themed sessions encourage reading. Class times vary according to age. Runs through 5/15. \$48/ resident, \$60/non-resident. Registration: 742-6650.

4/10 - Walk to Cure Diabetes is held at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Presented by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. 8 am/ registration, 9 am/two-mile walk, skate, or bike. Leashed pets welcome. 686-7701.

4/10 - Delray Beach Playhouse Annual Rummage Sale is held at 950 N.W. 9th St., Delray Beach. 8 am-1 pm. Art, antiques, furniture, appliances, clothes, and more. Benefits The Children's Theatre. 272-1281.

4/10 - Mini Monets is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 SE 2nd Ave. for ages 5-12. Learn pencil, watercolor and charcoal. 9-11 am. Runs through 5/15. \$48/residents, \$60/non-residents. Registration: 742-6650.

Municipal Meetings

4/5 - Ocean Ridge - First Monday of the each month at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. 6 pm. Agenda available at www.oceanridgeflorida.com

4/6 & 4/20 - Delray Beach - First & third Tuesdays of each month at Delray Beach City Hall, 100 N.W. 1st Ave. 6 pm. Agenda available at: www.mydelraybeach.com.

4/9 - Gulf Stream - Second Friday of the month at the Gulf Stream Town Hall, 100 Sea Rd. 9 am. Agenda available in clerk's office.

4/12 & 4/26 Lantana - Second & fourth Mondays of each month at Lantana Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Circle. 7 pm. Agenda available at www.lantana.org.

4/22 - Briny Breezes - Fourth Thursday of each month at Briny Breezes Town Hall, 4802 N. Ocean Blvd. 4 pm. Agenda available at www.townofbrinybreezes-fl.com

4/27 - Manalapan - Fourth Tuesday of each month at Manalapan Town Hall, 600 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. 9:30 am. Agenda available at www.manalapan.org.

4/27 - South Palm Beach - Fourth Tuesday of each month in the South Palm Beach Town Hall Council Chambers, 3577 S. Ocean Blvd. 7 pm. Agenda at town hall.

4/10 - Muriel "Mickie" Siebert speaks at the League of Women Voters 90th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon at the Crown Plaza Hotel, 1601 Belvedere Rd., West Palm Beach. Siebert, the first woman to own a seat on the New York Stock Exchange speaks following the annual meeting at 10 am. \$35/. Non-members welcome. 477-8727.

4/10 - Child Safety Prenatal Class is offered as a one-day class at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Learn infant CPR for children up to eight years old and how to assist in an emergency situation. 10 am-noon. \$40 per couple or \$25 per person. Registration: 369-2229.

4/10 - Children's Etiquette Class - 5-week class at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Kids ages 4-6: 10:30-11:30 am. Kids ages: 7-10: 11:45 am-12:45 pm. \$10 per class. Registration: 742-6783.

4/10 - A Midsummer Night's Dream is presented at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Sunflower Creative Arts group is made up of actors ages 8-14. 1-2:30 pm. Free. 391-8110.

4/10 - Bluegrass in the Pavilion Concert is held at the Flagler Museum, 1 Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. The Larry Stephenson Band and Pine Mountain Railroad perform. 3:30 pm. \$30. 655-2833.

4/10 - Tom Hays speaks and signs his new book, *Divine Sacrifice* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. 6 pm. Free. 279-7790.

4/10&11 - Annual Spring Show & Sale is held by the Palm Beach Palm and Cycad Society at Caloosa Park, Boynton Beach. Trees, plants, books, fertilizer, t-shirts and more. 9 am-4 pm. Free. 386-7812.

4/10&11 - Lake Worth Art League Outdoor Show - View works by local artists at Cultural Plaza, 414 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. 9:30 am-4 pm. Free. 586-8666.

4/10&11 - Monthly Vendor Trunk Show - Artists display and sell their creations at Art-Sea Living Gallery & Studio, 1628 S. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Sat. 10 am-6 pm, Sun. noon-5pm. Free. 737-6200.

at Fire Station #2, 2615 W. Woolbright Rd. Public invited. 5 pm. 742-6268.

4/12 - B-Green: An Overview of Going Green for Business - Earth Week program presented at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. 6-8 pm. Free. 742-6390.

Tuesday - 4/13 - Birds of Florida program is presented by Michael Rosenbaum at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

4/13 - Teen Advisory Board meets at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Teens discuss books, magazines, issues and library programming. 4-5:30 pm. Free. 819-6299.

4/13 - Pajama Storytime is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Ages 3-6 listen to stories, sing, dance and make a special craft while in their pajamas. 7-8 pm. Free. 742-6380.

Wednesday - 4/14 - Boynton Beach Magical History Tour - Join a 90 minute narrated van tour of the city at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Sponsored by the Friends of the Boynton Beach City Library. \$20 donation. 9:30-11 am. Registration: 742-6397.

4/14 - Tots 'n Tales Storytime - Ages 3-23 months listen to books, sing songs and dance at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Held again 4/21 & 28. 9:45-10:30 am. Free. 742-6390.

4/14 - Ready, Set, Read Storytime - Ages 3-5 years listen to stories, sing songs, dance and make a simple craft at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Held again 4/21 & 28. 11:30 am-12:15 pm. Free. 742-6390.

4/14 - How to Be a Green Champion is presented by Nancy Schneider at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 6:30 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

4/14 - A Raisin in the Sun is performed by the Boynton Beach High School Performing Arts Academy at Boynton Beach Community High School Black Box Theatre, 4975 Park Ridge Blvd. 7 pm. \$10/adults, \$5/ students. Runs through 4/17. 752-1295.

Thursday - 4/15 - Death of a Prophet is presented as part of the Book Discussion Group at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 10:30 am. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

4/15 - Family & Me: Music Class for Toddlers - Ages 18 months to 3 years sing and dance at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. 10:30 am-11:15 am. Every Thursday through 6/3. \$10. 742-6783.

4/15 - Seabury Place: A Bronx Memoir is presented by author Daniel Wolfe at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. 1:30 pm. Free. 742-6390.

4/15 - Mystery Writing: Secrecy & Deception is presented by Boynton Beach mystery writer Don E. Finegold at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

4/15 - Wine Tasting is held at Old Vines Wine & Spirits, 900 E. Atlantic Ave., Ste. 3, Delray Beach. Held again 4/29. 5-7 pm. Tastings are free. 276-2076.

4/15 - Wine & Jazz - Enjoy orchids, music, wine tasting and appetizers at the American Orchid Society Gardens, 16700 American Orchid Society Lane, Delray Beach. 5:30-7:30 pm. \$20/members; \$25/non-members. Reservations: 404-2031.

4/15 - Teen Poetry Writing Workshop & Slam - Local artist Cassandra Tannenbaum introduces teens to free verse and slam poetry at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Grades 6-12. 6-7 pm. Free. 742-6380.

4/15 - Martha Grimes speaks and signs her new book, *Black Cat* at Murder on the

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Friday - 4/16 - Parker Ladd's Author Breakfast Series continues with Sandra Brown, *Rainwater* and Ken Auletta, *Googled: The End of Civilization as We Know It* in the ballroom at Cafe Boulud at The Brazilian Court Hotel, 301 Australian Ave., Palm Beach. 8:45-10 am. \$100 includes breakfast, parking and a copy of one of the featured books. 366-4301.

4/16 - Pre-K Make & Take: Handprint Hearts - Kids make crafts at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Ages 2-5. 10:30 am-noon. \$2.50 plus museum admission. 742-6782.

4/16 - 1st Annual Dove Luncheon is hosted by Hospice of Palm Beach County at The Breakers, 1 South County Rd., Palm Beach. 11 am. Silent auction and raffle with guest speaker Henry Winkler. \$200. 494-6884.

4/16 - Annual Meeting and Sunset Party is presented by the Delray Beach Preservation Trust at the 1936 Carlos Schoeppel Deco Home, 1115 N. Swinton Ave. 5:30 pm. Wine and nibbles. Free/members, \$25/door. 699-0343 or www.dbptrust.com.

4/16 - Gallery Opening featuring the works of Harvey Harlib and Lenny Katz is held at The Arts Arena Gallery, 777 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. Live entertainment, wine and hors d'oeuvres. 6-8:30 pm. 860-7222.

4/16 - Ocean Avenue Concert Series presents oldies & rock by Cricklewood at the Ocean Avenue Amphitheatre, E. Ocean Ave. between Seacrest Blvd. and N.E. 1st St., Boynton Beach. Bring folding chairs. Food & drink available for purchase. No pets. 6-9 pm. Free. 742-6246.

4/16 - Sayonara Season Sidewalk Sale kicks off with a Preview Party at Clay Glass Metal Stone Gallery, 605 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. 6-9 pm. Sidewalk sale: 4/17 on the sidewalk. 10 am-5 pm. 588-8344.

Saturday - 4/17 - Great American Cleanup 2010 official events are held throughout Palm Beach County including: Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, Sandoway House Nature Center, Delray Public Beach, Cason United Methodist Church, Boat Club Park, Lake Worth Beach, Phipps Ocean Beach Park. Information: 686-6646.

4/17 - Annual Marine Yard Sale is held by The West Palm Beach Fishing Club, 201 Fifth St., West Palm Beach. 7 am-noon. Rods and reels, snorkeling and dive gear, downriggers, boat anchors, dock lines, cast nets, fishing lures, electronic fish finders, boat propellers, tackle boxes and other marine-related items. Proceeds benefit the Palm Beach County Fishing Foundation's youth education and conservation programs. 832-6780.

4/17 - Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup - Beach cleanup at Gulfstream Park, 4489 N. Ocean Blvd., Gulf Stream. 8-10:30 am. Free. 734-9128.

4/17 - 4th Annual "Raising the Bar" Bruce A. Rendina Memorial Golf Tournament is held at the Breakers Ocean Course, 1 South County Rd., Palm Beach. 8:30 am. \$500. Continental breakfast, round of golf, post-golf awards luncheon and gift bag. 626-7874.

4/17 - Little Bitty Football for ages 3-5 is held at the Ezell Hester, Jr. Community Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Improve running, passing, catching and kicking. 9-10 am. Runs through 5/22. \$30/resident, \$38/non-resident. Registration: 742-6650.

4/17 - Baseball & Basketball SportsFest Mini-Camp is held at newly renovated Pence Park, 600 SE 4th St., Boynton Beach. 9-11 am. All ages welcome. 742-6235.

4/17 - YMCA Healthy Kids Day - Food, fun, water slide, bounce house and Teddy Bear Hospital at DeVos-Blum Family YMCA, 9600 S. Military Trail, Boynton Beach. Presented by DeVos-Blum Family YMCA & Bethesda Memorial Hospital. 9 am-2 pm. Free. 737-7733 ext. 4195.

4/17 - About Boating Safety is presented by the Coast Guard Auxiliary of Boca Raton at the headquarters building at Spanish River Park. 9 am-5 pm. Basic boating safety course teaches information required for boaters under 22 years old to obtain a Florida boating ID card. \$35. Registration: 391-3600.

4/17 - 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. Registration: 369-2229.

4/17 - Civil War Symposium is presented by Damian Wolf, Ed Lewis & Joseph Gustafson at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

4/17 - A Tribute to Neil Diamond featuring Neil Zirconia is presented at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave. 7 pm. \$15/advance, \$20/door. 742-6570.

4/17 - 6th Annual Circle on the Square Food and Wine Tasting Soiree - Food & wine dance party at Old School Square Entertainment Pavilion, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 7-10:30 pm. \$90/advance general admission; \$120/VIP; discount for Square One members. \$125/door general admission and \$150/VIP. 243-7922 ext. 1.

4/17-18 - Reggae Fest - Enjoy the spirit of the Caribbean at this two day family festival at Bryant Park, corner of Lake Ave. and S. Golfview Rd., Lake Worth. Sat.: 10 am-10 pm; Sun. noon-7 pm. \$10. Free/children under 12. 582-4401.

APRIL 18-24

Sunday - 4/18 - Sunday Musical Matinee Series presents song stylist Elisa James at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. \$15. 266-9490.

4/18 - The Delray String Quartet's Final Concert of the Season is held at The Colony Hotel, 525 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. 3:30 pm/lecture, 4 pm/concert. \$35. 213-4138.

4/18 - Grand Opening of Palm Beach Dermatology Institute & Spa, 1760 N. Congress Ave., Suite 200, Boynton Beach. 4:30/ribbon cutting, 5-7 pm/open house. RSVP: 733-0077.

Monday - 4/19 - Cerclé Francais: French Conversation Group is held at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

4/19 - Jewelry from the Late 19th to Early 20th Century: Art Nouveau & Art Deco is presented by Phyllis Annunziato at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490.

4/19 - Fathers & Other Heroes: A conversation with Brad Meltzer is presented as the season's final Culture & Cocktails at Cafe Boulud, at the Brazilian Court Hotel, 301 Australian Ave., Palm Beach. \$35. 5-7 pm, with registration and cocktails from 5-5:45 pm. Open bar and hors-d'oeuvres. RSVP: 472-3330.

4/19 - Art Connection Program - Co-sponsored with the City's Art in Public Places Dept. and the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. 6-8 pm. Free. 742-6390.

4/19 - Sideway Stories from Wayside School by Louis Sachar is discussed at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Grades 3-5. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. 742-6390.

4/19 - Holocaust Memorial Evening is presented by The Jewish Women's Circle of Palm Beach featuring holocaust survivor Richard Weilheimer at the Palm Beach Jewish Center, 205 Royal Palm Beach, Palm Beach. Open to men and women. 7 pm. \$18 includes a buffet dinner. 659-3884.

4/19-22 - Earth Week Exhibits including free samples and give-aways at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Library hours. Free. 742-6390.

Tuesday - 4/20 - Sister Cities Student Exhibit - Works by Delray Beach students at Crest Theatre Galleries, Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. M-F: 10 am-4:30 pm. Free. Exhibit runs through 5/23. 243-7922.

4/20 - You Too Can Grow Orchids - Program presented by Annette Jackson and other members of the American Orchid Society at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490.

Wednesday - 4/21 - Achieving Optimal Brain & Body Health Naturally is presented by Dr. John Conde of Delray Beach at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490.

4/21 - My Michael by Amos Oz is discussed as part of the Manalapan Library Book Club held at the Manalapan Library, 1330 Lands End Rd. 3 pm. 588-7577.

4/21 - Energy Saving Plans - Earth Week Program presented by Susan Brown, LEED AP, at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. 6-8 pm. Free. 742-6390.

Thursday - 4/22 - Spinal Stenosis is presented by Job Dorcil, M.D., as part of the Community Lecture Series at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, Clayton Conference Center, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. 4:30 pm. Free. 731-2273.

4/22 - Selling America: Doing Business in the International Marketplace is presented by Richard M. DeVos, Co-Founder, Amway Corporation, Owner, Orlando Magic, philanthropist and motivational speaker at Cohen Pavilion/Roymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Hosted by World Affairs Council of the Florida Palm Beaches. 6-7:45 pm. \$30/advance, \$35/door, Free/Members. 236-1825.

4/22 - Becka McKay speaks as part of Florida Atlantic University's Literary Authors Series at the Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Free. 7 pm. 297-2974.

4/22 - Jane Cleland speaks and signs her new book, *Silent Auction* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790.

4/22-26 - Palm Beach International Film Festival showcases local, domestic and international independent film. Over 120 films shown in venues throughout the county. Events include opening and closing nights, Silver Screen Splash Party and Awards Ceremony, outdoor screenings and seminars. Various ticket packages available. Host hotel is the Omphoy, 2842 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. Prices, venues, showings and information: 362-0003.

Friday - 4/23 - Pre-K Make & Take: Earth Day - Kids celebrate Earth Day at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Pre-k ages 2-5. 10:30 am-noon. \$2.50 plus admission to the museum. 742-6782.

4/23 - 18th Annual Gospel Gala is presented at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Featuring: The Boy's Choir of Tallahassee, Young Singers of the Palm Beaches and Boynton Beach High School Chorus' Dimensional Harmony. 8 pm. \$5 and up. 832-7469.

4/23&24 - Tropical Treasures is the 84th Annual Convention of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 661 NW 53rd St. Boca Raton. Workshops, spouse/companion tours, raffle, speakers, vendors. Hours and event costs vary. Registration and ticket information: 772-286-4718.

Saturday - 4/24 - More than a Plant Sale & Hibiscus Show is held at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach with over 80 vendors and flower show by the American Hibiscus Society. 9 am-5 pm. \$5/non-members, free/members. 233-1757.

4/24 - 2nd Annual Lantana Chili Cook-Off is held at the Lantana Sports Complex, 1250 W. Lantana Rd. \$500 awarded to best chili with craft and car show, raffles, children's play area and live entertainment. 9 am - 6 pm. Benefits Lantana Police Explorer Post 221 and the Palm Beach School for Autism. 951-0460.

4/24 - Seashells: Little Wonder & Big Wonders introduction to plants and animals with a hike, crafts and stories at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Ages 3&4/9:30-10:30 am. Ages 5&6/11-noon. Children must be accompanied by an adult. \$7/members, \$10/non-members. Reservations: 391-8110.

4/24 - Japanese Garden Design is taught by Hoichi Kurisu in the Oki Education Studio at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Rd., Delray Beach. Participants practice basic garden design by sketching. 10 am-noon and 1:30-3:30 pm. \$50. 495-0233.

4/24 - Narrated Bus Tour of Historic Delray Beach is conducted by the Museum of Lifestyle & Fashion History. Meet at the museum inside the Boynton Beach Mall (near Sears), 801 N. Congress Ave. 11 am-12:45 pm. \$15 per adult/senior citizen, Free/under 18. 243-2662.

4/24 - 17th Annual Reach for the Stars Benefit includes gourmet food and fine wine at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Local celebrities shine in a ballroom dance competition. 6 pm. \$75/Young Friends of the Kravis, \$100/others, \$175/VIP. 832-7469 or 572-8471.

4/24- Haitian Vodou: Its True Face is presented by Dr. Gerard Ferere at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 100 N. Palmway, Lake Worth. 6:30 pm/ community potluck dinner, 7:30 pm/ lecture with art and book exhibit. Public invited. 582-6609.

APRIL 25 - MAY 1

Sunday - 4/25 - Great American Cleanup/Lantana - Coral reef cleanup: divers meet at Old Key Lime House. Beach Cleanup: meet at Lantana Beach Municipal Park. Managed by PalmBeach HammerHeads Dive Club. 707-0000.

4/25 - Performances in the Park - The Fred Derrick Big Band performs at Veterans Park, 802 NW 1st St., Delray Beach. Bring lawn chairs, blankets & picnic baskets. 3-5 pm. Free. 243-7277.

Monday - 4/26 - An Interest in Life by Grace Paley is presented as part of the Great Books group at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. 10 am-noon. Free. 742-6380.

Tuesday - 4/27 - The Amazing History of Delray Beach, Highland Beach & Boca Raton is presented by Delray Beach author Alexander "Sandy" Simon at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490.

4/27 - Family Game Night is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. 6:30-8 pm. Free. 742-6393.

Wednesday - 4/28 - Drop-in Craft Day at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Materials provided. Grades K-5. 4-5 pm. Free. 742-6393.

4/28-5/2 - Sunfest - Waterfront music and art festival held in downtown West Palm Beach on Flagler Drive along the Intracoastal Waterway. 4/28 & 29: 5-10 pm; 4/30: 5-11 pm; 5/1: noon-11 pm. and 5/2: noon-9 pm. Fireworks close the event 5/2 at 9 pm. 659-5980 or www.sunfest.com.

Thursday - 4/29 - Nancy Drew 80th Anniversary Program - Celebrate 80 years of Nancy Drew mystery stories with presentation by Janet DeVries at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Vintage books and memorabilia. All ages welcome. 6:30-8 pm. Free. 742-6390.

Friday - 4/30 - Great American Cleanup/St. Mark Catholic School, Mangrove Park, Ocean Inlet Park - Meet at St. Mark Catholic School, 730 NE 6th Ave., Boynton Beach. Times and information: 313-2465.

4/30 - Pre-K Make & Take: Arbor Day - Celebrate Arbor Day by making a string-of-leaves craft at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton

Beach. Ages 2-5. 10:30 am-noon. \$2.50 plus museum admission. 742-6782.

4/30-5/2 - Ocean Ave. Green Market is held at the Green Market Cafe, 400 E. Boynton Beach Blvd., Boynton Beach every F,Sat. & Sun. with bakery, deli and local produce. Sunday brunch. 10 am-3 pm. 752-8598.

Saturday - 5/1 - Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup - Beach cleanup at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. 8-10:30 am. Free. 734-9128.

5/1 - Delray Greenmarket - new downtown location on SE 4th Ave. just south of Atlantic Ave. Every Saturday. 8 am-1 pm. 276-7511.

5/1 - Oceanside Farmers Market - A1A and Lake Ave., Lake Worth. Open Saturdays year-round. 8 am-1 pm. 547-3100.

5/1 - Surf Saturdays are held at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge for beginner surfers ages 6+. Bring sunscreen, bottled water and water shoes. 8:30-10 am. \$25/resident, \$31/non-resident. Held again 5/15. 742-6650.

5/1 - Start Smart Tennis is held at Catherine Strong Park, 1500 SW 6th St., Delray Beach for ages 3-5 and parents. Class runs through 5/22. 10:30-11:30 am. \$20/residents and \$25/non-residents. 243-7194.

5/1 - Cinco De Mayo Festival - Food, entertainment, kid's activities and the 4th Annual Chihuahua Races at Old School Square Entertainment Pavilion, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Presented by Hispano-Latino Cultural Alliance. 11 am-10 pm. \$10. 276-3396 or www.oldschool.org.

5/1 - 10th Annual Easter Seals Derby Day Party is held at the Ritz-Carlton, 100 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. Benefits children with special needs and disabilities. 4-7:30 pm. A southern style cocktail celebration complete with mint juleps, a Dixieland band, a live televised viewing of the 136th Run for the Roses and silent auction. Lilly style hats encouraged. \$225. 640-9521.

5/1 - Andrew Gross speaks and signs his new book, *Reckless* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790.

5/1&2 - Delray Arts Collective holds a Village ArtsMart at 115 NE 4th Ave. noon to sunset. 715-8849.

5/1&2 - Monthly Vendor Trunk Show - Artists display at Art-Sea Living Gallery & Studio, 1628 S. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Last event of the season. Sat. 10 am-6 pm, Sun. noon-5pm. Free. 737-6200.

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Hindus join local observance of Day of Prayer

The uplifting annual National Day of Prayer program, hosted locally by the Delray Beach Interfaith Clergy Association, is as representative of humanity and our various faith traditions as it gets around these parts. And it just became more so: For the first time, Hindu is among the myriad faiths to be represented at the Duncan Center at 6 p.m. on May 6.



Mahadevan

Although they are our fellow citizens from all walks of life, most of us know little of those who worship at the roughly 50 Hindu temples and religious centers in Florida.

Thus we may be surprised to learn that the introductory question at the www.BAPS.org Web site, to which Dhaval Bhagat referred me, is consistent with the sentiments of most faith traditions and even those of people who claim no particular faith:

“Many ask, ‘How can you mix spirituality and social service?’ We ask, ‘How can you separate the two?’” One result was the Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service to the BAPS Children’s Forum in London last October.

Bhagat is media coordinator for the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, at 541 S.E. 18th Ave. in Boynton Beach — next to the Publix behind Sunshine Square at Woolbright and Federal. “Mandir,” he explained, “is the word for the temple.”

The congregation is completing a renovation in preparation for its May 9 grand opening that dovetails nicely with the prayer day. That will provide another opportunity to know those in

our community who practice the world’s third-largest religion (after Christianity and Islam), indigenous to Southern Asia, with a billion adherents and a broad range of traditions.

Bhagat says congregants here worshipped in halls and homes, just as those of many different faiths got started, before the mandir opened in 2001. An average of 350 people now gather for the main service on Sundays from 4 to 6 p.m. He’s been going for 12 years, he said.

Similarly, for two years Devanathan Mahadevan has been priest of the 1,200-family South Florida Hindu Temple on Griffin Road in Fort Lauderdale. He’s participated in interfaith activities from there to California to Ohio, and it shows.

“Water’s the same, whether we call it the Indian Ocean or the Atlantic Ocean,” said Mahadevan. “Same with the human being. We are going toward our own destiny. But we are going on different paths. Trying to understand each other, that is the only thing we need.”

Here’s applause for the path that makes his age-old tradition among the enlightening participants in the national prayer observance.

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Paws up for Pets



Suzi Goldsmith with her toy poodle Marshmallow and her retriever Katie. Photo by Jerry Lower

Shelter activist sees work ahead in legislation

By Arden Moore

The first place Suzi Goldsmith headed after moving from Detroit to Palm Beach County in 1985 wasn't to dine at the famed Breakers Hotel, tour the Flagler Museum or catch an outdoor concert at Bryant Park.

She made a beeline to an animal shelter in Boca Raton to volunteer. But if you know Goldsmith, such a choice comes as no surprise. After all, she has championed pets since her toddler years and dedicates her life to ensure shelter dogs and cats land permanent, loving homes.

And, this Manalapan resident loves to host parties — especially ones for good causes. Case in point: the 8th annual Doggie Ball unleashed March 21 at the Boca West Country Club. Attendees donned cowboy boots and Stetsons to round up donations to benefit the Tri-County Humane Society, a no-kill shelter Goldsmith co-founded with Jeannette Christos. It serves Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties.

Although the 400-plus guest list was limited to two-leggers, the event did feature Sir Lancelot Encore, a dog belonging to Edgar and Nina Otto, as Grand Marshall Pooch.

Yes, Goldsmith does enjoy planning fundraising events, but told *The Coastal Star* that after this Doggie Ball, she intends to focus on lobbying for legislation to better the lives of companion animals all over the state.

"I want to spend more time with our animal shelter and helping legislation get passed to stop puppy mills," she said. "At Tri-County, it is all about being there for the animals, nursing them back to health and finding them forever homes. There's a lot of work ahead."

Goldsmith doesn't mind the task. In her native state, she

was hands-on involved with the Michigan Humane Society. When she and her family moved to Palm Beach County, she saw the opportunity in 1997 to obtain a long-term lease with the city of Boca Raton to convert a kill shelter into a no-kill one.

"When you're young, you are naïve and feel that you can do anything," she says. "It really upset us that it was a kill shelter, so when the city of Boca Raton announced it was putting the shelter up for bid, Jeannette, a couple others and I rallied. They gave us a 75-year lease." Before she can continue the phone conversation, Katie, her newly adopted golden retriever bounds into the room and displays tail-wagging exuberance, much to Goldsmith's delight.

"This dog is about 2 and recently came into our shelter after her owners informed us that they couldn't find jobs in Florida and were moving to England. They dropped off Katie at our shelter because they knew we were a no-kill," recalls Goldsmith. "Katie was not doing well. She was very depressed and had never been in a shelter. I adopted her. In no time, her personality blossomed. She is dynamic, full of life."

And, has yet to realize that she weighs 60 pounds, not 6.

"It's hilarious to watch Katie trying to squeeze her large body in the small doggy bed meant for my other dog, Marshmallow, my 7-year-old white toy poodle," says Goldsmith. "Katie thinks she's a little dog."

As for daily walks with two dogs, Goldsmith is still trying to master the two-leash routine.

"The little one carries me in one direction and the big dog pulls me in the other direction," she laughs. "Both are great dogs. I feel blessed to have them in my life."

Since childhood, Goldsmith has always shared her life with a dog or two. She feels lucky to have never met a dog she doesn't like.

And, she acknowledges the influence they've played in how she views life and her character development.

"Dogs have brought me humility, understanding and commitment," she says. "They put smiles on my face. They never give up on happiness. And most importantly, they are always there, in good times and in bad times."

Arden Moore, an animal behavior consultant, editor, author and speaker, happily shares her home with two dogs, two cats and one overworked vacuum cleaner. Tune in to her "Oh Behave!" show on *Pet Life Radio.com* and contact her at arden@ardenmoore.com.



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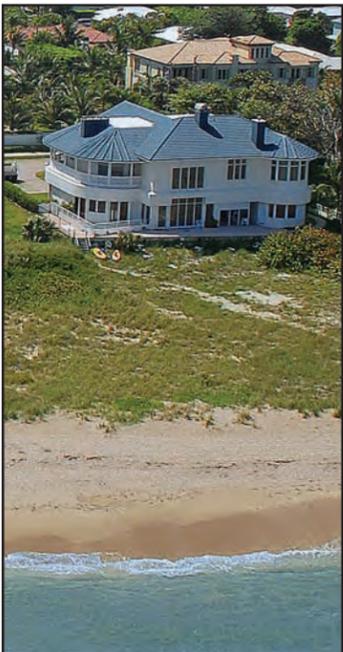
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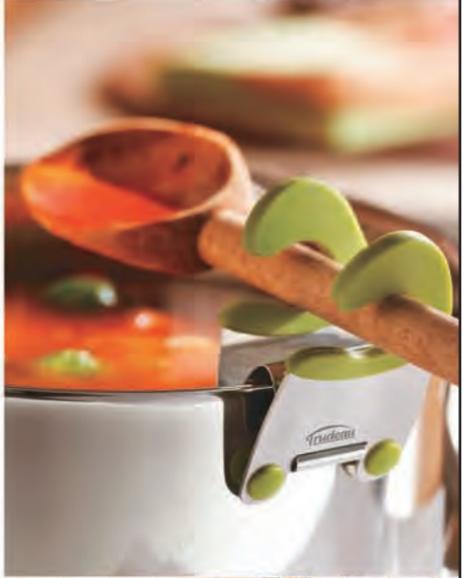
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