

Along the Coast

Critics call six-story condo plan a 'wake-up call' for coast

By Antigone Barton

In the end, the plan to bring a taller building and more people to the oceanfront was a straightforward matter, according to the county officials who in July gave the go-ahead for a new condominium at the old Sea Horse Bath

and Tennis club site.

The approval opens the way for a six-story, 34-unit complex. It will be bigger than neighbors wanted, but smaller, officials said, than it could have been.

"When you have regulations set up and developers meeting them, you really can't change midstream," Palm Beach

County Zoning Director Jon McGillis said, after the meeting at which the plan was approved.

The developer, Kolter Property Group, hopes to get the condominium built and open for sale within the year, and proceed with plans to add four single family homes to the west side of

the property, Bob Vail, vice president of Kolter said. The total number of units still will be fewer than those permitted under current density requirements, he added.

"We would have thought that would have made some people breathe a sigh

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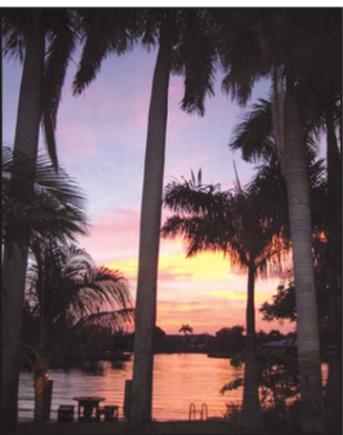
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Gulf Stream

Born beautiful, Gulf Stream's grand old lady gets a face-lift

By Mary Thurwachter

As manager of the Gulf Stream Golf Club, Kevin M. Bauer has become adept at politely saying no to brides-to-be who dream of holding their wedding receptions at the clubhouse. Those kinds of requests come often and anyone who drives by the gorgeous seaside property at 2401 N. Ocean Blvd. can understand why they do. What lady wouldn't want to be photographed gliding, in all her bridal finery, down one of the twin oval stairways that grace the west side of the clubhouse?

Bauer informs brides that the club is private, and in order to have a wedding on the grounds you need to be a member. Currently, about 300 people hold that privilege.

The Gulf Stream Golf Club was born beautiful. When the clubhouse opened in 1924, *Architectural Forum* magazine called it "the most attractive Mediterranean design in America" and *The Palm Beach Daily News* described it as "the acme of beauty."

Designed by Addison Mizner, who also drew up the plans for the Everglades Club in Palm Beach and the Cloisters (now the Boca Raton Resort), the structure was



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ABOVE: Workers replace 1950s windows at the Gulf Stream Golf Club with panes that mimic the original 1924 Addison Mizner design. **Photo by Jerry Lower**

LEFT: The club under construction in 1924. **Courtesy of Historical Society of Palm Beach County**

given the graceful lines of Spanish-Italian architecture.

Like any lady in her 87th year, the clubhouse requires

priming and preening from time to time, and sometimes a bit more. That's what's happening this summer.

As the third part of a four-phase renovation, new hurricane-resistant windows are being installed on the clubhouse's west side. They replace windows that had

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Delray Beach

Idyll of boat life a reality for fortunate few

By Dianna Smith

As the sun rises each morning, when the water is calm and other people are still sound asleep, Jim and Sande Strong peer across their deck and are reminded why they are some of the luckiest people in Delray Beach.

Paradise is in their front yard.

They start their days reading the newspaper on their deck, which overlooks the Intracoastal Waterway, and they end their days at the same place, sipping glasses of wine while the sunset paints the sky in pastels.

They've lived at the Delray Beach City Marina for 11 years and, before that, they lived in a three-bedroom villa in Boynton Beach. And though the Strongs have always wanted to live on the water, Sande admits she's

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Jim and Sande Strong live with their dog Emma aboard their boat, docked at the Delray Beach Marina. **Photo by Jerry Lower**

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The Rev. Aaron Janklow helps First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach reach out to young adults with the TnT, or Twenties 'n' Thirties, group. Photo by Jerry Lower

Editorial

Scary times, hard decisions; perhaps you can help

I've worked under university grants that were discontinued for lack of funding, for Internet start-ups that failed when the high-tech bubble burst and for an industry that needed to purge itself of well-paid middle management when the real estate bubble burst.

You could say I've been "busted" a few times.

As a result, I feel for the men and women who sat quietly and listened to their bosses talk about cutting "unnecessary services" during last month's municipal budget workshops. I've seen their faces. They're scared.

This summer, as I've attended the budget workshops for our coastal communities, I've heard the following in almost every town:

- The majority of elected officials do not want to raise taxes, and
- There's a growing feeling that public employees have become an elite, protected class compared to workers in the private sector.

When I took my latest buyout, I was one of 300 who left the company. Two years later, some are seriously

struggling with health issues, mortgage payments and day-to-day expenses. But others are embarking on envious adventures as they start their own businesses, go back to school, or take off to travel the world.

We all know that very few of us will ever return to a workplace with nice offices, dependable paychecks, expense accounts, benefits, savings plans and paid vacation.

The world has changed.

Job security — long gone from the private sector — is now looking shaky for public employees.

For all of us, these are hard times requiring hard decisions.

If you have the expertise to offer advice and solutions, please consider participating in the budget process in your town.

Not only could it have an impact on your local taxes and which community services remain, you may even be able to offer a

solution that saves someone's job.

— Mary Kate Leming, editor



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Young minister succeeding on his mission

By C.B. Hanif

The Rev. Aaron Janklow arrived at the First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach doing what any congregation wants of a new clergyman. The result is TnT — or Twenties 'n' Thirties — the popular young professionals group he leads.

The new associate minister didn't find much going on for the above-20-year-old, post-graduate, young professional age group, other than the club scene. So he replicated the TnT of his former First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, Mich., from which he arrived last August.

His group meets at 6 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month in the church's Christian Learning Center.

"This has turned into a place where they can pursue their faith, but also find a good group of solid friends," said Rev. Janklow, 28, before a recent

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meeting. "We go out to dinner after this pretty frequently. Or we go to see movies together and different stuff. So it's been good."

TnT began over lunch with Kim and Grant Winker, who are very involved in the "Community Church By the Sea" pastored by the renowned Rev. Dr. Ted Bush. They quickly were joined by Karlton Brown, currently on a mission trip in Ghana.

"There are about eight core members, and up to 13 people on a given night," Janklow said. "We have (age) 22, just graduated college, to 38 and married, but not yet with children."

The majority aren't

members of his church. Some who attended on a recent Wednesday were casually dressed. Others, seemingly fresh from the office, wore a tie — or not.

Kevin Bush, 30, said South Florida churches tend to strongly support younger and older people, but "there's this yawning gap between 20s and 30s even 40s."

"It's nice," said Grant Winker, 38, "to meet friends that have similar types of values in terms of faith and the way you look at life, and to have a group where we discuss the kinds of things that we discuss here."

"The things that we talk about here," said Taylor Schieck, 23, "give me an opportunity to ask my questions and be honest about how I feel about religion and faith." His wife of one week, Sarah, 22, was attending her first TnT meeting.

"It's a great opportunity for young people to get together on a regular basis and talk about their faith," said Ann Margo Peart, 32, before Janklow opened up with prayer and launched a discussion of *The Reason for God*, by Timothy Keller. "And I've found it extremely educational as well."

For more on Twenties 'n' Thirties, call the church at 561-276-6338 or go to www.firstdelray.com/youngprof.htm.

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Ocean Ridge

Unpaid hours in shift change rile police officers; unionization sought

By Margje Plunkett

Nearly a month after Ocean Ridge approved 12 hour-shifts for police officers, effectively cutting their hourly wages, commissioners found themselves voting to budget added attorney fees for representation on a town policemen's petition seeking to unionize.

Commissioners agreed at the Aug. 2 meeting to budget another \$5,000 for legal fees. Otherwise, their discussion of the petition to the Florida Public Employees Relations Commission for collective bargaining was uninformative — besides the brief banter referring to a "do's-and-don'ts list" of what each member could discuss relative to the petition. Mayor Ken Kaleel summed it up, saying, "I concluded, say nothing."

The petition — as well as the shift change — comes on the heels of an expanding coverage area for Ocean Ridge police, who recently won a three-year \$185,000 contract to patrol Briny Breezes beginning Oct. 1.

Ocean Ridge police officers began working 12-hour shifts

July 26, a move seen as easing scheduling and saving the town money. For patrolmen, however, it meant lower hourly rates and less overtime pay.

Officers will work 84 hours every two weeks instead of 80, but receive the same annual salary as previously, lowering their hourly rate. The new work schedule doesn't apply to dispatchers.

"I don't want to be a dictator and mandate this, but we have to do what's administratively sound," Police Chief Chris Yannuzzi said at the July 12 commission meeting. "The only complaint I've heard is the reduced hourly rate."

"We would love to, but can't give them more," Mayor Ken Kaleel said.

The officers each would work 104 hours more annually; but the town would give officers 44 hours more holiday pay to reduce the added hours to 60.

Ocean Ridge will see a savings in overtime as officers work four more regular hours each pay period and fewer overtime hours will be required. "For those who have become reliant on overtime pay, there will be a lot less

overtime," Yannuzzi said. The chief has already reduced the overtime budget to \$100,000 from \$120,000 in anticipation.

Officers voiced concern at the July 12 town meeting about the change.

Sgt. Dan Tinfina, who has been with Ocean Ridge for 21 years, pointed out that the hourly rate of overtime will also fall because it will be calculated on the lower regular hourly rate. Other towns that have made the move to 12-hour shifts have not reduced police officer's hourly wages, he said.

"Manalapan, Delray Beach, South Palm Beach and Boca Raton pay the four hours to their officers in straight time," Officer Bob Massamino told Commissioners. "There is not a reduction in hourly rate. We want what our neighbors get. As far as morale problems, you do have a morale problem."

In addition to the municipalities Massamino mentioned, Boynton Beach, Gulf Stream and the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office have made the move to 12-hour shifts, according to Yannuzzi.

Officers will be able to

choose their shift every six months, which, with planning, could give them attractive holiday periods off, Yannuzzi said. They receive four hours more in holiday pay.

The schedule means every other weekend off with a three-day weekend. "Once you go to the shift and you start to have the benefit of every other weekend off, it's hard to go back," he said.

Kaleel said, "It sounds like it's a fairer method."

If the new schedule doesn't work, the police force will go back to the old one, Yannuzzi said.

Resident John Wooten backed Yannuzzi, noting "he's manning up" in difficult economic times when cuts are necessary. While acknowledging that officers must work more hours, Wooten also said, "You can't be a good guy talking about morale right now. Man up."

Police Investigator Hal Hutchins said he'd rather see the shift change "than give what the mayor alluded to — to cut two or three positions."

Hutchinson was promoted later in July to lieutenant — second in command at the

police department — and sworn in at the Aug. 2 meeting. He was scheduled to be promoted at the start of the new budget year, Oct. 1, but Yannuzzi asked commissioners to accelerate it.

Hutchinson received a 10 percent raise, but Yannuzzi said it was a savings for the town because the lieutenant no longer can receive overtime pay or extra holiday hours.

In other business: At a July 27 budget workshop, Ocean Ridge recommended a tax rate of \$5.40 for each \$1,000 of assessed property value, to fund a \$5.3 million proposed budget.

The rate is the same as last year but will generate less tax revenue because property values have fallen 7 percent to \$678.8 million this year. The rollback rate, which would produce the same amount of tax revenue as last year, is 5.8.

The tentative 5.4 tax rate can still be lowered before the budget is adopted, but not raised. In addition to falling property values and tax revenues, state tax revenues and reduced construction required the proposed rate, the budget document said. ✦

Letters to the Editor

Dining expanded into area meant for walkers, bikers

Delray Beach's code requirement of 5-foot-wide sidewalks does not provide enough space for pedestrians to walk safely.

Not when the 5 feet includes: restaurant wait staff, customers lined up for reservations, pedestrians walking in both directions, bicycles, baby strollers, wheelchairs, in-line skaters and other obstacles.

The problem is compounded at the state road A1A sidewalk cafes when pedestrians are walking or standing in the street without

the protection that on-street parking provides.

These sidewalks were widened as part of the SR A1A Improvement Project. Now, in lieu of providing safer bike lanes or wider sidewalks for pedestrians, this space is being used for more dining tables.

A crash like the one that occurred recently on Atlantic Avenue could have been deadly had it occurred at this location.

*Jim Smith,
Delray Beach Chairman,
Safety As Floridians Expect*



Digging the dune

Dorinda Burroughs and Barbara Cook plant a silver saw palmetto at the town-owned dune parcel in late July. They were two of 18 garden club and neighborhood volunteers who joined together for a planting party. The parcel of land at the south end of Old Ocean Boulevard is being restored into a natural habitat in a joint project funded by the Ocean Ridge Garden Club and the Grass River Garden Club. Two more planting parties are planned for late August and mid-September.

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of relief," he said.

Opponents to the project, though, say questions about its impact have only begun and go beyond the matters of aesthetics, resources, drainage, emergency services and traffic they already have raised as objections to the plan.

Robert Ganger, president of the Florida Coalition for Preservation called the project "a benchmark — because it's gone from 23 residential units per acre, which was all the old Sea Horse had for 50 years. The county has a policy that it shall not approve any increases in residential density in coastal high-hazard areas."

About 150 feet of the project is set to be built east of the Coastal Construction Line, where the amount of sand on the beach can fluctuate greatly in response to weather.

Sharing Ganger's concern was Reef Rescue Director Ed Tichenor, who, immediately before the approval, sent McGillis a letter asking him to consider the environmental effects of the project.

"As we have all seen when facilities are constructed too near the water's edge, a series of cascading events initiate which exacerbated beach erosion," he wrote.

Tichenor added increased demand for expensive and controversial beach renourishment projects is one of the consequences of coastal construction.

"We fall into this situation where approvals are given to build very close to the ocean,"



Rendering of Sea Horse project shows five stories facing A1A and six on the beach. Palm Beach County Zoning Division

he added. "You have people believing, rightly or wrongly, that the beach used to be 200 feet wider. Maybe it was, in the brochure. People move in and become worried about being swept away. And they want sand."

The county Department of Environmental Resources Management does not have the authority to stop the project, Robert Kraus, a senior site planner at the department said.

But the department did add a note to the approved plan for the site saying that no public funds will be used to fortify its beach or enhance its shoreline.

"That's the one thing we can do," Kraus said. "Because they're making the situation worse."

In addition to questions of precedent and environmental impact, the size of the planned Sea Horse site project, which now lies in a county pocket considered for annexation by both Boynton Beach and Gulf Stream, could also decide what

city its dwellers can claim as their home.

Residents of condominiums neighboring the site, many of whom already use "Gulf Stream" in the return addresses of their printed stationery, have petitioned the town to take the pocket of land, overwhelmingly favoring being included in that town over becoming Boynton Beach residents.

In turn, Gulf Stream officials had hoped the chance to call their town home might sway developers to build a more modest project, hinting that the existing plan, with its number of units, stories and "a lot of glass," could be a deal-breaker to becoming part of the town.

"Less units with a Gulf Stream address is probably worth more than more units with a Boynton Beach address," Gulf Stream Mayor Bill Koch noted in an early July meeting.

"I think it would be preferable," Vail conceded. "I think it would be crazy not

to say that. It's just common sense. The flaw in it is that area doesn't really look like Gulf Stream to begin with. We are where we are. And we're fine with that."

The planned six-story building will neighbor an existing seven-story building on one side, a five-story building on the other side, and an eight-story building diagonally across the street.

Vail adds, "We don't want it to be an eyesore. We don't want it to stick out." And he says his company has worked with neighboring residents to meet their concerns.

After the approval Koch sympathized with neighbors of the project, though, adding that their prospects of becoming official Gulf Stream residents appeared dimmer.

"That's the way the cookie crumbles," he said.

Ganger, of the Preservation Coalition, agrees that the new condominium will be in line with its surrounding

structures.

"That's because they're all too tall," he said.

Ganger hopes the project will inspire towns along the coast, from Manalapan to Delray Beach, to work collaboratively.

"The Sea Horse project is a wake-up call — another wake-up call," he said, after the plan was approved. "We have to come to some agreement that we live by common rules."

He described his vision.

"We all agree that we're not going above four stories. We all agree we're not going to increase population density. We can then plan our infrastructure needs as a barrier island." Those needs include water supply, waste disposal and emergency services, he said. "A master plan, if you will."

He still hopes the plan for the Sea Horse site is open to change. Either way, he added, "We have a noble task ahead of us." 

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Briny Breezes**Mayor tells board to look for replacement**

By Emily J. Minor

Briny Breezes Mayor Roger Bennett told town officials recently they need to plan for his retirement. He wants to give up the mayor's seat so he and his wife, Barbara, can do some more traveling.

"I would like you to really consider a plan of action so I can resign," Bennett said at the July 22 town meeting.

His colleagues on the board groaned their displeasure, but indicated they understood.

Bennett said he's been dealing with some health issues recently and would like to leave office while he's still well enough to do some traveling. He and his wife just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

"What I was really interested in doing was planting the idea," he said later. "I didn't want to spring it on them."

He said he is prepared to serve as mayor for another few months.

Bennett has been mayor for 3 1/2 years, and says the most

challenging task, to date, was the Evaluation and Appraisal Report.

The EAR is a state-required progress report on the town's growth goals. Also at the July meeting, town officials indicated there would be no change in the town's tax rate for the coming year.

Last year, Briny grabbed attention across South Florida for levying the highest rate allowed under state law: \$10 for every \$1,000 of taxable property.

Compared to what residents were paying before, it was a 262 percent increase.

Bennett said the budget would be in good shape largely because the new police contract with Ocean Ridge will save the town an estimated \$150,000 over the next three years. The current service contract with Boynton Beach ends in October.

The town's estimated \$740,000 budget is still in draft form, but final adoption is scheduled for Sept. 23. 

Delray Beach

Paid-parking proposal for downtown meets resistance

By Margie Plunkett

A recent study of parking in downtown Delray Beach would remove a feature that some merchants believe keeps the shopping area bustling — free parking.

The study by Kimley-Horn Associates Inc., which was presented at community meetings in July, recommends metering Atlantic Avenue and other downtown areas that are now free in an effort to ease traffic congestion that has resulted from the town's successful growth. Part of a larger parking-management plan, fees for parking would be set at various levels to steer motorists who want to park longer term away from the closest downtown on-street parking.

Some merchants think taking away free parking downtown will drive shoppers out of town. "All we're doing is shifting them to the malls," said Carole Lynn of Forms Gallery on Atlantic Avenue, who attended one of the community meetings.

Connie Wichman, who has worked at Mercer Wenzel Department Store on Atlantic Avenue for 39 years, agreed. "I think they'll be making a big mistake. It will not be the friendly image we're trying to project. It will alienate people."

The study says lack of adequate and available parking can result in loss of economic activity.

In addition to evaluating the city's parking supply and operations downtown, the study also was intended, it said, "to identify strategies to efficiently manage and to offset the city/CRA's expenditures for parking."

The core of downtown has 547 designated on-street parking spaces, according to the study's count.

Parking is free and is limited to a maximum two hours from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., except for valet parking spaces. There also are some five-minute parking spaces. Parking is enforced with tickets written for violators, according to the study, which says on-street parking is used heavily by customers, business

owners and employees.

The study recommends that the first 20 minutes of parking should be free, and following that the fee should be \$1.25 an hour for parking in the downtown core, extending the same rates that are now charged on Atlantic Avenue east of the Intracoastal Waterway. Off-street parking would cost \$1 per hour with a maximum of \$5 for the day.

The area east of the Intracoastal has had on-street paid parking since 2002, a measure that helped redirect beachgoers to parking along A1A and allow shoppers to use the Atlantic Avenue parking, according to the study.

"I think it (paid downtown parking) is a horrible ideal," said Lynn. "We've talked to many of our customers, they like the ambiance of a little town, that this town gives them the opportunity to relax and shop — and not have to feed a meter."

Residents don't mind paying to park for dining — looking at it as part of the

cost of entertainment, but the attitude is different among shoppers, Wichman said. "I do not want to pay — to put money in a parking meter — to buy a pair of pantyhose at Mercer Wenzel. To pay money to shop is not right."

Longer-term parking by employees and visitors who want to spend more time downtown should be in off-street facilities. If employees and business owners take up the close, on-street spaces, patrons could be discouraged from visiting, the study says.

Wichman, however, says while one or two employees may use Atlantic for parking, employees overall don't take up the on-site parking spaces. "Everyone knows where to park," she said, adding that the parking garages are not in convenient places.

The cost to put in pay stations for on-street parking and surface lots downtown would be about \$1.4 million, the study says.



Delray commission raises tax rate; hopes to reduce it later

By Margie Plunkett

Delray Beach commissioners approved a tax rate slightly higher than last year's, but hope to lower it a little by making more budget cuts.

Commissioners can still reduce the preliminary rate of \$7.41 per \$1,000 of assessed property value before adopting their budget. But they can't increase it.

Town Manager David Harden recommended a rate of at least \$7.59, but commissioners went with the lower limit after a great deal of deliberation at their Aug. 3 meeting. The approved rate would produce about \$2 million less in tax revenue than the recommended one. Last year's rate was \$7.19.

Delray Beach is looking at possible measures to make up its budget shortfall

by dipping into reserves, furloughs and even new revenue from parking meters, according to Harden. No layoffs are planned at this point. Harden has presented a possible \$7 million in cuts.

During a public hearing earlier in the evening, residents asked commissioners not to raise the tax rate and to make cuts, even if difficult. "We expect our elected officials to make those tough

decisions we elected you to make," said Jayne Stroshein-Rousseau, government affairs chair of the Realtors Association of the Palm Beaches.

This year's tax rate funds a budget with departmental spending requests totaling \$97.3 million — after two rounds of cuts, according to a staff memo. That's \$624,513 over the previous budget.



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Along the Avenues

Celebrity chefs find recipes for success in hotel restaurants

Let's face it, chefs are sexy, the new rock stars. And for those who love TV dinners, *Top Chef* is the ultimate. Culinary gladiators square off with saucepans and skewers in a wild and tasty quest for fortune and fame. The latest series is even more inviting to the local crowd because one of the competitors has a local hook. Actually, several.

Just a few weeks ago, **Kenny Gilbert** became executive chef at **PGA Resort & Spa**, but he's hardly a newcomer to these parts. Originally from the Cleveland lakeshore suburb of Euclid, he brought his Southern-influenced international style south more than a decade ago, exec cheffing at the **Ritz-Carlton Golf Club & Spa** in Jupiter and then at **BallenIsles Country Club** in Palm Beach Gardens before running off to Telluride, Colo., for a few years.

The Ritz, of course, still likes to claim Kenny, and in fact, last winter at the **Ritz-Carlton Palm Beach** in Manalapan, he was a star

at the annual **Food for the Poor** fund-raiser. His chosen dish: bison.

Of course, the Palm Beach heavens are filled with culinary stars. Before he left for a big gig in Miami and more recently Kenya, **Hubert DesMarais** put **The Four Seasons** on the map, a reputation continued by **Darryl Moiles**. **Daniel Boulud** makes frequent visits to his **Café Boulud** at **The Brazilian Court** in Palm Beach, while its sister hotel, **The Omphoy**, boasts **Michelle Bernstein**.

Tales of two cities: Last month, Lake Worth Mayor **Rene Varela** complained of drunken spending and pledged to cut \$4.5 million from the city's budget. Some of the oomph seems to be leaving downtown. Latest to go is **Miami Subs** at the corner of Lake and Dixie, and the raucous **Ouzo Blue**, open only a year and a half, shut down a few weeks ago, as did its sibling in Palm Beach Gardens. A greater loss is **L'Anjou**, its lace curtains drawn for good after



Bethesda Next Chairman Perry Diamond III (r) presents the "Best Bites" Award to Prime Catch Sous Chef Michael Pritcher and Executive Chef John Bonk for their chilled avocado soup and seared scallop dishes at Bethesda Hospital Foundation's Bethesda Next young professionals 'Lite Bites' and Summer Nights' event July 22. Photo courtesy of the Bethesda Hospital Foundation



Lake Worth has tapped REG Architects to design the renovation of its 1922 beachfront casino, with colonnaded archways, towers and a tiled roof. Illustration courtesy of the city of Lake Worth

more than three decades of French cuisine and a lasting memory as a backdrop in **Body Heat**.

Not all the losses are culinary. Those with a taste for things old, really old, will have to shop elsewhere now that **Yesterday's Antique Mall** has shuttered. Mall owner **Steve Gaffney** said

he was offered a new lease and higher rent, too. It hasn't helped, he said, that eBay has become such a big player in the antiques world.

Building owner **Cimaglia Holdings LLC** of Pompano Beach claims to have a new tenant, but has not said who it is.

So much for glum: Out on the beach, Lake Worth has asked **REG Architects** to design the renovation of the beachfront casino. When the original building went up in 1922, gambling was legal. A1A ran between the casino and the ocean and bathers took an underpass to the beach. A1A is farther west now, well off the dune line, on filled land, and the casinos are elsewhere, but architect **Rick Gonzalez** has done his best to reclaim the original design with colonnaded archways, towers and tiled roof.

Gonzalez comes with impressive credentials. Projects include the **Harriet Himmel Theater** in **CityPlace**, the 1916

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Manalapan

Gerrard resigns as mayor citing 'pressing family issues'

By Tim O'Meilia

Manalapan Mayor Tom Gerrard, who served on the Town Commission for more than six years, resigned suddenly July 28.

"Pressing family issues require that I spend extended amounts of time away from the town and the state," he wrote in a five-sentence resignation letter delivered to Town Hall.

Gerrard said his resignation had nothing to do with recent criticism from a town commissioner and others that he acted out of self-interest in proposing a new law on turtle lighting that is less restrictive than Palm Beach County's.

Gerrard left for Big Sky, Mont., where other members of his family live and where he has a home. He anticipated spending most of the rest of the year there.

"Obviously I can't be effective when I'm not there," he said before he departed.

Gerrard was present for the July 27 Town Commission meeting, which was cancelled for lack of a quorum. He gave no hint of his intention to resign then.

"I enjoyed my time on the commission," he said. "It was a good experience for me and the net result is that we've



Gerrard

come a long way during that time."

He was appointed mayor in October 2008 after William Benjamin

resigned and was elected to a full two-year term in March 2009. He was a member of the town's Architectural Commission when he was similarly appointed to the Town Commission in February 2004. He won full terms in 2005 and 2007. He never faced opposition in his three runs for office.

Gerrard, 63, moved to Manalapan in the mid-1990s after retiring from the telecommunications industry.

"He was an absolutely fabulous mayor. He did an excellent job," said six-year Commissioner Kelly Gottlieb.

"We were without a town manager for several months and he stepped in, not acting as a town manager, but helping the staff along and making things happen," she said. "We're going to miss him."

Commissioner Louis DeStefano also praised Gerrard. "I am sorry he's got personal issues. He was very good for our town, very

conscientious," he said.

Commissioner Howard Roder, who was critical of Gerrard's proposal to replace the county's turtle protection ordinance with the town's own, could not be reached for comment.

Gerrard wanted the town to opt out of the county ordinance that prohibited lighting visible from the beach. The town's regulation would say that lighting couldn't be visible at a height of three feet, among other things. He described the county's rules as "draconian."

Roder accused Gerrard of acting out of self-interest. Gerrard was in the process of installing lighting and a fire pit on his property.

In response, Gerrard said that his construction permits conformed to the current county regulations, that he resented being accused of misconduct and that he was acting only in the town's interest.

The commission postponed action on the turtle protection ordinance until year's end.

Roder also challenged the mayor's authority to ask the town attorney to draft ordinances. The commission is composing a written procedure for drafting ordinances.

By charter, the commission has 45 days to appoint a replacement for the mayor. In the past, the commission has appointed one of its own to the mayoral post. If that happens, commissioners would have another 45 days to appoint a new commissioner.

After discussion at the commission's August 4 meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Robert Evans suggested town residents submit nominations for both mayor and commissioner to the Town

Hall in advance of their next scheduled meeting on August 17.

With mandated budget hearings scheduled for September, the commission discussed the urgency to fill the positions to assure a quorum at those hearings.

"We have a new town manager and I'm sure the commissioners will carry on well without me," Gerrard added. He said he hoped to be back in Manalapan by the December holidays.

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Palm Beach County Courthouse restoration, the **International Polo Club** in Wellington and the new ballroom at **The Mar-a-Lago Club**.

The city believes it can come up with the \$6.5 million for the project. Hope so. In 1921, the city signed a contract for \$99,500, but by the time the casino, underpass and pier were done, the cost was \$150,000.

While Lake Worth is smarting, down in Delray Beach, they're playing it smart. According to the most recent count, says **Marjorie Ferrer** of the Downtown Development Authority, Delray has 102 restaurants in the downtown area, which could keep a body busy for quite some time. **Tastemakers of Delray** may help ease the load. It's a two-day restaurant crawl (Aug. 13 and 14, 5-10 p.m.), with 24 of the town's best offering menu tastings paired with wine, beer or cocktails. Examples: Anticuchos (marinated skirt steak skewers) at **Cabana El Rey** with a Santa Rita 120 Cabernet Sauvignon, Thai chicken in a traditional sweet red chili sauce paired with a Blackstone Pinot Grigio at **Ziree** or chocolate mousse with a Marcel Martin sparkling wine at **Café de France**.

To crawl, you'll need a

passport: \$25, available at the participating restaurants above and **Sundy House**, **Tryst**, **The Blue Fish**, 32 East, **Olio**, **Linda Bean's Perfect Maine**, **Il Bacio**, **Taste Gastropub**, **Brule Bistro**, **City Oyster & Sushi Bar**, **Cugini Grille**, **Johnnie Brown's**, **Paddy McGee's Irish Pub**, **GOL! The Taste of Brazil**, **Crepes by the Sea**, **Cut 432**, **Lemongrass**, **J&J Seafood**, **Caffe Luna Rosa**, **Boheme Bistro** and **Boston's on the Beach**.

The passport also provides admission to after-parties and drink specials, plus special savings through Sept. 30 at participating restaurants. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society. For more info, call the DDA at (561) 243-1077.

Carl DeSantis, who made billions with Rexall Sundown vitamins, wants to pump some new life into some properties he owns. DeSantis owns all of the land on the north side of Atlantic Avenue from Northeast Sixth Avenue to Veterans Park along the Intracoastal. It's only 8.5 acres, but in **Atlantic Plaza II**, DeSantis envisions a \$325-million complex — 182,000 square feet of retail space, 106,000 square feet for offices and 197 residences.

To run the show, DeSantis' **CDS International Holdings** has hired **Bill Morris** as vice president for development. Morris' recent development

credentials include Delray's 217-unit **Worthing Place** and the 255-unit **Palmetto Place** in Boca Raton. This project may be his longest, with a phased-in five- to seven-year buildout. An abandoned gas station at the corner of Atlantic and Fifth already is gone and some other small buildings, including DeSantis' former antiques shop and art gallery (currently home to the Delray Beach Antique Mall), won't be far behind. The biggest chunk, **Atlantic Plaza**, also will be razed, but DeSantis will see that all those tenants have new locations.

If you enjoy being green, drop by **Crane's BeachHouse** in Delray Aug. 19 from 6-8:30 p.m. for the inaugural **Green M&Ms Party**. It's a fund-raiser for two of the greenest operations around: the **Friends of the Mounds Botanical Garden** in West Palm Beach and the Everglades-protecting **Arthur R. Marshall Foundation**. Lots of tree-huggers and swamp-sloggers, plus a raffle, live music, hors d'oeuvres and a free drink. Donation is \$25. Inquiries and reservations to garyschwei@aol.com.



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LAA teams with town to keep up sports fields; tax rate holds

By Margie Plunkett

Lantana has approved a lease deal with the Lantana Athletic Association that gives it use of a portion of the Sports Complex for free in exchange for maintaining the quadruplex for the next baseball and softball season.

"We hand over the keys and they're charged with handing it back in at least as good condition as it is," Town Manager Mike Bornstein said. Lantana will continue to maintain the irrigation system.

The town made the arrangement with the LAA after a tight budget put the Sports Complex operation on the chopping block. The town said it no longer could shell out the operating costs as its budget

revenues from property taxes continued to fall in response to the declining housing market.

"It's really a good way to use the fields," said council member Elizabeth Tennyson. "They're really bigger than the town can afford in a good year."

The Lake Worth Sharks also have scheduled a meeting with Lantana's town manager to discuss a potential deal for another area of the Sports Complex.

While the Sports Complex typically closes in August to let the fields rest, Bornstein said, it had already closed by late July because Lantana didn't have the staffing to cover it. Resident Christopher Smith wondered why the town can't keep the Sports Complex open as a grassy park, where he as a

runner as well as others could enjoy the open fields.

"If you do that it becomes highly trafficked by a lot of people — and there are a lot of impacts," Bornstein said. "We still owe money on it. We pay \$125,000 a year just in debt service. If we let just anyone use it, it will decay beyond repair. And passive parks still require a lot of maintenance.

"I just would hate to see the space lost," Smith said.

Council members also took budget action at the meeting, holding the tax rate steady at \$3.24 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Even though Lantana is fiscally conservative and trying to hold the line on taxes, Bornstein said, residents will still see an increase on tax bills because of county rates.

Bornstein will draft a letter to county commissioners on behalf of Lantana council members, outlining the municipality's plan to hold the tax rate and asking them to do the same.

Lantana's total taxable value fell 17 percent to \$722.5 million. The mayor pointed out that the town has seen its tax rate drop by half since 2002, moving from \$7 per \$1,000 then to \$3.24 this year. The tax rate is still tentative and can be decreased — but not increased. But holding the line on taxes has resulted in budget cost cutting that has meant measures like turning over partial operation of the Sports Complex to the LAA because it's too expensive for the town to run. Other budget

cuts have come in the form of a six-month-early retirement for Police Chief Rick Lincoln and the cutting of two police captains' positions as one will become the police chief and the second is departing voluntarily.

For the third year, town employees won't have cost-of-living increases, Mayor David Stewart said, and he praised town staffers for their valiant attempts to balance the budget that have brought them into range with an \$87,000 deficit remaining.

"This budget does take out all the fluff, any basic nice little things that we try to do in the town," Stewart said. "There are no extras. We're just providing basic services to keep the tax the same."



Shrinking sands

When Tropical Storm Bonnie skirted South Florida in late July, it kicked up rough waves that made for good surfing at Lantana's public beach for Boynton Beach surfer Mike Lovell (above). It also made for a high tide that submerged a few sea turtle nests in South Palm Beach (right). Photos by Jerry Lower



Town lets fans keep music playing until 11 p.m.

By Tim O'Meilia

Let the music play on, play on, play on.

That's the Lionel Richie *All Night Long* message most of the nearly 200 people who attended the Lantana Town Council meeting July 12 delivered.

By a 4-0 vote, music lovers and partygoers persuaded the Town Council to drop a proposed ban on outdoor music at sidewalk cafes after 9 p.m.

Instead, the council will allow the town's current noise regulations banning "loud and raucous" noise, especially after 11 p.m., to control the Ocean Avenue waterfront.

"The economy is not in great shape. Businesses are closing down. This is not very friendly for the business owner," said Wayne Cordero, owner of the Old Key Lime House on Ocean Avenue, which has outdoor seating on the Intracoastal Waterway and late-night live music.

Cordero submitted a petition of what he said were the signatures of 2,700 people opposing the 9 p.m. outdoor music cutoff.

"We're probably the nosiest place in town" yet the Old Key Lime House has had only five complaints in the past year, he said.

Another restaurateur who has yet to open also complained of the proposal.

"This will destroy the development and beautification of Lantana. This does not make any sense whatsoever," said Leopold Balistrieri, who plans to open Apicius Ristorante and Enoteca, a restaurant and wine bar, later this summer at the former Il Trullo site.

"I didn't think Frank Sinatra was that noisy," he

said.

Residents filled the 125-person council chambers and left more than 50 more people outside listening on loudspeakers. Ironically, the discussion ended at 9:30 p.m., 30 minutes after the proposed music shutdown.

The limit on outdoor music was part of an annual zoning code revision. Outdoor cafes had not been regulated previously under town ordinances and all recommendations except the music limit were approved with little discussion.

Only a handful of the 27 people who spoke supported the 9 p.m. cutoff.

"Sometimes it's just noise to me," said Alfred Brode, who lives three houses away from the Old Key Lime House. "If you had a home close and listened to music and noise every day ..." he said.

Sandra Picone, another nearby resident, said she couldn't go outside some nights because the music was too loud. She also questioned whether many of the 2,700 signatures on the petition were from town residents.

Both the Greater Lantana Chamber of Commerce and the Old Village Point Association, an Ocean Avenue condominium, opposed the limit.

And Police Capt. Jeff Tyson said restaurant owners always cooperated when noise complaints were made, although there were few.

Although Councilwoman Elizabeth Tennyson sympathized with the residents who were disturbed by the music, she asked, "Is there anything to guarantee a resident can sit in his yard and not have to listen to someone else's music?"



Along the Coast

New numbers to call for injured wildlife

As of July 1, Palm Beach County Animal Care and Control will no longer pick up injured wild animals.

If you find injured birds or wildlife in need of rescue, contact one of these two

organizations:

- Busch Wildlife Sanctuary in Jupiter: 561-575-3399

- SPCA Wildlife Care Center in Fort. Lauderdale: 954-524-4302

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South Palm Beach

Lively meeting generates shout-fest, ballot items and a tentative tax rate

By Tim O'Meilia

A heated argument between the South Palm Beach mayor and a council member ignited an extended round of shouting and catcalling from residents who attended the July 27 Town Council meeting.

At the center of it all: the Palm Beach Oceanfront Inn.

By the time the four-hour meeting concluded, the council denied an appeal by the owners of the 58-unit motel to operate watercraft and the council tentatively approved placing two charter questions on the March 8 ballot that would limit the inn's expansion, if approved. All by 3-2 votes.

The dispute began when Councilwoman Stella Jordan tried to block Mayor Martin Millar from allowing a lawyer for the inn to plead the watercraft case directly to the council. Town Manager Rex Taylor and Town Attorney Brad Biggs had previously denied several attempts by the inn to obtain permission to operate watercraft.

Jordan asked for a motion to put the vice mayor in charge of the meeting, but Millar said, "I will not pass the gavel. Over my dead body."

The argument raged for 20 minutes and audience members shouted and hooted, primarily at Jordan. Police Chief Roger Crane escorted one woman away from the dais after she approached Jordan's seat.

Inn attorney Eric Christu argued that the motel was entitled to operate the watercraft as part of its state-recognized riparian rights.

Biggs' opinion was that allowing the watercraft operation was an expansion of the motel's use and not allowed because the motel, the only commercial building in town, is a non-conforming use and expanding a non-conforming use is prohibited.

"So, anything they want to let people do: go in a canoe, ride a bicycle, is an expansion?" asked Christu.

Millar and Councilman Brian Merbler's support of the appeal was defeated by Jordan, Vice Mayor Donald Clayman and Councilwoman Susan Lillybeck.

The same voting division held true on the two proposed charter changes. Jordan argued that a charter vote would put the issue in the hands of the voters rather than in the council's.

Twice since 2005, the council has turned down proposals to convert the hotel into a luxury hotel-condominium of more than 10 stories.

One change would limit buildings east of A1A to a 60-foot height, not including a one-story ground-floor garage. The other would prohibit new non-residential uses and ban the expansion of current non-residential uses, except public buildings.

Millar noted that both items are already in the town's land use plan and zoning code.

"Your whole intention is to target the Palm Beach Oceanfront Inn," he said.

Christu, the inn's lawyer, said neither Jordan nor Lillybeck should be allowed to vote on the issue, claiming they have a conflict of interest. Both live next to the motel.

Christu said both spearheaded opposition to the motel expansion as members of SPB Preservation Inc. Both have denied being members.

In other business, the council set a tentative tax rate of \$4.50 per \$1,000 of taxable property value and agreed to schedule a workshop to discuss budget details. No date was set. Tax rates can be lowered before final approval in September but not increased.

Taylor, the town manager, proposed a budget based on a 4.3174 tax rate. The town's property values fell 14.3 percent from last year.

The manager proposed no pay or cost-of-living increases for town employees and the elimination of one police officer position, leaving the force with eight. Taylor recently fired a 10-year officer and the position will not be filled.

"I will guarantee it will not go down," said Millar, who voted against the tentative tax rate. "I don't see anyone on this council lowering that millage rate."

The town's present rate is \$7.65, but next year the cost of fire-rescue service will not be included in the town budget. Taxpayers will be billed separately.

Palm Beach County Fire-Rescue has proposed a 3.4581 rate for next year. For comparison, the combined rate of 7.7755 is 1.6 percent higher than the present rate.

The town would collect about \$300,000 less in property tax next year, not including fire-rescue costs.

Taylor said taxpayers would pay \$165 less on average on the town portion of their tax bills.

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Along the Coast

Beach tar's trail can be determined with tests

By Antigone Barton

While authorities now say oil from BP's Deepwater Horizon drill site may never show up on local beaches, they want residents to continue reporting any oil or tar they find along the shore.

Whether it turns out to have come from the BP disaster or from a ship's bilge, the aim is the same: accountability.

Any tar balls reported will be packaged as hazardous material and overnighted by FedEx to a United States Coast Guard laboratory in Connecticut, to be cleaned, dried and tested to determine their origin.

"Did you know they can 'fingerprint' tar balls?" Delray resident Laurie Clare asked recently. "I didn't."

Clare, a habitual beach walker, learned of this intersection of science and detective work right before the Fourth of July, when she found a glob of tar on the beach.

"I stepped in it!" she said. "Remember when they used to have kerosene at all the beach exits to get tar off?"

Without that option, she wore it home, where she went online and contacted BP. The company, in turn, referred her to the Coast Guard. A Coast Guard officer came by the next day to pick up the plastic bag to which she had transferred the tar.

"They've been incredible," Clare said.

"Have been," because they've returned two more times to pick up tar that Clare has encountered on the beach in her half-mile walk north from Delray Beach's Atlantic Avenue area.

None of it, authorities confirm, has come from the BP site.

"That makes me even madder," said Clare, pointing out that in addition to the fouling of ocean waters from the BP disaster, boat owners continue to pollute the waters.

Heightened awareness of beach tar has made oil and water a harder mix to ignore than ever, though.

"I've been stationed here for two years," said Lt. Rodney Wert of the U.S. Coast Marine Safety Detachment, Lake Worth, which covers from Melbourne to Lantana.

"In the past two years before the spill, I never got a report of a tar ball. We've had 142 reports of tar balls since the spill — all the way down to Miami. It's been quite a change."

The tar that has been found so far in this area came from ships, or from natural seepage from the ocean floor, Wert said.

Local oil response by the numbers

Since the April Deepwater Horizon explosion, and as of July 23:

- 366 people in Palm Beach County have contacted the Palm Beach County Emergency Operations Center to volunteer to participate in any local response efforts.
- The Palm Beach County Emergency Operations Center has received 38 calls reporting tar balls.
- The State Emergency Operations Center has received: 695 reports of tar balls 213 reports of tar patties 97 reports of tar mats 161 reports of oil sheen

Total oil and tar reports by South Florida county:

- Palm Beach, 43
- Broward, 37
- Miami-Dade, 52
- Monroe, 53

In the Connecticut laboratory, all of it has been compared to oil known to come from the spill, through computer-generated graphs of the chemical makeup of each sample.

This has kept the laboratory in Connecticut, which still stores samples from the Exxon Valdes, a busy place, Marine Science Technician Matthew Tyson said.

But polluting events — both purposeful and accidental — are not so rare to make this event stand-alone. "Caseloads fluctuate," Tyson said.

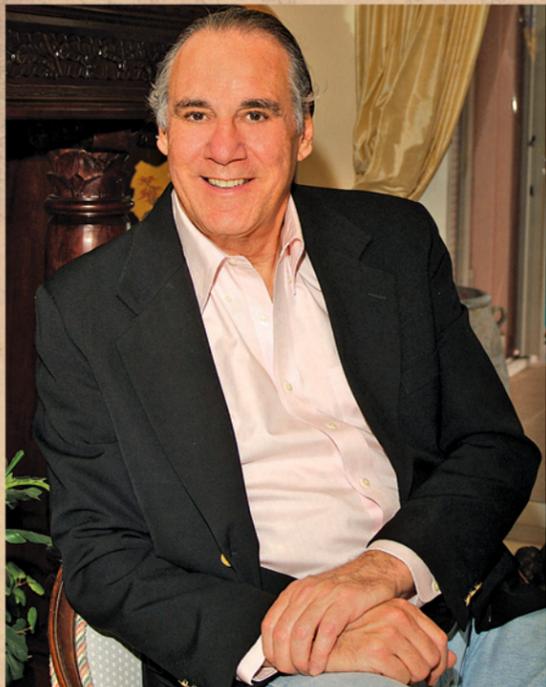
Still, even on the brightest day, a walk along the shoreline has taken on a grim aspect since the explosion that pumped several million gallons of crude oil a day into the Gulf of Mexico.

"I don't live here to walk on the beach and get tar between my toes," said Clare. "You kind of get used to just looking for shells."

Clare hopes that outrage over the BP disaster, and the Coast Guard's swift response, will lead more beach walkers to notice and report tar on their shores.

"If everyone did this, we could find out where it's coming from." ✦

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Delray Beach

Medfly eradication efforts seem to be working

By Jan Norris

The Mediterranean fruit fly invasion is likely on its last wings, according to Mark Fagan, spokesman for the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services — the agency responsible for containing the pest.

“We did a full life-cycle test and are in the middle of the second one, and are projecting Sept. 1 as the day that we hope to get permission to declare eradication,” Fagan said.

Since June 2, when the first fruit flies were found in one of the hundreds of traps hung in mango, loquat and sour orange trees in the Delray Beach area, the agency has put “all hands on deck” to fight the outbreak of *ceratitis capitata* — medfly. If left to multiply, the fly invasion could cost the state billions in crop losses.



Medfly traps have become a common sight in our area. Photo by Jerry Lower

The last outbreak was more than a decade ago and efforts have been steady to prevent another, with more than 60,000 traps set around the state.

“We credit the diligence of the state workers who found the

first flies so we were able to put all efforts into eradication.”

It’s believed that fruits brought in from the Caribbean, perhaps by a boater or private plane, could have been the source of the fly, but Fagan said it’s difficult to pinpoint. “We’ve had agents going door to door to ascertain the source, but we’ve been unable to turn up anything yet.”

The fly’s threat is not to human health, but to the economy that depends on fruits and vegetables. A number of tropical fruits including citrus, winter vegetables and others — 250-plus plants — could be lost to the fly that lays its eggs, hatches, and rots the fruit as it thrives and reproduces in astronomical numbers within only one life-cycle, a seven-day period.

“The summer heat works in our favor — the hotter it is, the shorter the life span,” Fagan

said.

The state took immediate action to prevent the outbreak, releasing millions of sterile flies by air and on the ground in the target areas. A quarantine was issued for a 90-mile radius centering in eastern Delray Beach.

No fruits can be moved out of the area or sold unless consumed on the seller’s property, or as processed (cut and frozen) while the quarantine is in place.

Two commercial groves in the area were affected: Truly Tropical in Delray Beach, and Zill Mangoes in Boynton Beach. No trees were destroyed at either property, Fagan said.

It may be a few weeks more, Fagan said, before mango sales can get back to normal. “Even if we receive declaration of the eradication, the state may want us to go through one more life cycle just to be safe.”

Landscapers also were put on alert not to remove any fruit from yards or take them from the quarantined area.

“They signed compliance agreements, where we explained one-on-one — here’s what you can do and what you must do.”

Homeowners are still asked to cooperate — allowing traps to be hung in their trees, and to dispose of mangoes in their trash, by double-bagging them and putting them in the regular trash — not the landscaping refuse.

“We need to minimize the risk of movement of the flies,” Fagan said. “It’s an abundance of caution and we appreciate the cooperation of the public in helping us.”

To keep up with current regulations or to learn more about the medfly quarantine, call the state’s helpline at (888) 397-1517.



Waste-contract inquiry concludes with aim to fix flaws in process

By Margie Plunkett

Delray Beach finished sifting through its trash in July, ending an investigation of refuse hauler Waste Management’s billing that turned up about \$76,000 due the city and several poor business practices. No impropriety on the part of either party was discerned.

The nearly six-month inquiry, powered by at least 1,780 man hours, was spurred by an initial investigation by resident Ken McNamee. Commissioners assigned the Financial Review Board in February to study the questions of whether Delray Beach was receiving all its franchise fees from Waste Management and if the city was overpaying on residential services.

“This has been a very long and painful process,” said Commissioner Fred Fetzer. “I’ve learned a lot from the process and the city staff

has. We have to make some safeguards that it doesn’t happen again.”

The review found relatively small sums due for franchise fees and residential collection that Waste Management has now paid, according to Rich Reade, the city liaison with Waste Management who gave the final report to commissioners on July 13. It also helped the staff identify more effective practices.

On the commercial side, three franchise fees and administrative fees were not paid to the city, totaling about \$53,000. On the residential side, the review found the city overpaid by about \$65,000. The amount was reduced to \$26,000 after deducting sidewalk container disposal services that Delray Beach owed.

The study also found that unit counts were sometimes inaccurate; invoices occasionally required adjusting before the city paid

and invoices sometimes had incorrect service dates.

It also turned up an “inadvertently missed” city payment of \$177,926 in 2005 that was identified after an employee’s concerns of whether payments were made in advance or arrears. Fetzer called the unpaid bill part of “a quarter-million-dollar question mark hanging over me.”

Waste Management representative Butch Carter explained that the missed payment was a result of nomenclature changes in whether the billings were in arrears or advance after Waste Management bought the assets of the former refuse company. The company did not pursue the payment, he said.

As a result of the review, the city identified a number of processes to improve accuracy of billing, including: coordinating with the trash contractor to ensure all new rates are used; including a

monthly rate structure in the annual rate ordinance; taking franchise fees one month in arrears to allow a monthly analysis of revenue earned; spot checking accounts; requiring Waste Management to make written notice of any problems or changes that may affect revenue; and allowing one sector of the city to vote on whether it still wanted to receive rear-door service.

McNamee brought concerns with Waste Management’s billing to commissioners’ attention after realizing he was billed for rear-door pick up at his house that he didn’t use, according to Commissioner Gary Eliopoulos.

The issue later led to a vote of no confidence against City Manager David Harden, because McNamee’s concerns weren’t resolved as quickly as commissioners deemed appropriate. In February, the mayor formalized the review of the Waste Management billing

and turned it over to the FRB.

After Reade presented the final report, Commissioner Angeleta Gray pointed to the \$26,000 figure and said, “Is that all we came up with?”

“The analysis found sloppiness on our part and Waste Management’s part,” Harden said, explaining that the city has come up with processes to avoid future inaccuracies. However, he said, “You’re dealing with 25,000 to 30,000 counts; it’s not uncommon to have some errors.”

“It’s been a long, arduous, tedious process,” Mayor Woodie McDuffy said, noting the biggest gain was gleaning the kinks in the process. “We need to be in constant vigil watching the contracts in the city. Waste Management has acted in good faith. No one here acted improperly. The flaws in procedure need to be corrected and corrected now.”



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THE STRONGS

RIGHT: Most people have seen Sande Strong behind the counter at Sande's Restaurant might be surprised to see how much room she has in the galley of her boat in Delray Beach.

BELOW: A functional gas fireplace fills a former storage cabinet aboard the Miss Sande.

Photos by Jerry Lower



LIVE ABOARD:

Continued from page 1

villa in Boynton Beach. And though the Strongns have always wanted to live on the water, Sande admits she's terrified of it because she doesn't know how to swim.

So why live on a boat?

"Look around you," Sande Strong said while fixing a drink. "We used to come by here all the time and Jim used to say, 'That's where we're going to live someday.'"

There are 24 slips at the marina and 14 house live-aboards. It can take months and sometimes years of waiting for one to become available. The Strongns made it to the top of the list twice before accepting the invitation the third time around.

The inside of their boat looks more like an apartment, with three flat-screen televisions, a beautiful living room, lots of storage space and a dog named Emma, who greets everyone who comes aboard.

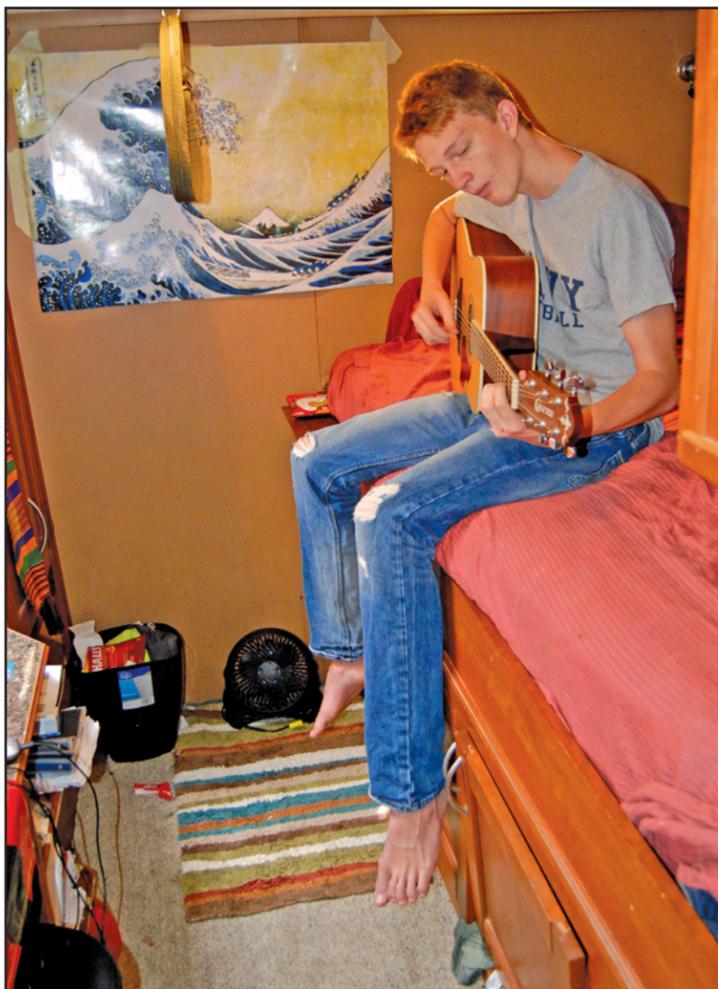
They've made it through four hurricanes and they've traveled in their home to local Florida hot spots like the Florida Keys.

But they're often tied to the area because they own Sande's Restaurant on Federal Highway in Delray Beach — a small mom and pop breakfast and lunch diner where the food tastes like home cooking and waitresses remember the customers' names.

"We work hard at the restaurant," Sande said. "You deal with people 100 percent of your time. So we come home and sit by the water. It's very calming and peaceful."

Jim has retired from the restaurant business and his wife recently cut her hours so they can enjoy more time on their boat.

The City Marina is just like any other neighborhood. Neighbors look out for each other and they gather for "block parties" — cocktails and food at sunset — every now and then. The average



THE PETERSENS

TOP: Kim and Mike Petersen with son Stefan enjoy the outdoor seating aboard their 65-foot boat at the Yacht Club in Delray Beach
LEFT: Stefan's stateroom is a typical teen's bedroom, with posters taped on the wall, and a guitar for picking.
ABOVE: Skipper is the family pet and the boat's mascot.
Photos by Jerry Lower

The Petersens have traveled in their boat across the Atlantic Ocean into the Mediterranean, and their stops have included Morocco, Israel and Egypt. When they reached the halfway point across the Atlantic — about 900 miles from land — each family member jumped into the water and swam

around the boat to mark the occasion and then celebrated with a cake baked by Kim.

They called themselves the "mid-Atlantic swim team."

The Petersens lived in Canada before selling their home and most of their belongings to move to Palm Beach County in 2005. Stefan and their daughter Lauren — who is now in college — became home-schooled so the family could take part in building the boat themselves, starting with only a catamaran shell purchased in New Zealand.

"We had done the whole being busy, sports, suburbs thing," Kim said. "We were pretty well established. But we always had this dream."

And it became their children's dreams, too.

Stefan, 16, said he got to be Christopher Columbus and discover new worlds and now he would like to one day work for the U.S. Coast Guard because he feels at home on the water. Kim recently wrote a book about their adventure called *Charting the Unknown* and she's working on a second book about their journey through the Mediterranean.

They've been in Delray Beach for eight months off and on now and they picked the city after learning they could walk to town from their boat but still be close to the ocean. The family recently bought their first car here in five years and Mike, who hadn't worn a suit since 2005, finally bought his first tie since moving to Florida.

The Petersens are considering staying in Delray Beach. Sometimes Mike and Kim even think of selling their boat and living on land, though their children beg them not to because this boat is now their home.

So the family plans to keep living the life so many envy.

And when people ask them — as many do — where do you live?

They can continue to answer with a smile, "On the water." 

age here is about 50, but there is a family or two in the mix.

Across the Intracoastal are families as well, including the Petersen family — Mike,

Kim and Stefan. Right now, their 65-foot boat is anchored nearby at the Yacht Club of Delray Beach, but it hasn't always been there.

Along the Coast

Chill-kill: Winter cold took its toll on area's tropical trees

By Tim Norris

Among the dozens of the dead, the dying and the iffy along George Bush Boulevard, west of the bridge in Delray Beach, one *Calophyllum inophyllum* is emphatically alive.

Even the experts can't say why. Within a single variety, trees show quirks and personality, said Michael Zimmerman, tree service owner and Mounts Botanical Garden board president. And the conditions they live in and breathe oxygen into can shift by the moment, he added.

What the experts can say is that Florida's cold slam this January and its effects on tropical trees were the worst in their memory — and some, like Zimmerman, of Lake Worth, and Raul Rivera of the Delray Beach parks staff, have been tending trees for nearly 30 years.

"I've never seen anything like that before, and I worked in nurseries before I came here," Rivera says.

The prolonged snap, 11 days from Jan. 3 to 14 when temperatures fell below freezing, was the longest since

forecasters started keeping records 80 years ago.

Calophyllum, a round-crowned, pale-barked tree native to equatorial Africa and Latin America and known as "beauty leaf," hit the wall of frost. South of a line between temperate and subtropical climates — falling locally around PGA Boulevard — the heat-loving trees couldn't cope.

Now, in cadres along George Bush Boulevard and in clutches up on A1A and in once-welcoming rows in Anchor Park just to the south and in a number of gated communities, many *Calophyllum* stand bare-limbed and forlorn.

For beauty leaf, Jack Frost is a beast. *Calophyllum*'s rounded, waxy-faced leaves — so good at repelling salt from ocean air — have little defense against prolonged frost. They freeze and dry to a dusty brown, rattling in the sea breeze, then spiral down.

Residents watched them tumble. "I came here on a day when all the leaves were falling," says John Krolikowski, parish manager of St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church west of the Intracoastal Waterway. "It was like up North."

The sight was as rare as snow. "Typically in the winter with cold weather, they say for every mile you move west (from the coast) you lose a degree in temperature," Zimmerman says. "So even in 1989, when we had a really bad freeze, it only lasted one night. The coastline was saved, because of the warm ocean, the ocean breezes.

"This year, we had freezing temperatures all the way to the coast. We had wind, we had rain, and we had really cold air."

Bill Schall, commercial horticulture extension agent for the Palm Beach County Cooperative Extension, said via e-mail, "The cold caused serious die-back of branches and even entire trees."

He sees winter-bitten trees from Palm Beach through Delray and Boca and beyond, and he advises waiting to clearly identify dead tissue, pruning it out, and possibly applying general purpose fungicides and bactericides to protect remaining live tissue. "If too much of the tree is killed," he says, "the tree should be replaced."

Looking down the row of *Calophyllum* along the narrow strip of ground between



The north west side of many *Calophyllum* trees, like this one on A1A in Gulf Stream showed the unusual impact of the low temperatures the area experienced this winter. Photo by Jerry Lower

sidewalk and George Bush Boulevard in front of St. Vincent Ferrer, Zimmerman acknowledges that a few trees show scattered sprigs of new leaf. Then he says, "I'd take all of these down, put in something else, like silver buttonwood."

It hurts him to say it. "I can only take a tree down once," he says. "I can prune it and nurture it for a lifetime."

Replacing just one tree here, he adds, could cost at least \$250. Not replacing them, though, would cost the street its shady green canopy and part of its character. For now, these *Calophyllum* are left with amputated branches.

Still, Zimmerman says, losing trees hurts everyone. They benefit residents and passersby and tourists and businesses, offering shelter and shade and backdrops of curtaining green, forestalling erosion, hosting whole food chains of animals and becoming central to the visual face of a neighborhood.

As the single surviving *Calophyllum* on George Bush Boulevard proves, every tree is as distinct as every person.

"Trees ask so little and give so much," Zimmerman says. "We need to take care of them the way they take care of us."



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Fashion

Lilly Pulitzer first created her line of colorful shifts to mask juice stains that got on her dresses when she worked at her Worth Avenue orange juice concession. Fifty years later, Pulitzer's frocks are as popular as ever, with style-conscious coastal residents, including Kim Winker (left), Ann Margo Peart, Avery Elliott and Kelly Svorinich, who model the 2010 Lilly line. Photos by Tim Stepien



Mad about (tropical, timeless) Lilly

By Mary Jane Fine

They're cool. They're cotton. They're colorful. They're addictive.

And in coastal South Florida, they've long been summer's uniform: the Lilly Pulitzer classic shift.

"My grandma spent her winters in Naples and her whole wardrobe was Lillys," said Judy Moore, browsing a rack of Lilly shifts and dresses at C. Orrico on Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach. "She was all Lilly."

The appeal for Moore, 46, who estimates her own collection, "counting the hand-me-downs," at a dozen or so, is simple: "They're bright and classic. You can just spot 'em a mile away."

Their spot-ability owes everything to their distinctive splashy patterns in flamingo pinks and lime greens, sunshine yellows and tangelo oranges.

The story that explains the palette is just as memorable: It features Lilly McKim, the Long Island socialite who eloped with Peter Pulitzer in 1950. The independent young wife, with surplus from her husband's orange groves, opened a juice stand on Worth Avenue's Via Mizner. Stains from squeezed juice prompted her to buy tropical-color print fabric from Woolworth's and ask her seamstress to stitch up a shift that would camouflage them. The admiration of customers spawned a line of shifts that, over time, turned Lilly Pulitzer into a one-woman brand.

As Lilly aficionados know, it was Jackie Kennedy, Lilly's classmate from the prestigious Chapin School, whose Lilly-shift-wearing photo as first lady in *Life* or *Look* magazine granted the dress its cachet. Other women of taste, and income, followed, and before long, Lilly Pulitzer had taken hometown-girl-makes-



The Museum of Lifestyle and Fashion History's exhibit of Pulitzer designs, many of which had the fabric de-

IF YOU GO

What: "For the Love of Lilly" exhibit
Where: Museum of Lifestyle & Fashion History, 801 N. Congress Ave., Suite 483 (inside the Boynton Beach Mall, near the Sears wing)
When: Aug. 3-May 31, 2011
How much: \$5 adults; \$1 children ages 2-11

good to a whole new level.

Long after Lilly became a household word in the upper-echelon households of Vanderbilt and Whitney and Rockefeller, they continue to delight their select clientele.

"There is a Lilly customer," says Donna Keil,



Exhibition *For the Love of Lilly*, includes early samples of the designer's name in the selvedge.

owner of the Pink Hibiscus in Lantana. "The young college girl to the older woman. She's somebody who loves vibrant colors, has an optimistic personality, who's young at heart, young in mind. It just kind of goes with the coastal mindset."

Before her shop moved from Lake Worth, Keil carried Lilly dresses, but the corporation, no longer owned by Lilly Pulitzer, now concentrates on its signature stores — mostly East Coast, mostly resort areas — and upscale department stores.

But like other shops that no longer sell the dress line, Keil's store carries an array of other Lilly items: tote bags and notebooks and wrapping paper and pencils and playing cards and coffee mugs and more.

And Keil, often found wearing a Lilly sundress, remains a fan. "They're timeless," she says of the dress

Old is new again

Lilly fashions don't die, they just go to eBay and consignment shops, to sell for bargain prices. A sampling:

On eBay: Click on "Clothes and accessories," then refine your Search by typing in Lilly dresses and you'll get more than 2,500 entries. Refine the Search again to Lilly shifts, and the number drops to 300-plus. Pricing runs the gamut from \$6.99 for a little girl's dress to \$149.50 for a woman's dress; many shifts are priced between \$40 and \$80.

In consignment shops: Again, the prices vary, and Lilly's popularity keeps the merchandise moving in and out. A few examples:



The Bee's Knees, 704 Lake Ave., Lake Worth, 561-904-6725 — Owner Emily Regan says that she usually has 2 or 3 Lillys in her shop; the first one she put a hand on was \$35. "Things don't sell if they're priced too high," she said.



Frugal Fashionista, 825 NE 6th Ave., Delray Beach, 561-865-7857 — "They sell immediately when I do (have them in the store)," said shop owner Amber Ortell. "They're among my best sellers." On a recent morning, she had only one Lilly shift, a size 10 for \$24.95. Usually, she said, they sell for between \$10 and \$20.



Razamataz, 116 NE Second St., Boca Raton, 561-394-4592 — Lillys are popular here, too, and vary greatly in price, said store manager Wendy, who declined to give her last name. If a dress doesn't sell quickly, its price drops significantly. A \$120 dress will go for \$60, an \$85 dress to \$42.50, and she had one \$55 dress that might slip to \$27.50 if it wasn't snatched up first.



Second Time Around, 10 SE 4th Ave., Delray Beach, 561-278-0493 — Lilly dresses generally sell for between \$10 and \$70, sometimes higher if they bear a "new" tag.

line. "They don't go out of style. You can wear a Lilly that's 10 years old, and it'll look just as good as it did 10 years ago."

Fellow aficionados can see for themselves at the Museum of Lifestyle and Fashion History's *For the Love of Lilly* show, which opened Aug. 3 for a run through May 2011 at the Boynton Beach Mall.

Doing pre-show research, museum director and curator Lori J. Durante traced the Lilly's 50-year past — largely an oral history, she said — that dates to around 1959 and '60.

The story goes that she took her jet to Key West and hit it off with Peter Pell and James Russell, who had recently founded Key West Hand Made Fabrics and produced a line of tropical-print place mats, said Durante. Lilly Pulitzer worked with designers there to create her instantly recognizable floral- and animal-print designs.

On a recent afternoon, two museum interns retrieved a plastic bag full of samples. Early swatches bore the name "Lilly" hidden, like the Nina in Al Hirschfeld's celebrity cartoons, in the design. A designer's name is often printed along the selvedge.

Contemporary Lillys (adult sizes are usually priced around \$150) are made in China, but, as always, each season brings new designs. This year, a popular one is marine blue and white with a double row of wide cotton lace down the front.

"They flew out at the beginning of the season," said C. Orrico manager Lisa Rodriguez before turning her attention to customer Kerry McNamara of Red Bank, N.J., a guest at The Colony Hotel.

McNamara was buying a toddler-sized Lilly shift "for my 2-year-old niece, 'Miss Molly.' She just belongs in one." ✨

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Robert Schonfeld

Robert Schonfeld of South Palm Beach may be retired, but from March 1 through Oct. 31, he gets up at the crack of dawn and works every day — come rain, shine or hurricane.

His neighbors call him the Turtle Man, because he walks the five-eighths-mile South Palm Beach shoreline, counting and marking off the sea turtle nests. He also counts false crawls — that's when turtles come onto the beach, but don't make a nest.

According to Schonfeld, there are only seven species of sea turtles in the world and three come to our beaches to lay their eggs: loggerheads, leatherbacks and green turtles. They nest where the water is above 75 degrees and they can't live in water cooler than 55 degrees.

"Sea turtles ... [have] survived 200 million years. They don't have many predators and, although they haven't changed much, they've adapted pretty well," he said.

The first ashore during the turtle season are the leatherbacks in March. They are followed by the loggerheads in April and, at the end of June, the greens make their way here.

This year, by mid-July, Schonfeld had already counted 130 loggerhead nests, beating last year's count of 120, and, at that point, the loggerheads still had two more weeks until they stop laying in the end of July. He's counted two leatherback nests this year and five green nests; these counts are in line with previous yearly counts. The leatherbacks finish laying by the end of May and the greens will finish around the end of August.

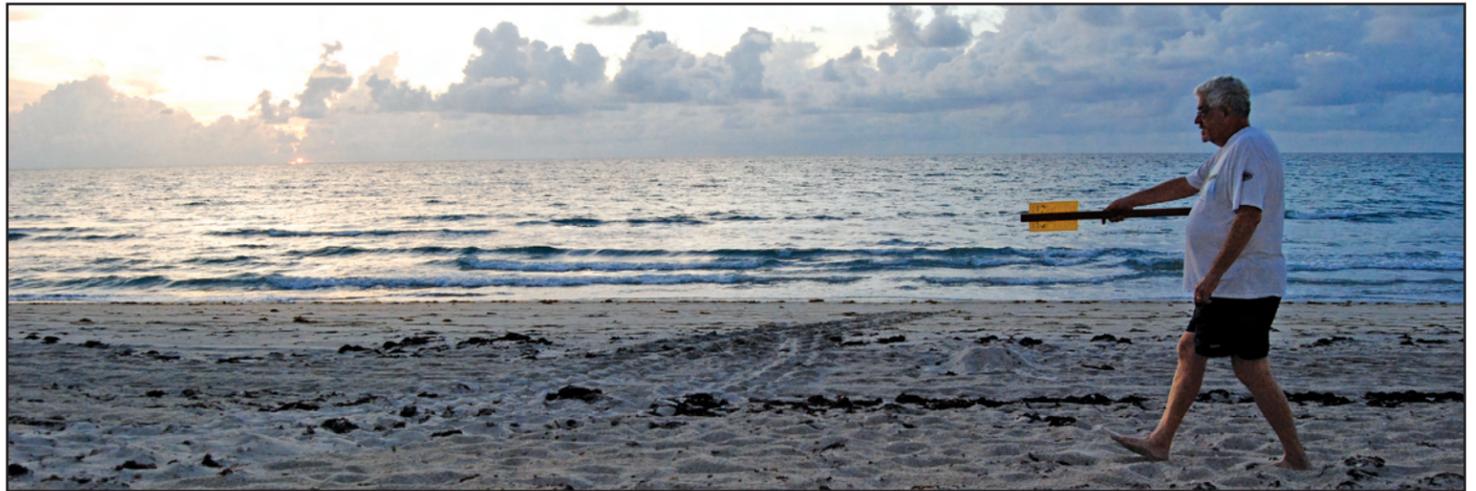
"I just enjoy monitoring the turtles. It keeps me healthy to walk everyday and it's a fascinating experience to see them. It's fascinating to help the little hatchlings and it's wonderful to teach others about them.

"It's thrilling to learn about nature," he said. "I get goose bumps, and it doesn't get old."

— Christine Davis

Q. Where did you grow up and go to school? How do you think that has influenced you?

A. I was born in New York City, and my family moved to Baltimore when I was 11 or 12, where we stayed until I was 17, when we went to Newport News, Va. I went off to college,



Robert Schonfeld can be found on the beach at daybreak almost every morning of the summer. Photos by Jerry Lower

University of Richmond, in Virginia, where I received a bachelor of art degree, and then I went to the University of Maryland, where I earned a master's degree and PhD equivalent in American history.

I was offered a job at the University of Buffalo as an instructor, and then I lived in the Washington, D.C., area. Before I knew it, I was running an agency. So, education is very important.

After I retired, I taught all over. If I had to do my life over, I'd be a teacher. I really enjoy teaching and working with the children.

Q. How/when did you get interested in sea turtles?

A. I have always had a deep interest in everything and anything and I love all animals. I got interested in sea turtles when I went to a symposium on sea turtles in 1993, when I

moved to South Palm Beach.

I live on the beach and after the seminar, I was helping the lady who had the state permit for marine turtle monitoring. When her permit was not renewed, I took the permit.

I've had lots of people offer to help me, but it's hard because you have to count the nests and false crawls every day and you have to get up before dawn. I've skipped two days in 18 years; one day I was sick and on the other day there was a hurricane.

Q. What have been your other careers (or hobbies), what were the highlights?

A. Before I was retired, I managed health- and medical-related organizations. I was the branch chief for the National Cancer Institute and I was the executive officer of the National Institute of Mental Health. At Tulane Medical School, I was

the director of planning.

Now, I am a docent at the Palm Beach Zoo and a master gardener. I also do all the landscaping for my condo, as a volunteer. I go out with a clipper every morning. I don't mow the grass, but I keep track if we need more mulch, or need to buy new plants. It's fun. It's not a job. It doesn't cost the condo anything.

I love to go to the zoo and I've loved my other careers. I was a substitute teacher after I retired for two years in Montgomery County, Md. I worked every day and I loved it.

I love sports, too. I was the league racquetball champion of the C League at the Jewish Community Center in West Palm Beach when I was 67.

Q. What advice do you have for coastal residents concerned about sea turtles?

A. Be aware of our wonderful area and how sea turtles use our beach. Understand that nobody should come up here and pull up the signs or ride motorcycles on the beach. Don't put lights on, because that will distract the mothers from laying their eggs. Palm Beach County is the second most important beach in the world for loggerhead turtle nesting.

Q. Tell us about the turtle-monitoring program in South Palm Beach.

A. The state has a big program and a whole division to protect sea turtles. It's part of the Endangered Species Act, which was passed in 1972, where different states are required to keep records.

I've been monitoring sea turtles since 1993 and still look forward to walking each day at dawn to find new nests. It's still a thrill!

There's another hard-

working man, Rick Scheer, who helps me two days a week, and my wife helps me, too.

Q. How did you choose to make your home in South Palm Beach?

A. I came here in 1973 from the Washington, D.C., area. Carol and I had recently married and we were looking for a place to live and we liked it here, saw this wonderful condo apartment for sale directly on the beach and I loved it.

Q. What is your favorite part about living in South Palm Beach?

A. The view of the ocean and beach. It changes everyday and never gets tiresome.

Q. What book are you reading now?

A. *All the Pretty Horses*, by Cormac McCarthy.

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

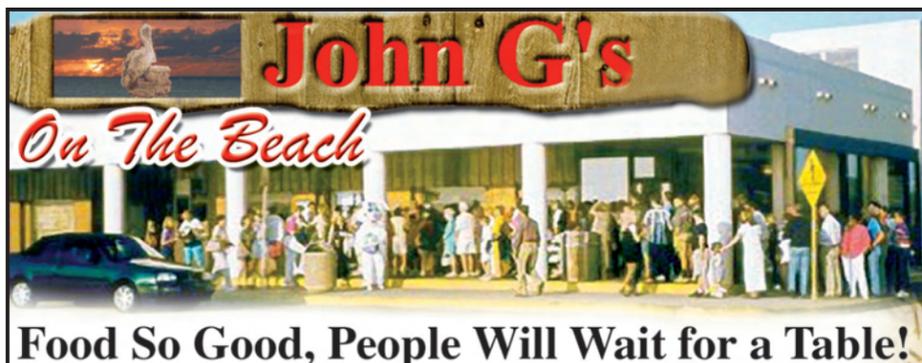
A. Jonas Salk, M.D., of the Salk Institute; John Walsh, M.D., Tulane Medical School; and my wife, Carol Schonfeld. She's very intelligent and inquisitive and a very wonderful person.

I worked in the office next to Jonas Salk and Walsh was the dean at Tulane. Salk was very inquisitive about research and getting to the bottom of things. Walsh was a fascinating individual, who wanted to stop people's suffering.

Carol and I have done a lot of traveling and she's also a master gardener. We share a lot of similar interests. She never stops surprising me.

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

A. "Never stop learning." — Jonas Salk



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Along the Coast

What you need to know about sea turtle nesting season

Here's the turtle low-down, according to Robert Schonfeld:

Endangered species

There are only seven species of sea turtles — all endangered — and under the Endangered Species Act, the government keeps a record on them, so from year to year, we can see whether we are making progress protecting them.

Sea turtles are endangered now because man has encroached upon their nesting area, and they have been captured and killed for their meat and shells.

Turtle nests

To know which kind of turtle made a nest, or if it actually is a nest, you have to be able to read the tracks and the sand, Schonfeld said. "The sand that's on top of a nest will be from underneath."

"Sometimes the mother will create a pile of sand because of the way she's hit it, and that's not really a nest. I also have to determine the species and that's determined by looking at the tracks.

"One that made a nest in front of my condo recently had to be about 350 pounds. I could tell because some of her tracks had to be 5 feet long and 3 or 4 feet wide. To make marks like that, it had to be a loggerhead.

"Once a turtle starts to lay her eggs, she's in a trance and she won't go back to the ocean until she's finished. She'll cover the eggs up, and then go back."

If the mother turtle sees someone before she starts laying or bumps into rocks or a seawall, she'll stop and go back to the ocean. "That's what we call a false crawl," Schonfeld said. "We have encroached onto their nest-making environment."

When Schonfeld finds a new

nest, he puts up a stake with a sign that says "Keep 10 feet away" to mark the spot. The babies hatch two months later.

Hatchlings

In each nest, 100 to 150 eggs are buried in about a couple feet of sand. "As the baby turtles dig their way out, the sand that makes up the ceiling falls to the bottom and becomes the floor and the whole nest rises up.

"Then, the baby turtles burst out and go to the sea."

Some of the babies don't get out — maybe a piece of grass or a part of an egg gets in the way, or maybe the turtle went in the wrong direction.

"You are not allowed to touch the nest, but after the nest has been evacuated three days, you can. And in August, groups of children and adults help me rescue — dig up — the baby turtles in nests already evacuated.

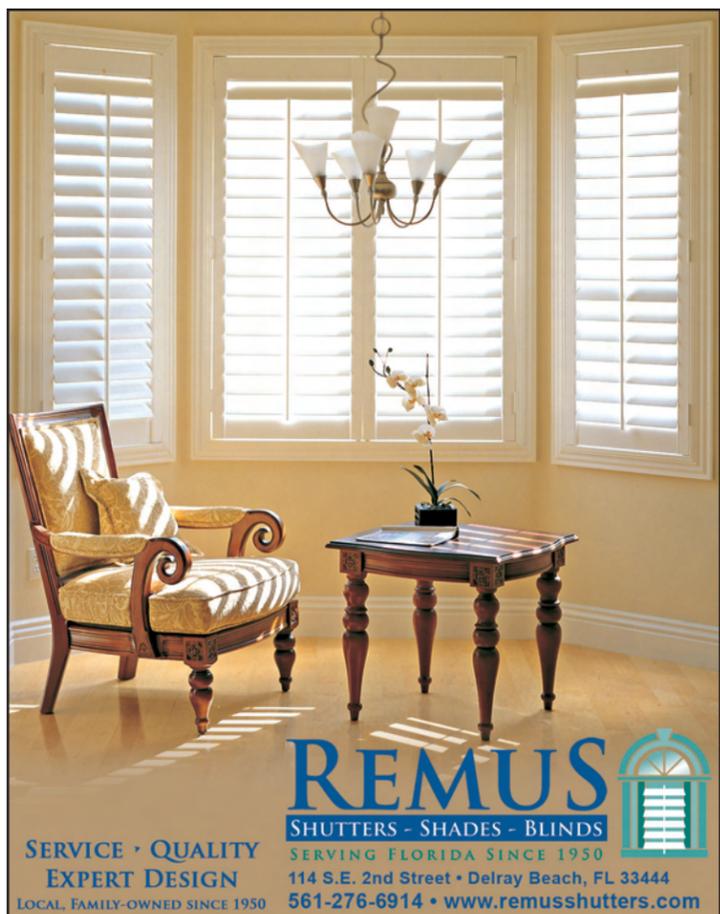
"No one else in the state is doing that, but in my territory, every Sunday morning in August, at 6:30 a.m., we dig up the little babies that didn't get out.

"The babies are cute. They fit right in your hand, yet they are fully capable of taking care of themselves."

Life cycles

Schonfeld is not sure how long turtles live. He's heard it could be up to 100 years, though they grow to full size in about 25 years. The leatherback can weigh as much as 1,500 pounds. The green turtles and the loggerhead get to be about 300 to 400 pounds.

If you want to take part in rescuing the baby turtles, call Schonfeld to make a reservation at (561) 547-1088. The group meets at the north end of Lantana Beach.



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Jackie Balestrieri, 8, and Delaney Cattano, 12, take a spin at Palm Beach Ice Works in West Palm Beach. Photo by Tim Stepien

One play date, and she fell hard for ice skating

By Angie Francalancia

The sun rising over the Atlantic warms the sand and sparkles off the ocean, making a beautiful image framed by the sliders in Jackie Balestrieri's bedroom window.

The 8-year-old is oblivious to the perfect beach day developing outside the Mayfair Ocean, where she lives in South Palm Beach. She's pulling on tights, her monogrammed warm-up jacket and a pair of gloves — ready to hit the ice.

Jackie's an ice skater. Six days a week, she spends at least a couple hours at Palm Beach IceWorks, one of the coolest places in South Florida.

She's one of a handful of skaters — and one of the youngest — who have made Palm

Beach Ice Works their second home in their quest to one day skate for Olympic gold.

It all started with a play date. "My friend asked me if I wanted to go ice skating," Jackie recalled. "I said, 'Sure, I'll try.' So I went and I loved it! I took the first basic lesson, then I started to take private lessons."

The rest, as they say, is history — or at least history in the making.

Palm Beach IceWorks sits in an industrial area off Florida Mango Road in West Palm Beach, just five minutes from Rosarian Academy, where Jackie will be a third-grader in the fall, says her mom, Edie. Skaters come from all over South Florida to train at the 58,000-square-foot facility.

The rink is the creation of Lori Alf of Boca Raton, who built it so her daughter, 12-year-old Caterina, would have a dedicated place to train. There

are hockey teams there as well. Lori Alf built the rink with enough locker rooms for big meets. And on Sundays, there's open skating. But there's lots of time dedicated to the dedicated ice skaters.

About 40 of the skaters are competitors, moving through the eight skating levels with tests, regional and state competitions, and new, more difficult skating programs.

Delaney Cattano, who turned 12 in April, is such a serious skater that her family is home-schooling her to work school around skating. She makes the trip from Delray Beach to IceWorks almost every day. She and most of the older girls are training for the South Atlantic Regionals that will be held in Wake Forest in



October.

Jackie doesn't compete yet, but like most of the serious ice skaters, she trains with more than one coach.

Ted Kelton, a 25-year international coach, teaches her jumps and spins — power classes, Jackie says — and Martha Edmonds teaches her technique.

"I want to try to learn my double axel and learn how to do some spins that are very hard," Jackie says. "I always want to challenge myself. The axel is my favorite."

Jackie loves skating so much that she had her eighth birthday party there with her friends from Rosarian.

"Some people believe skating's not a sport, but it is. You'll love it because you're so free," she says. "You may fall, but you gotta get used to it. When you fall, you learn."



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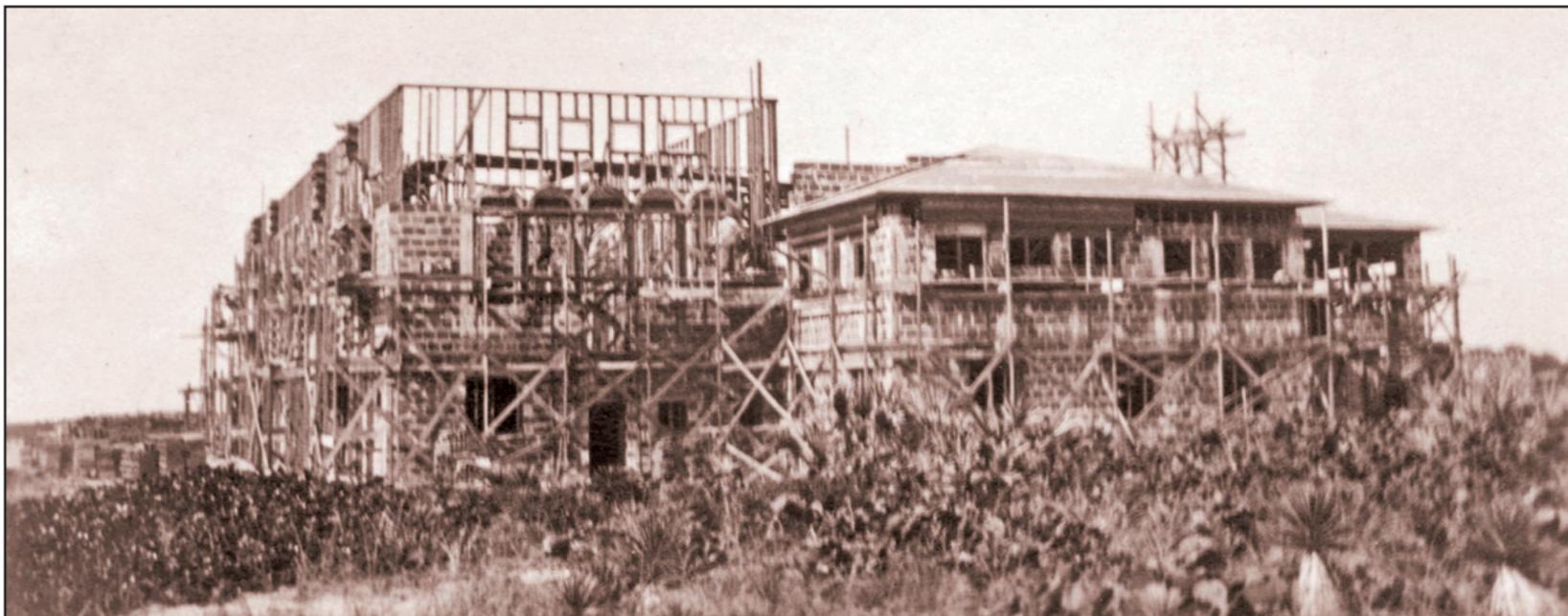
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The hollow-tile blocks from which the Gulf Stream Golf Club was built are visible in this 1923 photo of the club under construction. Photo courtesy of the Historical Society of Palm Beach County

CLUB:

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a 1950s storefront look with ones mimicking the original design, with arched fanlights. The terrace is being resurfaced as well, and all of the work is in keeping with the original Mizner design.

The first phase of renovations began three years ago, when a patio was built on the south side, overlooking the ocean. Windows on the east side of the clubhouse were replaced during phase two.

The final phase, which likely will be done next year, will involve replacing windows on the south side of the building. The architect and contractor is William Wietsma.

All the work is completed during summer, while the Club is closed.

How it all began

Gulf Stream Golf Club was founded by a handful of members of the Everglades Club. William G. Warden, Edward W. Stotesbury, John F. Harris, Edward Shearson and Paris Singer felt the swelling membership there compromised the club's exclusive character. At the time, the founders limited the Gulf Stream club's membership to 200 with a \$2,500 membership fee.

According to Donald Curl's book *Mizner's Florida: American Resort Architecture*, it took Mizner a mere six hours to produce plans and sketches of the building. Donald Ross, the most influential golf course designer of the day, signed on as the golf course architect.

For added appeal, Mizner gave the façade an arcaded loggia and a double flight of curving stairs.

Men's and women's locker rooms were located on the ground floor, while a living room (Mizner room), dining room and oceanfront terrace led off from the loggia upstairs. Durable pecky cypress beams and a large fireplace were built into the dining room. Even the club kitchen was given a panoramic ocean view.

Warden, the head of the Pittsburgh Coal Co., was the club's first president. And



Gulf Stream Golf Club members could enjoy a meal in the dining room, which offered ocean views. Photo from the 1928 book *Florida Architecture of Addison Mizner*



The sweeping curved staircases along the west side of the Gulf Stream Golf Club have entranced brides for more than 80 years. Photo by Augustus Mayhew/*New York Social Diary*

the first pro was Charles Murray, winner of the first Canadian Professional Golfers Association championship. Murray remained at the club for nine years and was replaced by Bobby Cruickshank, a prominent Scottish golfer who won 17 tournaments on the PGA Tour.

The polo fields

Months after the club opened, John S. Phipps bought land on the north end of the golf course for stables and polo fields. The town soon became the winter polo capital and socialites from far and wide would come to watch the matches.

So did Hollywood types, such as Gary Cooper and Ava Gardner. Club members, including Phipps, began building houses in the area, which became a town in 1925. The Town Council held its meetings at the Gulf Stream Golf clubhouse before Town Hall was built years later.

Polo concluded in 1963, when the Phipps family sold the land for development.

Focus on golf

When it opened in January 1924, the club's members were known to take a dip in the ocean after hitting the links. Over the years, that has changed and members began

to focus on golf and social activities. It is not a beach club.

Early reports gave the 18-hole course high marks. "The golf course is in the very pink of condition," wrote the *Palm Beach Daily News*.

Of course, some of the balls didn't hit the intended target, sinking in the water hazard. Some of those relics were retrieved and remain part of a display of errant golf balls near the bar in the clubhouse.

While golf was the focus, social activities remained important as well, with Sunday luncheons bringing members from Palm Beach by car or boat. Luxurious yachts tied up at the club's now-defunct docks



Employees gather for a photo in the club's early days. The club employs 75-80 people in season, and about 30 off-season. Photo courtesy of the Delray Beach Historical Society

on the Intracoastal Waterway, between the 11th and 16th greens of the golf course.

Tropical storms in 1926 and 1928 damaged the golf course, but the clubhouse stood strong.

World War II years

The club closed during World War II, when the clubhouse was made available to the military.

During that time local residents could, for a modest fee, use the golf course.

According to a program produced for the club's 50th anniversary in 1974, submarine attacks occurred in 1943.

"A Coast Guard patrolman noticed a beam of light in the Gulf Stream Club and, upon investigation, it was determined that a German agent, who had illegally gained entry, had been using an aperture in one of the oceanfront hurricane shutters through which he was signaling submarines with a flashlight. Although seen by the Navy Patrol as he jumped from the building, the agent was never apprehended. At the time, Boca Raton was an important bomber base from which B-17s flew directly to England for action."

The club reopened in 1946 and has been going strong ever since.

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Community Calendar

Note: Events are current as of 7/30. Please check with organizers for any changes.

AUGUST 7

Saturday - 8/7 - Sand Sifters Beach Cleanup is held at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd., just north of Ocean Avenue in Ocean Ridge. County staff will provide sea turtle and oil spill update. Meet at the pavilion in the lower parking lot. 8-10:30 am. Free. 734-9128.

8/7 - Village Summer Market is held each Saturday through the summer at 115 NE 4th Ave., Delray Beach. Presented by Delray Arts Collective with fresh/organic produce and gourmet foods. 8 am-1 pm. 901-2201.

8/7 - Stand-up Paddle-boarding Class is held for beginners at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. Ages 15 and older. Class held again 8/21. \$25/residents, \$31/non-residents. 8:30-10 am. 742-6650.

8/7 - Child Safety Prenatal Class is being offered as a one-day weekend class at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Learn infant CPR for children up to eight years old and how you can assist in an emergency. 10 am-noon. \$40 per couple or \$25 per person. Registration: 369-2229.

8/7 - Lake Worth-It Music Festival is held at Bryant Park, 1 S. Golfview Rd., Lake Worth, featuring the return of local artist Kevin Barnes from Of Montreal, John Ralston & Invisible Music and more. Includes indie crafts and live art, plus food and drinks. 10 am-10 pm. \$20/pre-sale, \$30/ at the door. www.lakeworthit.org.

8/7 - Advanced Adventures is an advanced marine biology class for kids who have taken "Adventures in Marine Biology" at least once before at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Participants must be able to swim. Ages 7-12/10:30 am-12:30 pm. \$7/ members, \$10/non-members. Offered again 8/14. Reservations: 391-8110.

8/7 - Sculpture Sensation Class is held at the Family Studio in the Reynolds Art Education Room at the Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach. Recycle trash into treasure. 10:30 am-12:30 pm. Ages 5-12. \$5 materials fee. Register: 832-5196, Ext. 1113.

8/7 - 7th Annual Family Fun Day is held at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. Family event includes games, live entertainment, motivational speakers, food, vendors and prizes. Bring lawn chair and shade umbrella. 4 pm-11 pm. Free. 243-7356 or www.mydelraybeach.com.

8/7 - Jennifer Sheehan performs at The Colony Hotel, 155 Hammon Ave., Palm Beach as part of The Royal Room Summer Cabaret Series. \$90/ dinner and show, \$45/show only. Doors open at 6:30 pm for dinner; show starts at 8 pm. Reservations: 659-8100.

8/7&8 - Art Show and Historic Home Open House is held at 702 SE 2nd St., Delray Beach featuring new work of internationally recognized Delray Beach artist Lois Brezinski in a historic and restored Intracoastal home. 4 pm. Refreshments. Free. 482-9999.

AUGUST 8-14

Sunday - 8/8 - VFW Post 5335 Sunday Breakfast is held each Sunday at 500 NE 21st St., Boynton Beach. 8-11:30 am. \$2.50-\$5. All are welcome. 732-1989.

8/8 - Yoga with Live Music is held every Sunday at the Colony Hotel, 525 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. Presented by Yoga Fox Studios. 9:30-11 am. \$20. 703-1236 or www.yogafox.com.

8/8 - Flower Pressing - Learn the fascinating history behind this art and discover different ways

to preserve and press flowers and plants at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Adults only. 1-2:30 pm. \$12/members, \$18/non-members. Reservations: 391-8110.

8/8 - Old Time Rock 'n Roll Concert is held at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St. Listen, reminisce, twist & shout with nine professional, local singers. 4 pm. Open to public. Free will offering. 276-5796.

Monday - 8/9 - The Empowerment Zone - Service available to library card holders who wish to create resumes, search for jobs online, teach themselves to type or locate and apply for e-Government services at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Open every M & Th. 9 am-noon. Free. 266-0196.

8/9 - Art for Everyone Exhibit features artists from Studio D. Fine Art at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Shows a variety of artwork in diverse mediums. Runs through 9/13. Library hours: M-W 9 am-8 pm; Th-Sat. 9am-5 pm. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

8/9 - Photography by Jeremiah Jenner exhibit continues at the Crest Theatre Galleries, Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. M-F: 9:30 am-4:30 pm. Runs through 8/22. Free. 243-7922 or www.oldschool.org.

8/9 - Pensees by Blaise Pascal is presented as part of the Great Books group. Meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. 10 am-noon. Free. 742-6380 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

8/9 - Genesis Community Health Center Grand Opening is held at 564 E. Woolbright Rd., Boynton Beach. Tour and staff introductions. 11 am-1 pm. 735-6553.

8/9 - Heaven Can Wait (1943) directed by Ernst Lubitsch is presented by Assistant Director Mykal Banta as part of the Great Comedy Film Series at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. 266-9490.

8/9 - Flying Fish Kites - Learn a few fishy facts helpful in identifying our aquatic friends at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Ages 5-12/2:30-4 pm. \$4/members, \$6/non-members. Reservations: 391-8110.

8/9 - Boynton Beach Historic Preservation Ad Hoc Committee meets at Fire Station #2, 2615 W. Woolbright Rd. 5 pm. Public is invited. 742-6268.

8/9 - Got Gaming? is presented at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held again 8/16 & 23. 5:15-7:30 pm. Free. 266-9490.

8/9 - U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 54 meets the first Monday of each month at Boynton Beach Boat Park, 2010 N. Federal Hwy. Boaters and non-boaters welcome. 8 pm. 966-2158.

8/9 - Silly Bandz Trading Party is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Bring your Silly Bandz to trade. All ages. 2-3:30 pm. Free. 742-6393 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

8/9 - The Egypt Game by Zilpha Keatley Snyder - Book Gabbers book discussion at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Grades 3-5. 6:30-7:30 pm. Free. 742-6393.

8/9-13 - Summer Skate Camp is held at the "505" Teen Center and Hobbit Skate Park, 505 SE 5th Ave., Delray Beach. Bring skateboard and helmet. Knee/elbow pads recommended. 9 am-noon. \$150/residents, \$175/non-residents. 243-7158.

Tuesday - 8/10 - Family Storytime is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Listen to stories, sing songs and learn fingerplays. Infants-Age 5. 10-10:45 am. Held again 8/17, 24 & 31. Free. 742-6380 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

8/10 - Coral Reef Shark Feedings are held daily, Tuesday through Sunday, at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd. Delray Beach. Feeding begins at 10:30 am T-Sat. and 1:30 pm



A FESTIVE FOURTH

In addition to the usual fireworks and street festival, Delray Beach helped celebrate America's birthday with a few contests.

ABOVE: Logan Ruprecht reacts after being named a winner of the best bicycle contest along with Katie Bowles (left) of Lantana.

LEFT: Sporting a blue Mohawk, David Allen Black Jr. was both a crowd and judge favorite for the 'best baby' contest. More than 100 children took part in the competitions.

Photos by Jerry Lower

Sunday. Celebrate Shark Month with a special exhibit and discover what Atlantic Ocean reef fish, nurse sharks, and spiny lobsters eat for breakfast. Free with \$4 admission to the nature center. 274-7263 or www.sandowayhouse.com.

8/10 - STUFF II: The Joy of Collecting! continues at the Cornell Museum of Art & American Culture, Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. T-Sat. 10:30 am-4:30 pm. Sun. 1-4:30 pm. Through 9/25. \$6/general; \$4/seniors and students (13-21); \$2/ages 5-12. Free/under 5. 243-7922.

8/10 - Turtle Talk Tuesday's are held at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd. Delray Beach. Learn about four species of turtles and tortoises, their habitat, what they eat, what entertains them, scares them and when they sleep. 2 pm. Free with \$4 admission to the nature center. 274-7263 or www.sandowayhouse.com.

8/10 - The Toolbox for Making the Rest of Your Life the Best of Your Life is presented by Marilyn Charwat, Psychotherapist, Hypnotist and Lecturer, as part of the Lifelong Learning Center @

the Library series held at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Course will help expand your experiences in daily living. 2-3:30 pm. Second in a three-part series. Class continues 8/17. Premier memberships available for \$15. \$35/ members, \$50/non-members. 266-9490.

8/10 - Teen Advisory Board - Teens meet on the second Tuesday of every month to discuss books, magazines, teen issues, and programming at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 4:30-5 pm. Free. 266-9490.

8/10 - Dogside Story by Patricia Grace is presented as part of the Evening Book Group at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 6 pm. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

8/10 - Ellen Crosby will speak and sign her new book, *Viognier Vendetta* at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790 or www.murderonthebeach.com.

8/10 - Pajama Storytime is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Ages 3-6 (plus siblings) listen to stories, sing, dance and

make a special craft while in their pajamas. 7-8 pm. Free. 742-6380 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

Wednesday - 8/11 - Ramadan Begins

8/11 - Little Wonder & Big Wonders - Introduce children 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. \$7/members, \$10/non-members. Class held again 8/28. Reservations: 391-8110.

8/11 - Garden Walk Wednesdays are held at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd. Delray Beach. Walk through the native butterfly garden at the historic home adjacent to the Atlantic Ocean, plus learn about dozens of native Florida plants and butterflies. 2 pm. Free with \$4 admission to the nature center. 274-7263.

8/11 - Balance and Breathing Exercise Class is held on Wednesday's at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Build core muscle strength, body symmetry and integration of the body's three organic balance centers. Equipment and materials provided. 2-3:30 pm. \$15/residents, \$20/non-residents. 243-7350.

8/11 - Teen Gaming is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Grades 6-12 play video games. 4:30-6 pm. Free. 742-6393.

8/11 - VFW Post 5335 Dinner is held at 500 NE 21st St., Boynton Beach each Wednesday. 4:30-7 pm. Diverse menu. \$8. All welcome. 732-1989.

Thursday - 8/12 - Boynton Beach Library Quilters meet every Thursday at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Share quilting information and education and perpetuate quilting as a cultural and artistic form. 9-11:30 am. Free. 742-6390 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

8/12 - Dancing at Rick's Café - Listen and dance to the music of Frank Sinatra, Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey, Gene Krupa and Glenn Miller with feature performances by the A.N.T.H.U.M. Jazz Band every Thursday through 8/30 at the Boynton Beach Senior Center, 1021 S. Federal Hwy. The dance room will be set up café style with food and beverages available for purchase. All attendees must have a valid Senior Center ID. 1 pm. Free. 742-6570.

8/12 - Inside and Outside of Shells is held every Thursday at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd. Delray Beach. Learn about different types of shells from one of the largest shell collections in Florida. Kids can see and touch several living mollusks including the Horse Conch, Florida's State Shell. 2 pm. Free with \$4 admission to the nature center. 274-7263.

8/12 - 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 8/19 & 26. 4-5 pm. Free. 742-6380.

8/12 - Museum Mysteries is presented as part of Art After Dark at the Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach. Docent-led tour of lesser-known artworks, tour of Contemporary Collection, the film *Clue* followed by a scavenger hunt, Jazz trio with drinks and dinner available. 5-9 pm. Museum admission. 832-5196.

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Municipal Meetings

8/2 - 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
8/3 & 8/17 - 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.
8/4 & 8/17 - Manalapan - Fourth Tuesday of each month at Manalapan Town Hall, 600 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan. 9:30 am. Agenda available at www.manalapan.org.
8/9 & 8/23 - Lantana - Second & fourth Mondays of each month at Lantana Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Circle. 7 pm. Agenda available at www.lantana.org.
8/13 - Gulf Stream - Second Friday of the month at the Gulf Stream Town Hall, 100 Sea Rd. 9 am. Agenda available in clerk's office.
8/24 - South Palm Beach - Fourth Tuesday of each month in the South Palm Beach Town Hall Council Chambers, 3577 S. Ocean Blvd. 7:00 pm. Agenda available at town hall.
8/26 - 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

Friday - 8/13 - Feed the Need Food Drive is coordinated by Palm Beach Harvest. Collect non-perishable food items and have them delivered to four area drop off locations. Collection boxes provided. Goal is to collect 25,000 lbs and \$25,000. 7 am-7pm. Raffles and prizes. All donations are tax-deductible. 577-7080 or 310-6641.

8/13 - New Teacher & Education Membership Business Breakfast is held by the Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce at Delray Beach Golf Club & Restaurant, 2200 Highland Ave. Event honors new teachers and educators and presents grant money. 7:15-9 am. \$15/member, \$35/non-member. Registration: 278-0424.

8/13 - Pre-K Fun with Food: Kool-aid - Use sensory painting with Kool-aid 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.

8/13&14 - 2nd Annual Tastemasters of Delray Beach - 24 restaurants in Downtown Delray Beach offer a tasting representing a country from around the world paired with wine, beer or cocktail. 5-10 pm, with Passport After Parties 10pm-2 am. Passports \$25. 243-1077.

8/13&14 - Tony DeSare performs at The Colony Hotel, 155 Hammon Ave., Palm Beach, as part of The Royal Room Summer Cabaret Series. \$90/dinner and show, \$45/show only. Singer/pianist performs again 8/20-21. Doors open at 6:30 pm for dinner; show starts at 8pm. Reservations: 659-8100.

Saturday - 8/14 - Mark Gerretson Memorial 16th Annual Fishing Tournament - Held in memory of Delray Beach resident Mark Gerretson, this event benefits Delray Citizens for Delray Beach Police Holiday Toy Drive and Kids & Cops Program. Sponsored by the Delray Beach Jaycees. Boaters depart at 6:30 am from Boynton Beach or Boca Raton inlets. Fish weigh-in at Veteran's Park, 802 N.E. 1st St., 10 am-4pm. Raffle drawings, barbecue, awards ceremony following final weigh-in. Musical entertainment begins at 2:30 pm. Entry fees from \$175; final entry registration date 8/13. \$20,000 in prizes and raffles. Jeff Messer, 243-7841 or Jennifer Buce, 243-7138.

8/14 - Palms 101: Not Another Queen Palm Workshop is held at Mounts Botanical Garden Auditorium, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach. Workshop tailored for homeowners looking for more knowledge on palms. Includes guided walk and palms available for purchase. \$30/members, \$40/non-members. 9 am-noon. 233-1757 or www.mounts.org.

8/14 - About Boating Safety is offered by the Coast Guard Auxiliary of Boca Raton at the headquarters building at Spanish River Park on A1A. Class teaches requirements for boaters under 22 years old to obtain a Florida boating ID card. \$35. 9 am-5 pm. 391-3600.

8/14 - Lifeguard Certification Courses are taught at John Denson Pool at Wilson Park, 225 N.W. 12th Ave., Boynton Beach. Participants obtain certifications in American Red Cross Lifeguard Training, CPR/AED and First Aid. Course I: 8/14 (1-6 pm), 8/17-21 (1-6 pm), 8/24 (1-6 pm). Course II: 8/28 (1-3 pm), 8/31-9/4 (1-6 pm), 9/7 (1-6 pm). Course III: 9/11 (1-3 pm), 9/14-18 (1-6 pm), 9/21 (1-6 pm). \$150/red cross fee, plus \$65 pool fee. 742-6645.

8/14 - Snake and Lizard Talk is held every Saturday at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. Touch reptiles that call Florida home. Learn the difference between the native and invasive reptiles. Discover what they eat and where they would be found. 2 pm. Free with \$4 nature center admission. 274-7263.

8/14 - 33rd Annual Bon Festival - Celebrate this uplifting festival at The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road., Delray Beach. Event is inspired by Obon, Japan's traditional three-day holiday honoring ancestors and thanking them for the quality of life enjoyed by the living. The evening features taiko drum performances, traditional Japanese folk dancing and a street fair with games and vendor booths. Guests are invited to purchase hand-crafted lanterns to write a special message to passed loved ones. Fireworks cap the evening. 4-9 pm. Admission: \$15/adults, \$6/children 4-17, free for museum members and children 3 and under. Purchase discount tickets online before 8/13. 495-0233 or www.morikami.org.

AUGUST 15-21

Sunday - 8/15 - Childbirth Education Prenatal Class is being offered as a one-day refresher course at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Provides an overview of the signs of labor, breathing techniques and more. Bring two pillows and a blanket. Wear comfortable stretchy clothes; no dresses or skirts. 9 am- 4 pm. \$75. Registration: 369-2229.

8/16 - Joint Journey is a new educational program for those undergoing total joint

replacement at Bethesda Heart Institute, 4th Floor Conference Room, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Learn what to expect before, during and after surgery. 2-3 pm. Free. 737-7733, Ext. 4688.

Tuesday - 8/17 - First Day of Public School in Palm Beach County
8/17 - Going Bovine by Libba Bray will be presented as part of the Teen Book Discussion Group at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 4-5 pm. Free. 266-9490.

8/18 - Back to Life is an educational program for those undergoing spine surgery at Bethesda Heart Institute, 4th Floor Conference Room, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Learn what to expect before, during and after surgery. This program meets the 1st & 3rd Wed. of each month. Held again 9/1. 2-3 pm. Free. 737-7733, Ext. 4688.

Thursday - 8/19 - Green M&M's Party is held as a fundraiser for The Arthur R. Marshall Foundation and The Friends of Mounts Botanical Garden at Crane's BeachHouse Hotel & Tiki Bar, 82 Gleason St., Delray Beach. 6-8:30 pm. \$25 includes one free drink. Snacks, raffle and live entertainment. 278-1700 or www.cranesbeachhouse.com

8/19 - Art & Jazz on the Avenue is held along Atlantic Ave. and Pineapple Grove Way in downtown Delray Beach. Open house for restaurants, art galleries and shops. Live entertainment. 6-10 pm. 279-1380.

Friday - 8/20 - Pre-K Fun: Tooth Fairy - Celebrate Tooth Fairy 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.

8/20 - Sushi and Stroll Summer Walk is held at The Morikami Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road., Delray Beach. Experience the gardens, enjoy taiko drumming, a cold drink and a breathtaking sunset. Fushu Daiko performances are at 6:30 & 7:30 pm (\$2 with admission). 5:30-8:30 pm. Free/members, \$7/non-member adults, \$5/kids. 495-0233.

8/20 - Keith and the Heat Band performs as part of the Downtown West Palm Beach waterfront concert series, 101 N. Clematis St., West Palm Beach. Sponsored by the Downtown Development Authority and the City of West Palm Beach. Bring blankets and chairs. 8 pm. Free. 833-8873 or www.wpbg.com.

Saturday - 8/21 - Breastfeeding Prenatal Class is taught by lactation consultants at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Expectant parents learn the benefits of breastfeeding, keys to success, supply and demand, positioning, breast pumps, returning to work and weaning. Both parents are encouraged to attend. 10 am-noon. \$25. Payment must be made before class date. 369-2229.

8/21 - Primary-Caregivers Training is provided by the Community Caring Center at Ascension Lutheran Church, 2929 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Faith in Action program provides training for primary-caregivers who are making a difference in the lives of frail and elderly and assisting them to maintain their independence, dignity and quality of life. 10 am-1 pm. All are welcome. Brunch and resource manuals provided. Registration: 364-9501, Ext. 10.

8/21 - On the Silk Road and High Seas: Chinese Ceramics, Culture and Commerce Exhibit opens at the Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach. Features superb examples of Chinese ceramics. Runs through 11/21. T-Sat.: 10am-5pm, Sun.: 1-5 pm, 2nd Th. of each month: 10 am-9 pm. \$12/adults, \$5/ages 13-21, Free/members and children under 13. 832-5196 or www.norton.org.

8/21 - Boca Beach Kids - Meet for an introductory talk about seashells and the animals that make them at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Pickup will be at Red Reef Park, 1400 N. State Rd. A1A, Boca Raton. Age 7-12, adults will not need to stay. 10:30 am-noon. \$9/members, \$14/non-members. Class held again 7/24 & 8/4. Reservations: 391-8110.

8/21 - Spady Living Heritage Festival is held at Spady Cultural Heritage Complex, 170 NW 5th Ave. Daylong celebration with music, dance, presentations, demonstrations, Junkanoo Parade, movie, children's activities and events. Entertainers include Strictly Business Band, Butch Harrison-Florida Cracker, Delray Divas, Big Smile Entertainment, Gospel Angels, Jr. Drinkwater Blues Band, Bahamas II Miami Junkanoo Band, Milagro Stars, LaPaloma Dancers. Noon-10 pm. Free. 561-279-8883 or www.spadymuseum.org.

8/21 - Music Lover's Extravaganza on Ocean Ave featuring drummer Andy Baskin is held at Thank You For Your Ride at 100 N.E. 6th St. Room 101, Boynton Beach. 7 pm. \$15. Information: Susanann101@gmail.com.
8/21-22 - Adult Flag Football Tournament is held at the Carolyn Sims Center, 225 NW 12th Ave., Boynton Beach. 10 am-6 pm. \$150/registration fee per team. Admission free for spectators. Contact Frank Ireland at 742-6641.

AUGUST 22-28

Sunday - 8/22 - Music at St. Paul's features *Camerata del Re* in a performance exploring the music of Eighteenth Century Spain at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 188 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 4 pm. \$15 or \$18/preferred seating, \$5/students. 276-4541.

Monday - 8/23 - Self-Reliance by Ralph Waldo Emerson 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.

8/23 - Half of a Yellow Sun by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie is presented as part of the Afternoon Book Group at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 1 pm. Free. 266-9490.

Tuesday - 8/24 - Primary Election Day - 7 am-7 pm.

Wednesday - 8/25 - Boca Beachcombing - Meet for an introductory talk about seashells and the animals the make them at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton, then caravan over to Red Reef Park, 1400 N. State Rd. A1A, Boca Raton, to walk the beach in search of ocean treasures. Open to all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult. 3-4:30 pm. \$5/members, \$8/non-members. Reservations and pre-payment required: 391-8110.

Thursday - 8/26 - Public Art Visioning Presentation and Workshop is held by the City of Boynton Beach Arts Commission and Public Art Administrator in the City Library Program Room, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Workshop will review goals for future programs, projects and events. Public welcome. 6-8 pm. RSVP by 8/19: 742-6026.

8/26 - 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 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

8/26 - Wine Tasting at Old Vines, Wine & Spirits, 900 E Atlantic Ave #3, Delray Beach. 5-7 pm. \$20. 276-2076 or www.oldvinesdelraybeach.com.

Friday - 8/27 - Pre-K Fun with Food: Toasted Marshmallows - Make a painting using large and small marshmallows at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 East Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Pre-k ages 2-5. 10:30-11:30 am. \$2.50 plus admission to the museum. 742-6782.

8/27 - Summer Nights on the Avenue: Country Music Block Party is held in the 500 block of Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. 7-10 pm. Free. 279-1380.

8/27&28 - Mary Foster Conklin performs at The Colony Hotel, 155 Hammon Ave., Palm Beach as part of The Royal Room Summer Cabaret Series. \$90/dinner and show, \$45/show only. This talented singer will also perform 9/3-4. Doors open at 6:30 pm for dinner; show starts at 8pm. Reservations: 659-8100.

Saturday - 8/28 - Narrated Bus Tour of Historic Delray Beach is conducted by the Museum of Lifestyle & Fashion History. 1 hour and 45 minute tour of 10 historic sites departs at 11 am from MLFH inside Boynton Beach Mall, 801 N Congress Ave. \$15/adult & senior citizen, Free/children under 18. 243-2662.

AUG. 29-SEPT. 4

Sunday - 8/29 - Reiki Healing Circle is held at The Quantum Healing Center, 12 NE 5th Ave., Delray Beach. 6:30 pm. All welcome. Donations accepted. 272-3733.

Tuesday - 8/31 - Avatar will be presented as part of the Teen Movie Night at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 4:30 pm. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

Wednesday - 9/1 - Socrates Cafe - Weekly discussion group with rotating facilitators at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 11:30 am. 266-0194.

Thursday - 9/2 - The Empowerment Zone - Service available to library card holders who wish to create their resumes, search for jobs online, teach themselves to type or locate and apply for e-Government services at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Open every M&Th. 9 am-noon. Free. 266-0196.

9/2 - Surgical Weight Reduction Symposium is presented by Miguel A. Lopez-Viego, M.D. in the Clayton Conference Center of Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2815 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. 6:30 pm. Free. RSVP: 737-7733, Ext. 4688.

9/3 - Summer Nights on the Avenue: Fat Friday Block Party is held in the 500 block of Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. 7-10 pm. Free. 279-1380.

Saturday - 9/4 - Village Summer Market is held each Saturday through the summer at 115 NE 4th Ave., Delray Beach. Presented by Delray Arts Collective with fresh/organic produce and gourmet foods. 8 am-1 pm. 901-2201.

9/4 - The Writer's Studio is held every Saturday at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave., 10 am. Free. 736-8044.

9/4-7 - USTA Summer Smash Regional Championships - One of the largest participatory USTA events in the country with over 500 players in the Boys & Girls 12s, 14s, 16s and 18s divisions. Boys 12's & 18's Match Sites are the Delray Swim & Tennis Club, 2350 Jaeger Dr. and the Delray Beach Tennis Center, 201 W. Atlantic Ave. Boys 16's Match Site is Hunters Run Country Club, 3500 Clubhouse Lane, Boynton Beach. Boys 14's Match Sites are Boca West Country Club, 20583 Boca West Dr. and Broken Sound Country Club, 2401 Willow Springs Dr., Boca Raton. Girls 18's Match Site is Broken Sound Country Club. Girls 16's Match Sites are The Polo Club Boca Raton, 5400 Champion Blvd., and Broken Sound Country Club. Girls 12's & 14's Match Sites are Hunters Run Country Club and Indian Spring Country Club, 11501 El Clair Ranch Road, Boynton Beach. Matches begin daily at 8am. Spectator admission free. 330-6000 or www.PimMarketing.com.



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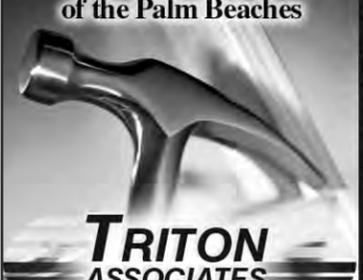
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Obituaries

By Emily J. Minor

DELRAY BEACH — Scott Ellington, a Florida native who grew up in Panama City and always loved the water, died in July after a battle with a rare form of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. He was 66.

Ellington, who lived in coastal Delray Beach with his wife, Linda, was the

executive director of Florida Atlantic University's Research and Development Park.

For 12 years, he worked to pair FAU students and professors with research companies.

It is largely through Ellington's work that FAU now houses 28 high-tech businesses

at its research center in Boca Raton. Mr. Ellington was also



Scott Ellington

head of the research park authority.

Formerly with IBM, Mr. Ellington had a knack for pairing research with researchers. He also had an infinite love for the water, said his wife, Linda.

The two married 2 1/2 years ago — after Mr. Ellington was diagnosed with mantle cell lymphoma.

"We took that journey together," she said recently.

A member of the U.S. Coast Guard Flotilla No. 36, headquartered out of Boca Raton, Mr. Ellington kept his boat, a 42-foot Jefferson, behind their home on South Ocean Boulevard.

Besides his volunteer work with the auxiliary, he also taught sailing lessons.

His wife said her husband was a very special man, "witty, scholarly, bright, funny, loving and caring."

He also was a member of the Boca Raton Rotary Club.

Besides his wife, Mr. Ellington is survived by two children: Christopher, of Lighthouse Point, and Deborah, of Ocala. Two stepsons, Brian and Kyle, also survive him, along with eight grandchildren.

The family asks that donations be made to Rotary International, or the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy.



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Peter T. Janulis

By Mary Thurwachter

DELRAY BEACH — Dr. Peter T. Janulis struggled with his health recently, spending the last 4 1/2 months in and out of Bethesda Memorial Hospital. He and his wife, Lyn, knew his heart condition was very serious, but he had improved lately and they thought he'd have another year, Lyn Janulis said.

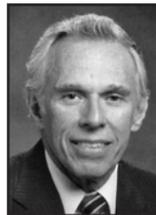
Having survived a heart attack and quintuple bypass surgery in 1991, he was proactive in managing his condition and had many good years since that happened.

But on July 7, Dr. Janulis suddenly died of cardiac arrest in their home at Seagate Towers. He was 84.

Dr. Janulis practiced psychiatry in New York City for 40 years until the couple retired to Delray Beach in 1993.

His son, Ted P. Janulis of New York, N.Y., described his father as a dedicated doctor, "always helping patients, working 13 hour days, most often back-to-back."

"He was a born scientist who delighted in understanding how things work, whether it was a well-designed kitchen gadget or the intricacies of the human mind," said his daughter Lori Closter of Plympton, Mass. "He had a keen sense of humor and a great zest for life — and a lifelong love of tennis and sailing," Closter added. "He adored spending time with his grandchildren and he loved teaching them chess and doing science experiments. He was an early enthusiast of home video equipment and his 26 years worth of family footage are among our most treasured possessions."



Another daughter, Karen Bouffard of Montpelier, Vt., called her father "a gifted man whose talents and abilities far exceeded those of many. His mastery of the dynamic of interpersonal relationships and their inherent complexities was perhaps his greatest achievement. He dedicated his life to helping people identify and reduce emotional suffering. Above all, he was a true healer."

Mrs. Janulis recalls how much of a couple they were. "Like an envelope and a stamp, we went everywhere together," she said. This summer, on their 58th wedding anniversary, they went to Prime Catch for dinner. "I had lobster, he had filet of sole," she recalled. He gave her money to buy black pearl earrings to match a necklace he had given her for her 80th birthday. "He was too exhausted to go to the jewelry store himself."

Theirs was a love story dating back to 1951, when he was an intern at New York State Hospital at Syracuse. "I was the football queen at Syracuse University and he was the 50th man to call me," Mrs. Janulis recalled. "Everyone called the football queen."

There was something very special about him, she said. He asked her out for coffee and she was immediately struck by his smile and warmth. "He had very blue eyes, chestnut hair and a flash of white teeth. I didn't know yet how caring he was, as well."

Nine weeks later, he proposed and they married in June of 1952. He always sent her flowers on special occasions, usually her favorite — white freesia. Other times after a long day at work, he'd stop to buy

her a single yellow rose.

In Delray Beach, the couple took frequent walks on the beach, sometimes stopping at Boston's for an iced tea and maybe a slice of Key lime pie. They were members of the Delray Beach Club, where up until a few years ago, he played tennis regularly. Other favorite outings were to the Morikami Museum and the Kravis Center, especially for opera.

During his final years, he took a special interest in politics, lamenting recent developments in the direction the country is taking, his wife said.

Born in Newark, N.J., Dr. Janulis was the son of the late Theodore and Helen Janulis of Pompano Beach. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Dr. Alex Janulis.

Dr. Janulis received his undergraduate and medical degrees from Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., and New York City. His internship and residency in psychiatry were also served at the Weil Cornell Medical College, after he served in the Navy during World War II. He was an associate clinical professor at Cornell Medical College.

In addition to his wife and three children, he is survived by his grandchildren: Jennifer, Julian, Matthew, Elizabeth, Catherine, Peter, Helena and Christina. A private graveside service was held in Beechwoods Cemetery, New Rochelle, N.Y. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Delray.

Memorial condolences may be made to Class of 1951 Scholarship Fund, Weil Cornell Medical College, 1300 York Ave., New York, N.Y. 10021, or Bethesda Heart Institute, Boynton Beach, FL



Nicholas A. Lee

BRINY BREEZES — We are sorry to report the passing of Nicholas "Nick" A. Lee, 27, of Melbourne on July 25.

He was the son of Jack (Ann) Lee of Briny Breezes and Jill Lee of Illinois.

Other survivors include his brother, John Lee, sisters Jaime Lee and Gina

Smith, and stepsister, Karen Steinmarch; plus many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Some may remember Nick when he lived in Briny Breezes from 1996-1997.

He had many fond memories of fishing, surfing and swimming in the ocean here as a third-



generation Briny resident.

A memorial service was held on July 31 at New Church of Boynton Beach with arrangements by South Brevard Funeral Home, Melbourne.

Share memories and sign the family guestbook at www.affuneral.com.

— Submitted by the family

Summer Arts

Renovations to close Boca Art museum, but 'Gin Game' is on Dramaworks' table

Beginning with this coming season, the Boca Raton Museum of Art will mark its 10th anniversary at its lovely building in Mizner Park.

It moved there in January 2001 after having been in a small space on Palmetto Park Road since 1950, now home to the museum's art school. The opening major exhibit was a fascinating look at the late career of Pablo Picasso, a body of work that critics such as Simon Schama dismiss as a lamentable falling-off after *Guernica* in 1937.

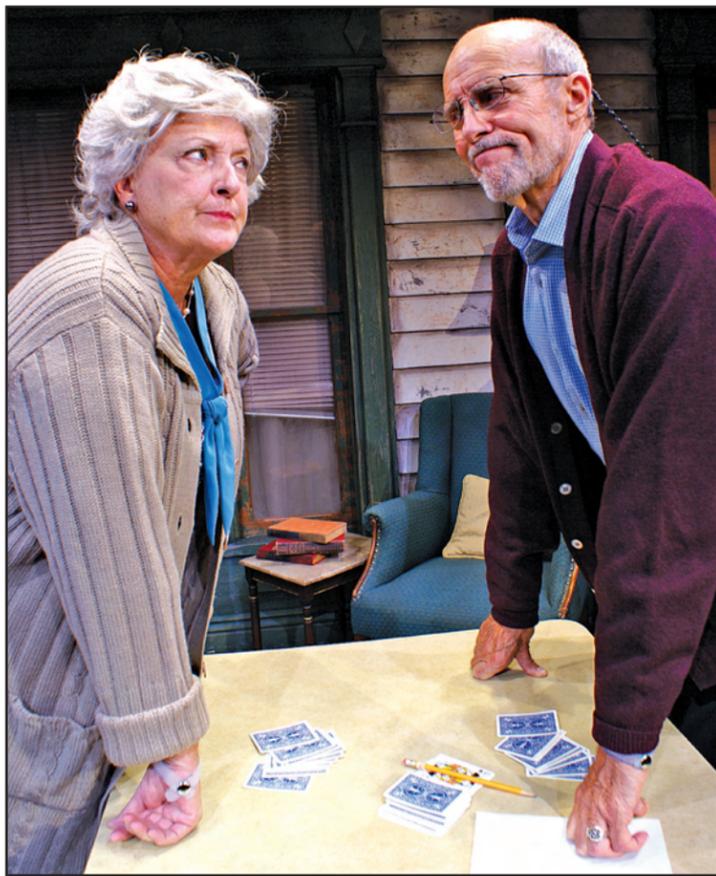
But that show suggested otherwise, with beautiful drawings of bullfights and erotic scenes, colorful linocuts and bold ceramic work, among many other things. It was an auspicious and canny debut, and it raised the profile of the museum at a single stroke.

You'll have to hurry to see what's there now, because the museum is closing for renovations Aug. 9, and will reopen Oct. 12 with three exhibits featuring work by Valerio Adami, Robert Cottingham and a look at European Modernism in graphic art called "Romanticism to Modernism: Graphic Masterpieces From Piranesi to Picasso."

On view now is the 59th Annual All-Florida Juried Exhibition and Competition, featuring 92 works by 81 artists from around the state, and the biennial Boca Museum Artists' Guild exhibition. Both shows present a good opportunity to see the breadth of artistic talent in this area and this state, and they also make a nice way to sum up the museum's first 10 years in its current home. Call 392-9500 or visit www.bocamuseum.org; tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, and \$4 for students.

Theater: If the true test of a work of American theater is its durability in professional and amateur productions everywhere, then D.L. Coburn's 1976 two-person play, *The Gin Game*, long ago passed with excellent marks. Originally starring Jessica Tandy and Hume Cronyn, it's the story of two seniors in an elder home who meet over gin rummy, have long conversations about their lives, and end up trying to humiliate each other.

Palm Beach Dramaworks is mounting the show this month in a production featuring two veteran area actors, Barbara Bradshaw and Peter Haig. Coburn's play, which won the Pulitzer Prize, offers rich roles for its two actors (it won Tandy the 1978 Tony for best actress) in a story that's usually considered a dark comedy, but that Coburn has said is really about two people who are unable to learn from their mistakes.



Barbara Bradshaw and Peter Haig star in Palm Beach Dramaworks' production of *The Gin Game*. Photo provided

J. Barry Lewis directs *The Gin Game*, and the show runs through Aug. 15 at Dramaworks, at 322 Banyan Blvd. in West Palm Beach. Tickets are \$42-\$44. Call (561) 514-4042 or visit www.palmbeachdramaworks.org.

Meanwhile, over at the Rinker Playhouse, Florida Stage has settled into its new Kravis Center home with a production of *Low Down Dirty Blues*, a four-person revue by Randal Myler and Dan Wheatman of mostly ribald blues songs and minimal dialogue set during the after-hours in a club on Chicago's South Side.

The members of the cast — Felicia P. Fields, Mississippi Charles Bevel, Gregory Porter and Sandra Reaves-Phillips — sing 22 classic blues songs, such as Muddy Waters' immortal *Got My Mojo Workin'* and Eubie Blake and Andy Razaf's *My Handyman*, a hilariously filthy exercise in double entendre made famous in the late 1920s by Ethel Waters (He threads my needle/Creams my wheat/Heats my heater/Chops my meat).

Low Down Dirty Blues runs through Sept. 5 at the Rinker, which is inside West Palm Beach's Kravis Center. Tickets are \$47-\$50. Call 800-514-3837 or visit www.floridastage.org.

Music: The Lilith Fair, the all-woman alt-rock music festival begun in 1996 by Canadian songwriter Sarah McLachlan, was to have played the Cruzan Amphitheatre this month (Aug. 10), but organizers canceled it along with nine other shows, citing the terrible economy.

But you can still get your Lilith fix this month if necessary by heading to the Broward Center in Fort Lauderdale on Aug. 25 for a

concert by Natalie Merchant, who has just released her first album of new material in seven years, *Leave Your Sleep*.

For me, a little of Natalie goes a long way, but she represents an original, uncompromising voice, one of the few popular artists with a consistent message of social critique and engagement. Tickets are \$35-\$60; call 954-462-0222 or visit www.browardcenter.org.

And the Cruzan recovers from its Lilith snub with the Rockstar Mayhem Festival, with Korn and Rob Zombie (Aug. 11), country megastar Brad Paisley (with Hootie and the Blowfish lead singer Darius Rucker, on Aug. 14), mellow rocker Jack Johnson (Aug. 26), and Creed (Aug. 31). Tickets are available through Live Nation.

Over in Delray Beach, it's another visit to the world of Baroque music, this time from Spain. Keith Paulson-Thorp's Camerata del Re, St. Paul's Episcopal Church's resident Baroque ensemble, offers music Aug. 22, by a group of fine composers whose work is little-known to audiences today: Juan Astorga, José Herrando, Francisc Manalt, and the Pla brothers, José and Joan Baptista. Also included is a quintet for flute and strings by Luigi Boccherini, an Italian who lived for decades in Spain under the patronage of the Infante Luis Antonio, archbishop of Toledo.

The concert begins at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$15-\$18. Call 278-6003 or visit www.stpaulsdelray.org.

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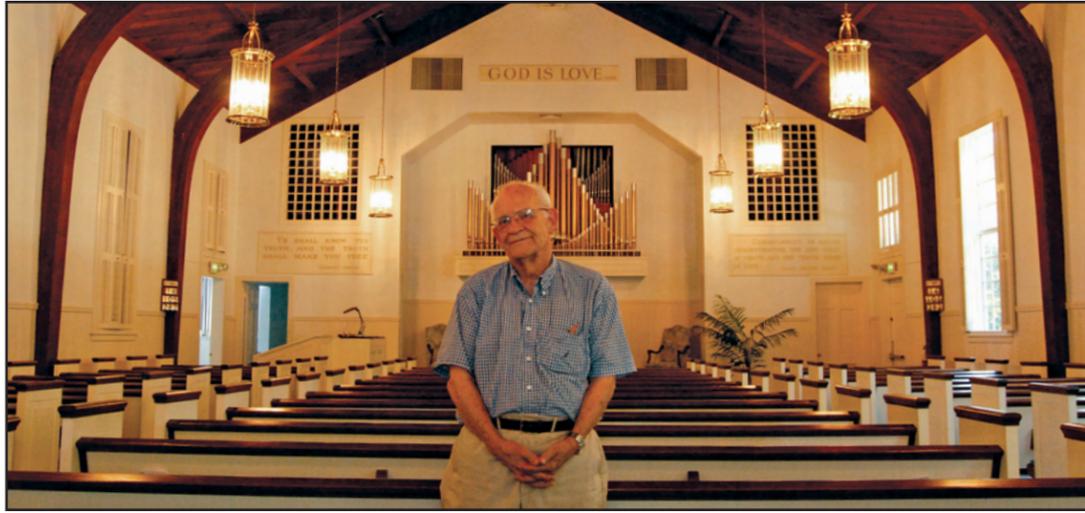
Religion

First Church of Christ, Scientist holds history and healing

Picturesque outside and serene within, the First Church of Christ, Scientist sanctuary almost belies its amazing journey from an Air Force base in Boca Raton to its 200 SE Seventh Ave. home in Delray Beach. The January 1949 move was a logistical challenge. For example, the building had to be cut in half for the move, and reassembled at the current site.

The Christian Science Church has branches around the world and was organized by Mary Baker Eddy in the late 1800s. "In her book, *Science and Health*, she wrote down her discoveries of the truths embodied in the Bible," said Pat Archer, the First Reader, or primary conductor of Delray's church services. "She was able to develop a method and approach that actually brought about healing just the way healing was brought about through Jesus' time, and through his followers."

Christian Science services were held in Delray as early as 1914 in members' homes. In 1923, seven members founded the Christian Scientist Society, recognized as a branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Mass. In 1939, the society became the First



Pat Archer, First Reader of the Delray Beach Christian Science Church. Photo by Jerry Lower

Church of Christ, Scientist of Delray Beach with services held in a former real estate office on Southeast Fourth Avenue.

But by December 1947, Boca Raton Field was deactivated. Its three regulation Army chapels were placed on sale, for church purposes only. In a February 1948 report, the church's board of directors announced a goal of acquiring one of the buildings — "constructed of excellent material" — as a permanent church edifice:

"The investment required to complete the building as we would like it, will be about \$30,000, including the lot, cost of moving, landscaping, interior furnishings, organ

and some exterior and interior alterations. The completed building will seat 300 persons without enlargement."

By that December, the church had purchased for \$1,500 a chapel the government had built for \$30,000. The eight-mile move, however, involved major hurdles, such as permits from city and state authorities. Even with the steeple removed for transit, the building required a 35-foot clearance.

Says a church historical sketch: "A maze of wires — including those of Florida Power and Light Company, the Southern Bell Telephone Company, the Western Union, the American Telephone ad

Telegraph Company and the Florida East Coast Railway — all had to be moved, lowered, raised or cut to allow passage of the building. The move across the railroad tracks had to be carried out during a specified time when there were no trains, and railway signalmen were posted north and south to stop any possible movement on the tracks at the time. All of this had to go on simultaneously and it was necessary that exact coordination as to time be secured from all the agencies."

The new Christian Science church was dedicated on Nov. 13, 1949.

In October 1991, the Sunday school wing was

added to the south side. Its pipe organ was updated in 2007 with a state-of-the-art digital console that, along with John Heckrote, the church's master organist of nearly three decades, is more than worth the price of admission. That price, of course, is free. Visitors are welcome for the 10:30 a.m. Sunday services, and the 7:30 p.m. Wednesday evening services that include testimonies of Christian Science healing. For more information, call the church at 561-276-4551.

In addition, all Christian Science churches maintain a public reading room with a librarian, a quiet atmosphere and Christian Science literature for study, to borrow or purchase. The congregation maintains one at 900 E. Atlantic Ave., at Waterway East, Suite 6, 561-278-0665.

C.B. Hanif will be visiting our local places of worship on an occasional basis and sharing his



experience with our readers. His InterFaith 21 column returns in September. Find him online at www.interfaith21.com.

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Hurricanes can put the hurry in you. When Hurricane Andrew took aim on South Florida in 1992, I stood inside my bathtub with my roommate and three puzzled cats. Living just a mile from the ocean in Lantana, we waited for the Category 5 storm to strike.

But Andrew fooled the meteorologists and abruptly changed course at the last minute to aim its eye farther south in Miami. When he let out his final breath, Andrew racked up \$30 billion in damages.

Now in the heart of hurricane season, just how prepared can one be for Mother Nature's blow-hard side? My answer: It is better to be over-prepared, especially when you have pets. Hurricanes answering to the names of Charley, Frances, Wilma and Katrina convey the urgent need to provide safe havens for people with pets.

Liz Pinson endured a handful of hurricanes while living on Hypoluxo Island with her dogs and cats for 15 years before recently moving to North Carolina.

"There was no way we could stay on the island because of the storm surge and there was no way I was going to evacuate without my pets," says Pinson, who once cajoled friends who had a white-carpeted condo in Sarasota to allow her to bring her three cats and two large dogs named Lucas and Annie. "Leaving my pets behind during mandatory evacuations was never an option for me. I've spent time in hotels and friends' homes with my bunch during each hurricane. We were just lucky

To learn more, the following groups provide detailed info on how to prepare for — and cope with — emergencies:

American Veterinary Medical Association: Saving the Whole Family — www.avma.org/disaster/saving_family.asp
American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Disaster Preparedness — www.asPCA.org/pet-care/disaster-preparedness/

to have friends who welcomed our pets in their homes."

Finally, a pet-accepting shelter is now available in Palm Beach County at the West Boynton Recreation Center, 6000 Hightree Blvd., Boynton Beach. This facility permits only those pet families who are in an evacuation zone or who live in a mobile home in the county.

Dial 561-233-1266 to hear more details, but the most important rule is that you must pre-register with Animal Care and Control. Do it today by filling out the forms available at www.pbcgov.com/pubsafety/animal. The site features a hurricane-preparedness pet brochure as well as a detailed list of hotels, motels and pet boarding facilities in the county that accept pets during a hurricane.

Whether you are a hurricane veteran or bracing for your first one, here's a checklist of must-dos:



When required to evacuate her Hypoluxo Island home, Annie was taken by her owner to a condo in Sarasota.

Family photo

- Prepare today, not tomorrow. Hurricanes and other disasters never accommodate your busy schedule.
- Post a disaster checklist on your refrigerator or other visible place that includes key phone numbers, including veterinary clinics, boarding facilities, local police and local Red Cross.
- Make sure your pets have microchip identifications in case they lose their collars and ID tags.
- And keep them up-to-date on vaccinations and flea/tick medication. Bring proof, otherwise, they will be turned away from pet shelters.
- Create a pet evacuation kit in advance that includes a pet first-aid kit, spare collars, ID tags (with your cell phone and vet hospital phone numbers), a few days' worth of pet food, bottled water, a week's worth of medications; toy, litter, food and water bowls. Some places require muzzles for dogs, so pack one. And include copies

of your pet's medical records and medication needs. Keep a spare copy in your car and update it every six months.

- Acclimate your dogs and cats to being inside pet carriers. Make the carrier a fun, safe retreat for your pet and never put him in a carrier as punishment.

- Select collapsible carriers, if possible and use permanent markers to clearly identify the pet's name, your contact info and tape a photo of your pet on the carrier.

- Pre-arrange with pet-welcoming hotels, boarding facilities and friends ahead of time and remember that the storm's path can change abruptly, so you need to select welcoming places in different directions.

- Write out specific care instructions for your pets in the event that a disaster strikes when you are away from home. Post this in a visible place for neighbors or friends who will care for your pets.
- Post rescue alert stickers

on your front and back windows that alerts rescue works as to the number and type of pets you have inside your home. To obtain a free sticker, contact the ASPCA at www.asPCA.org and use the keyword disaster.

I can't even imagine leaving my dogs, Chipper and Cleo, and my cats, Murphy and Zeki, to fend for themselves if a natural disaster strikes. They are four-legged members of my family. After all, they make my house a real home.

Arden Moore, Founder of *Four Legged Life.com*, is an animal behavior consultant, editor, author and professional speaker. She happily shares her home with two dogs, two cats and one overworked vacuum cleaner.



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