

Manalapan



Iguanas have caused concern in Manalapan, which wants to keep the exotic animals from ravaging foliage as they have elsewhere. **Photo by Jerry Lower**

Iguana nuisance prompts talk of eradication

By Hector Florin

The mayor has spotted them on his sea wall.

One commissioner has dodged them while driving in his neighborhood. One resident blames them for the loss of his mulberry tree.

While no iguana pandemic exists in Manalapan, the slinky lizards are causing a bit of a stir, with sporadic reports of sightings in yards and on

streets.

Town commissioners on Feb. 24 declared the iguanas a nuisance, and asked staff to gather information to possibly contract with an iguana trapper to remove the non-native creatures.

Commissioner Dr. Tom Coffman says he's seen four or five iguanas near his home over the last year. He wants to avoid the common iguana sightings afflicting

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Delray Beach

Two priests await sentencing in parish thefts

By Tim O'Meilia

On the day before Lent began — a season of penance and sacrifice for Roman Catholics — a former pastor of St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church in Delray Beach was found guilty by a Palm Beach County jury of stealing up to \$100,000 from the Sunday collection plates

over 19 months.

The Rev. Francis Guinan, 66, is the second clergyman from the parish who faces prison for spending offertory money on trips to Las Vegas, Ireland and the Bahamas, airline tickets for a female companion and tabs at restaurants and private clubs. The pastor

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History is our Treasure

By Ron Hayes

The sailing ship Lofthus isn't Palm Beach County's only shipwreck — or its most deadly.

It's not even the first ship to wreck on the same spot.

But it's the county's first to have been honored by the National Register of Historic Places.

The 223-foot, iron-hulled Lofthus was sailing from Pensacola to Buenos Aires when it was blown off-course in a winter storm and wrecked 175 yards off Manalapan on Jan. 30, 1898.

"There's a few things all human beings share," says veteran diver Joe Masterson. "Watching a controlled fire, for example. Or watching the ocean. People don't know why, but there's an attraction there, and shipwrecks are like that. Look at what the Titanic engenders."

Fortunately, the Lofthus was no Titanic. A total of 1,517 lives were lost in the Titanic disaster, but the Lofthus lost only its cargo — 800,000 feet of lumber. All 16 crew members survived.

Nine years ago, Masterson and fellow diver Pete Kendrigan, both of Briny Breezes, started visiting the ship's remains.

With a half-dozen friends, they formed Marine Archaeological Research & Conservation Reporting and set to work documenting the wreck site. In 2002, the nonprofit organization delivered a detailed report to the state, and a year later, the Lofthus became the first shipwreck off Palm Beach County to be declared an archaeological preserve by the National Register of Historic Places.

Built in England in 1868, it was originally named the Cashmere. Sold to Norwegians in 1897 and renamed, the Lofthus still boasted 12 faux gunports painted on the sides to discourage Javanese pirates during its days in the East India trade.

"When we first went

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Coastal Stars



Briny Breezes bookkeeper Dorothy Wilson (left) is joined by her daughter Christy Gauger at the 30th-anniversary celebration held in her honor at the park's Ocean Clubhouse on Feb. 17. Christy works part-time in the Briny Breezes office with her mom. **Photo by Mary Kate Leming**

Marking 30 years of service to Briny

You could say Dorothy Wilson grew up in Briny Breezes. When she first started with the park, she worked part-time in the mailroom so she could spend time with her two small children, Christy and Tara. That was 30 years ago!

For 25 years, she has been Briny's bookkeeper. Even though that is what she's employed to do, she is most known for her loving and caring spirit and Christian beliefs.

She has been with Briny so long she can remember many of the current stockholders' parents. That was very evident at a party held in her honor on Feb. 17,

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when more than a hundred residents came to the Ocean Clubhouse to celebrate her career with the community.

One highlight of Dorothy's Briny career came during the filming of *Folks*, starring Tom Selleck and Don Ameche.

Dorothy and her husband, Scott, had a sailboat at the time in the Briny marina. The director asked

if the boat could be filmed in the background with them on it for one of the scenes. Dorothy was excited — she was a huge Tom Selleck fan — and said "yes."

When the movie came out, she excitedly looked for herself, Scott and the boat; but sadly, all that was seen was a piece of the mast. She was disappointed, but only a little, as she got a picture of herself with Tom Selleck to treasure always.

Dorothy Wilson was nominated to be a Coastal Star by Briny Breezes Park Manager Diane Spears, the office staff and hundreds of Briny Breezes residents.

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Editorial



Flaco the cat-napping feline sleeps through a photo session. **Photo by Mary Kate Leming**

Paws Up! for our furry friends

Flaco is a refugee. I don't know any of his backstory or what dangers he may have endured to end up on my doorstep. I have suspicions, but nothing I can prove. I've harbored this refugee cat for about four years now — ever since he walked in the front door and sat down in front of the refrigerator. He's elderly and ailing, but this odd creature has settled in and become part of our family. I'm as grateful for his arrival as he is for finding a new home: His Buddha-like calm and roaring purr have helped me through some tough times.

Over the years, many beloved pets have come and gone, leaving our seaside community with indelible, shared memories. I myself have learned some neighbors' names after first coming to recognize them by sight — at the tail end of a dog leash.

In this edition, I'm happy to introduce a former newspaper colleague who has built a successful career writing and talking about pets. She's authored several books, hosts an Internet talk show and makes regular guest

appearances on radio and TV. As you'll read in her introductory column, she spent her early years as a journalist here in southern Palm Beach County. She, too, has provided a safe harbor for animal refugees over the years.

Please welcome Arden Moore's Paws Up For Pets! column to our pages, and feel free to let her know about any concerns you have with your own furry friends. She's here to answer your questions.

One thing she and I both are asked regularly is, "Did you know Marley?" The answer is yes, we both knew Marley. He really was a bad dog. But as most of our pets do, he brought comfort and joy — and, in his case, financial security — to our talented friend John Grogan. Good dog, Marley!

With the launch of Paws Up for Pets!, I'd like to meet your pets. Feel free to send me their photos for publication. Just attach a photo to an email and send to news@thecoastalstar.com.

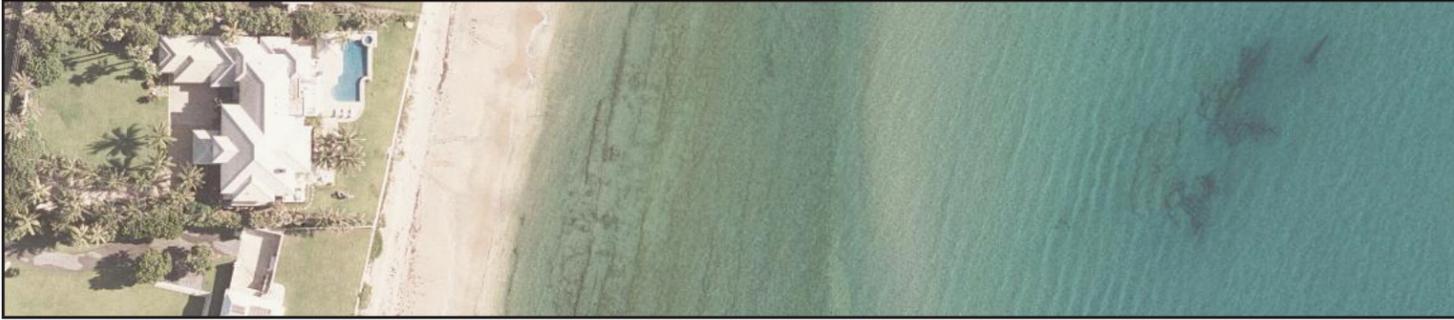
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Remains of the shipwrecked Lofthus are visible offshore Manalapan. Photo provided by Marine Archaeological Research & Conservation Reporting

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down there, it didn't look right," Masterson recalls, "then we found out they blew it up to get at the lumber."

Salvaged, the lumber sold for \$1,000, and for decades the Lofthus was left to the mercy of the shifting sands.

Today, the ship's anchor bears an underwater memorial plaque.

"It's just about trying to preserve history," Kendrigan says. "That's our main interest."

The Lofthus was forgotten for years and years until we started to look into it. Our main interest is preservation."

A year earlier to the day, on Jan. 30, 1897, another ship wrecked on the same spot.

A 142-foot barkentine, the Oh Kim Soon was sailing from Spain to Fernandina to pick up cargo when it ran aground.

Years later, Lillie Pierce Voss, the first white child born south of Jupiter, preserved her memories of the wreck:

"She lay up on the sand in the wash," Voss wrote, "so that we went aboard with dry feet, up over the rope ladder and onto the deck, where we were met by Captain Morton and his wife."

Valuables were salvaged, a single photograph taken, and in time the tides, wind and future storms erased all evidence of the Oh Kim Soon.

Another barkentine, the Coquimbo, was

carrying a cargo of long-leaf pine lumber, loaded in Gulfstream, Miss., and bound for Europe when it struck the reef a half-mile south of Ocean Avenue in early 1909. Again, no lives were lost, and the lumber was saved.

The crew of 15 spent two month in tents constructed from the masts while they waited for a tug to arrive from Key West.

The tug did its best, but the Coquimbo resisted all efforts to dislodge it, and by May it had begun to break apart.

The cargo, however, washed ashore, to be stacked along the beach and finally auctioned.

Some of that lumber became the first Boynton Beach Woman's Club, constructed at the corner of Ocean Avenue and Southeast Fourth Street.

"We've tried," says Pete Kendrigan, "but we've never been able to find any of the Coquimbo out there."

But alas, lumber is not all that's been lost to storms and coral reefs off Palm Beach County.

On another Sept. 11, lives were lost.

A 386-foot steel steamship, the Inchulva, was traveling from Galveston, Texas, to Norfolk, Va., when it met a hurricane off the coast of Delray Beach on Sept. 11, 1903. The hull split, the stern collapsed and nine of the 21-man crew were killed.

In her definitive history of the wreck, S.S. Inchulva: A Florida Shipwreck, veteran

diver Linda Reeves reports that the 12 survivors were brought ashore and spent about a week recovering at the Chapman House hotel on East Atlantic Avenue. When they left, each man signed the guest book:

"Shipwrecked in the S.S. Inchulva, September 11, 1903, landed on a raft September 12th and received every kindness and attention at the hands of Mrs. Chapman."

For years, the Inchulva was known as simply "the Delray wreck," until May 22, 1990, when a marker was placed on State Road A1A at Casuarina Road, paid for with \$1,500 in private money raised by The Friends of the Delray Wreck.

In 2005, the marker itself was damaged in Hurricane Wilma. It has been repaired and remounted in January.

According to Reeves, the remains of 67 shipwrecks lie in the waters off Palm Beach County, some from the 1600s, and at least five bearing silver and gold.

But Masterson says he has no great passion for silver goblets and gold doubloons.

"Our treasure is the history," Masterson says. "The history is the treasure."

Local shipwrecks

Oh Kim Soon

Date of wreck: Jan. 30, 1897

Location: Approximately three-quarters of a mile north of Boynton Inlet and 175 yards east off Manalapan

Cargo: Unknown

Remains: None found at wreck site.

Lofthus

Date of wreck: Jan. 30, 1898

Location: Approximately three-quarter of a mile north of Boynton Inlet and 175 yards east off Manalapan, in the same location as the Oh Kim Soon

Cargo: Lumber

Remains: Three main sections scattered over an 8-by-14-yard area, including the bow and decking, hull frame and iron masts.

Inchulva

Date of wreck: Sept. 11, 1903

Location: Approximately 100 yards off Delray Beach from Casuarina Road

Cargo: Wheat, cotton, brewer's grain, pine lumber, cottonseed meal

Remains: Five visible sections, including the boilers and two large sections of the ship's ribs, one 40 and the other 50 feet long.

Coquimbo

Date of wreck: Winter 1909

Location: A half-mile south of present-day Ocean Avenue in Ocean Ridge

Cargo: Long-leaf pine lumber

Remains: None found at wreck site.

Sources: Contemporary accounts, Florida Department of Archeological Research, and *S.S. Inchulva: A Florida Shipwreck*, by Linda Reeves

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Local voices

Change could remove 'management' from growth management

By Robert W. Ganger

Readers of *The Coastal Star* may be unaware that a bill is percolating through the Florida Legislature that would "streamline" the state's Growth Management Act — the rulebook by which the Department of Community Affairs has guided growth and development in our state since 1985.

Who is backing the bill?

The bill's major legislative sponsor is a developer/contractor. In fairness, he and his professional colleagues may view the Growth Management Act as overburdened by red tape. On the surface, streamlining a regulatory process developed in the 1980s may

seem to be prudent and overdue, and local mayors will certainly appreciate less interference from Tallahassee in local decision-making.

Proponents of the amendment package claim that it will accelerate the process of getting approval for major development projects, and in so doing, help to create jobs.

Opponents point out that our economy and our environment have been victimized for years by the very overdevelopment that the Growth Management Act is supposed to regulate. Making the act weaker does not seem to be a good strategy. Building more condos along our coastline is a dubious approach to

job creation, given our hopelessly overbuilt status.

Why should we be concerned?

There are several elements in the draft amendment that are troubling. As it now stands, the public has ample opportunity for input when a municipality seeks a material change in its Comprehensive Plan, such as eliminating green space or increasing population density in residential or mixed-use zoning. The proposed amendment could cut time for public comment in half, and might eliminate entirely a key report required of DCA for objections, recommendations and comments. This ORC Report is a critical step between proposal and

implementation of major changes in the character of a given community.

The proposed amendment also creates a waiver from transportation concurrency requirements for certain projects, particularly those that create jobs. Simplified, this says that a developer need not be concerned by the added traffic burden resulting from his project. For those of us living on the barrier island, doubling or tripling traffic on two-lane State Road A1A constitutes a major safety and quality-of-life issue.

What can we do?

Language in the proposed amendment is still being crafted, and it is not clear whether or how a major coastal community

development, such as the rebuilding of Briny Breezes, might be impacted by a change in the Growth Management Act. Several major public interest groups have already commenced campaigns in opposition to the Growth Plan Amendments.

To stay abreast of the situation, we suggest visiting the Florida Coalition for Preservation Web site, www.preservationfla.org, for further details and actions available to us as citizens.

Robert W. Ganger is president of the Florida Coalition for Preservation, a grass roots organization championing responsible development in Florida's coastal communities.

Letters to the editor

Motorists must understand cyclists' rights

I found it interesting that in one issue of your paper there were the following two headlines: "Bicycle pack riders need to stick to their lanes," and "Biking A1A: a scenic and scary ride."

I'm a 68-year-old man who has been cycling on A1A for over half of my life. I have lived in Ocean Ridge for over 27 years, and have been in disagreement with the town over its stance on bike lanes for years.

Many of you may not know that the bicyclist finally won in court and the Florida Department of Transportation (DOT) now has to provide bike lanes as roads are updated. Unfortunately, our towns and cities were able to hang the issue up in court long enough to have A1A completed before the case was finally resolved.

I ride 50-plus miles a week and range between Deerfield Beach and Palm Beach. I ride by myself and have purposely been run off the road numerous times by cars. Almost every time I ride, I have cars pass within inches of me, which is illegal.

In August 2007, I wrote the town of Ocean Ridge and asked if the Police Department was enforcing the Florida law that requires motorists to maintain a three-foot minimum distance from bicyclists. At that time I was told that no local police department had issued a ticket for a car passing too close to a bicyclist.

I inquired again in January 2009 and was advised that the Ocean Ridge Police had issued one ticket (Jan. 30, 2008) for passing too closely. Police in Delray

Beach, Manalapan, South Palm Beach or Gulf Stream had issued no tickets.

Between Deerfield and Palm Beach, only Boca Raton and Delray have bike lanes on A1A. Elsewhere bicyclists have to contend with cars that often will not give room and towns that apparently refuse to enforce laws that were put in place to protect us. I also ride a motorcycle; sadly, it is a lot safer than my bicycle.

I agree that bicyclists should obey the law where bike lanes are provided, but I also believe that motorists must understand that we have a right to use the roads and that the various towns' police departments need to enforce the 3-foot minimum limit law.

*Earl Jones
Ocean Ridge*

Bonus story slighted legal complexities

The Coastal Star's Jan. 3 article on holiday bonuses for municipal employees, "Thanks! Holiday bonus traditions vary," was comprehensive and informative. However, like most issues involving public expenditures, this topic is more complex than it seems.

The Coastal Star correctly reported my vote against bonuses as a stand-alone dissent, based on my concern about the town of Ocean Ridge's fiscal obligation "to stick to its budget." Not reported was my expressed concern that extra employee compensation was being awarded in the absence of employee performance

evaluations. Florida law requires that lump sum bonuses only be awarded based upon employee work performance that exceeds established standards. I raised this specific point at the December Town Commission meeting because Ocean Ridge has no established performance standards, nor any employee evaluation program.

In fact, Florida law prohibits after-the-fact "extra compensation" unless there is a municipal ordinance that specifically provides for it. Ocean Ridge has no such authorizing ordinance.

The article did not mention whether any of the

towns considered these legal requirements. Ocean Ridge did not.

It should be obvious that expenditure of taxpayer funds must always be in compliance with state statutes. At the February commission meeting, I initiated an action, adopted by the full commission, directing the town attorney to draft an employee bonus ordinance. The ordinance, plus an employee evaluation program, will ensure that future bonuses stand on firm legal ground.

*Terry Brown
Ocean Ridge
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Along the Coast

Coastal towns investigate stimulus funds

By Hector Florin

Coastal cities are jockeying for a piece of the \$787 billion stimulus package, with a focus on water utility projects, but many are not convinced their area will benefit much in the short term.

Aside from Delray Beach, coastal cities from Gulf Stream north to Manalapan are collectively eyeing a dozen or so improvements that city leaders believe could qualify for about \$4 billion in state and federal funds — an estimate provided by U.S. Rep. Ron Klein's office. The stimulus money could save or create 200,000 jobs in Florida, he said.

Municipal representatives met with Klein on Feb. 18 in West Palm Beach, and the Palm Beach County League of Cities discussed the stimulus package on Feb. 25.

The early estimate shows just more than half of the \$4 billion expected to trickle down to Florida is dedicated to programs related to food and nutrition programs, families and education.

In other words, not enough for small cities to

take advantage of by looking for dozens and dozens of projects.

Exactly how much will go to Palm Beach County has not been forecast.

"The barrier islands, I don't think, can hope for very much," said Ocean Ridge Mayor Ken Kaleel, who is the current county League president. "We'll give it a shot. All they can do is say no."

Delray Beach, on the other hand, has identified 27 "shovel-ready" projects reaching into the tens of millions of dollars and has hired a consultant for \$50,000 to help secure grants.

With a population of 65,000, the city is open to a wider array of grant money. "Design is basically funded for all of these projects," City Manager David Harden said.

Palm Beach County has a slew of road-paving and water infrastructure plans ready to go, said Todd Bonlarron, the county's legislative affairs director. Emphasis will be made on job creation through local economic development programs.

Here is where coastal towns stand on seeking stimulus money:

Ocean Ridge

Town Manager Ken Schenck identified three projects, all drainage-related, to the state.

At the top of the list is \$500,000 for pumping water through a catch basin at the Coconut Lane cul-de-sac.

Kaleel said he would like partnering with Palm Beach County to perform some work at Ocean Ridge Natural Area.

Getting rid of non-native species and improving the mangroves area would enhance the 25-acre nature preserve.

Lantana

A well west of Interstate 95 is under construction, and the town will look into applying for money to build a second new well nearby, Town Manager Mike Bornstein said.

The estimated price tag is \$750,000. Funds for drainage projects and renovation of the town's main lift station might also be considered.

Gulf Stream

Town commissioners

on Feb. 13 confirmed their interest in seeking funds to cover up to \$4.9 million to build a sewer system, as the town relies on septic tanks. Miles of piping, 103 manholes and 9 lift stations are part of the project.

And commissioners asked Town Manager William Thrasher to express a desire for underground utilities funding, which became part of a \$3.5 million request sent to Klein's office.

Commissioner Chris Wheeler said at the commission meeting he considered it a "shovel-ready project."

Manalapan

The town is confident a 2,000-foot water main project near Town Hall — already designed, and with a company already selected to do the work, estimated at \$300,000 — would qualify for stimulus money.

Similarly, water treatment plant improvements and a reverse-osmosis well project — about \$1.2 million worth of work — are ready for construction, Town Manager Gregory Dunham said.

Add the replacements of four hydro-pneumatic water

tanks, two located at the water plant and another two at the library, totaling at least \$500,000.

The tanks are at least 35 years old, Dunham said.

"We're making sure some of our more valuable assets, if not our most valuable asset — the water facilities — are up to date," he added.

Delray Beach

A \$12 million recreation and fitness center, on city-owned land at the northwest corner of Congress Avenue and Lake Ida Road, tops the city's wishlist.

Downtown road resurfacing projects and other infrastructure improvements throughout the city also qualify as "shovel-ready projects," City Manager Harden said.

Briny Breezes

Is all rosy in Briny?

That's the sentiment for now, as the town has not expressed any interest in seeking funds.

"We have nothing in the pipeline, so there was no sense to apply for anything," Mayor Roger Bennett said.



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Delray moves forward with downtown plaza project

By Hector Florin

City commissioners again showered praise on Atlantic Plaza II, a downtown redevelopment plan, by unanimously supporting the realignment of Northeast Seventh Avenue and getting rid of two existing alleyways.

Echoing comments from the meeting two months earlier, when commissioners voted to extend the building height regulation by 12 feet on three of the six proposed buildings, the board on Feb. 17 touted the underdeveloped, two-block parcel as a crucial cog to downtown.

Vice Mayor Woodie McDuffie called CDS International Holdings' plans "one of the most important projects in the city of Delray Beach," one that will revive "the dead part of Atlantic Avenue."

Atlantic Plaza consists of 8.65 acres east of Federal Highway and north of Atlantic Avenue. Plans include approximately 230,000 square feet in commercial and office space and nearly 200 residential units, as well as 1,100 parking spaces below surface.

Residents and business owners offered mixed reaction to the development

plans at the meeting.

Robert Victorin, president of the Beach Property Owners Association, worried the development's density would result in eastbound traffic backups over the bridge. Resident and city advisory board member Joe Snyder said city staff was bending over backward to accommodate CDS with time-consuming staff reports while the city was not getting enough from this project in return.

"I can't really see what the city is achieving," Snyder said. "What are we getting out of this?"

Supporters questioned claims that traffic shot down the existing Seventh Avenue, making for an unsafe road, while others agreed new development at the location is needed.

"We need something there that is going to bring people in day and night," one resident said. Gulf Stream Civic Association President Robert Ganger also chimed in, saying it's time to look at the details of the development plans. "Let's get to work on what's really important — what this thing will look like," he said.

According to the agreement with the city, CDS must obtain Site Review Plan Advisory Board approval

by Dec. 1. Water and sewer lines will be removed and new pipes added.

The Seventh Avenue relocation will result in the road jogging slightly to the east. A new road will run eastward from Federal Highway to the new Seventh Avenue inside the development.

And the number of entrances and exits into the property will dwindle from 13 to three, creating a better, safer traffic flow, said Michael Weiner, a representative for the project.

"I do believe that this developer has tried to have open communication with everybody," Commissioner Gary Eliopoulos said. "We all know that the previous project upset a lot of people."

In all, commissioners unanimously approved the three conditions to move the project forward. Construction isn't scheduled to be completed for another three to five years.

"That's a prime area of our downtown," Commissioner Fred Fetzer said. "We need the economic development. We're trying to work with this developer to make it happen. (Right now), that's an old suburban-style shopping center that's never done well."

Spotlight on Delray Beach's Old Calypso restaurant

By Florence Kizza

Several city residents living on the Intracoastal Waterway were lit up last month, thanks to an illuminating move by a local business. Old Calypso restaurant installed new lights on its building that ended up causing a stir among nearby residents.

"The lights were strobing like something out of the Las Vegas strip and shining in my window," explains Delray Beach resident Jenie DePonte.

"I found it very disturbing."

Old Calypso is a three-star restaurant serving up New Orleans-style cuisine right on the Intracoastal Waterway near Atlantic Avenue. Live island music and steel drums create a festive ambiance in the establishment. Tom Blum is the owner of Old Calypso and its sister restaurant, Fifth Avenue Grill, on Federal Highway.

DePonte found the lights annoying, and she was not alone. Several of her

neighbors along Marine Way shared the same sentiments, and one of them called the police. The lights were shut off immediately and have not come on since.

But that was not the end. DePonte wants to make sure that the lights do not return. "I'm writing the city," she said, in the hope that it will not allow the lighting. She started by writing to the city engineer, who directed her to the Code Enforcement Board. She recently got a letter from the city stating that the situation is in the hands of Paul Dorling and his Planning and Zoning Department.

"I'll keep writing letters," DePonte insists. "I think the ambiance of Marine Way will be negatively affected by strobe lights from across the waterway."

"I think it's horrendous, it's horrible, it's so not Delray."

The restaurant confirmed that the lights have remained off, but no one was available to make an official comment.

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Briny Breezes

Parking tickets rile residents

By Hector Florin

Parking tickets are causing a fuss in Briny Breezes.

Corporation director Robert Purcell described the volunteer Boynton Beach group's parking enforcement "an embarrassment — it's harassment" at the Feb. 26 Town Council meeting.

Purcell said he once inadvertently forgot to give a guest — parked in Purcell's driveway — a visitor's parking pass. A volunteer parking enforcement specialist with Boynton Beach wrote down a violation. Purcell said he approached the same volunteer specialist with his guest-parking pass. The volunteer still gave the \$30 ticket, Purcell said.

Purcell also questioned where in the town's laws it states it has authority to issue the parking tickets. Bennett affirmed that right belonged to the Town Council, which Boynton Beach Officer John Huntington confirmed the day after the Feb. 26 meeting. "The Town Council has the say," Huntington said. The work of the 18 volunteers "doesn't have anything to do with the corporation."

During a short exchange, Bennett snapped as Purcell approached the council dais and asked Alderman Nancy Boczon to find the law that gives the town that authority.

"You tend to be fairly belligerent," Bennett told Purcell. "Would you sit down? We've had enough of this, please."

Two residents offered milder criticism over the handling of parking tickets. One said she was "mortified" when one guest got a ticket last April for not immediately placing a parking pass on the guest's car. The town should revisit its parking ticket policy, if it indeed has control of the issue, she said. Another resident suggested the town was becoming "a police state."

Boczon defended the role of the volunteer police force. "They're trying to do their job," she said.

A special town meeting to discuss the parking concerns of Briny Breezes, Inc. was later scheduled for March 5.

In other developments from the Feb. 26 Town Council meeting:

• **Traffic enforcement:**

Engaged in a question-and-answer session with a representative of Gatso USA, a company that could be chosen to install a two cameras at the town's street light on Briny Breezes Boulevard. Gatso is one company seeking to install cameras at intersections in the city of Boynton Beach, and Briny Breezes is leaning toward piggybacking on the

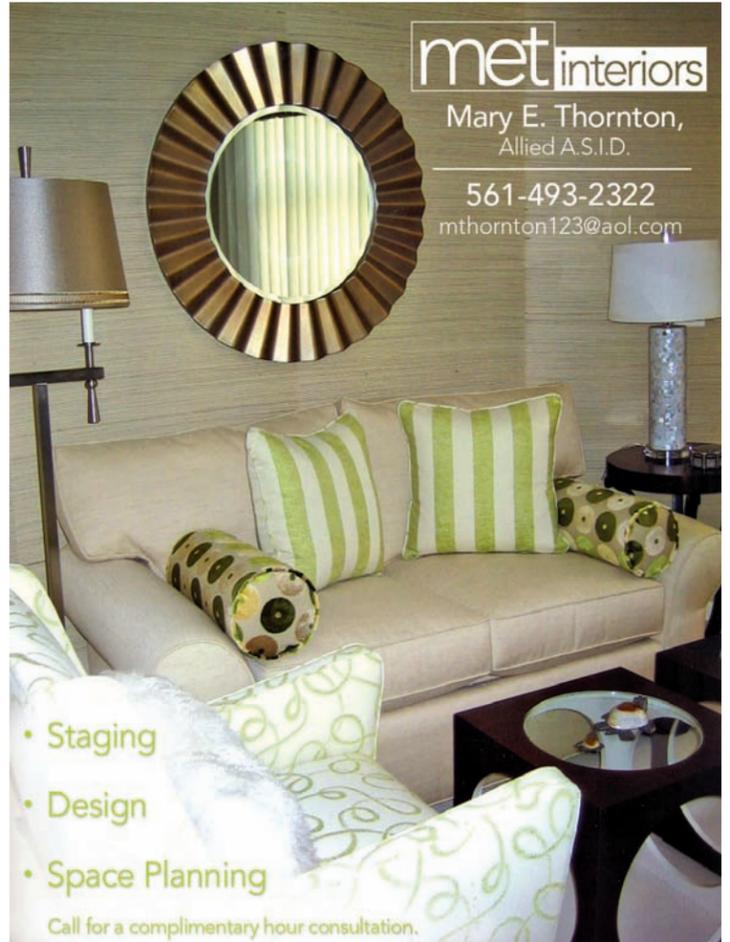
city's selection.

Mark Bedard, a regional sales manager for the 50-year-old Massachusetts-based company, said that according to initial studies, traffic on South Ocean Boulevard merits the installation of the cameras, which would photograph red-light runners. Installing the cameras would not cost the town money. Gatso would get about \$30 from money collected from any violations, whose price the town has not set but could be approximately \$125. "Our purpose for this is not money. Our purpose is safety," Bennett said.

The cameras are also capable of capturing photos of license plates when Amber Alerts are issued.

• **Water meters:** Discussed what to do to lower water leaks and overuse of water, and whether it's feasible to install individual water meters at each home. Earl Harvel, president of Harvel Utility Construction, wrote in a memo that it would cost at least \$738.50 per unit, a cost of more than \$360,000 to the town.

• **Council election and appointments:** Due to lack of opposition there will be no official election on Tuesday. Mayor Bennett and Alderman Kathleen Bray have been automatically re-elected.



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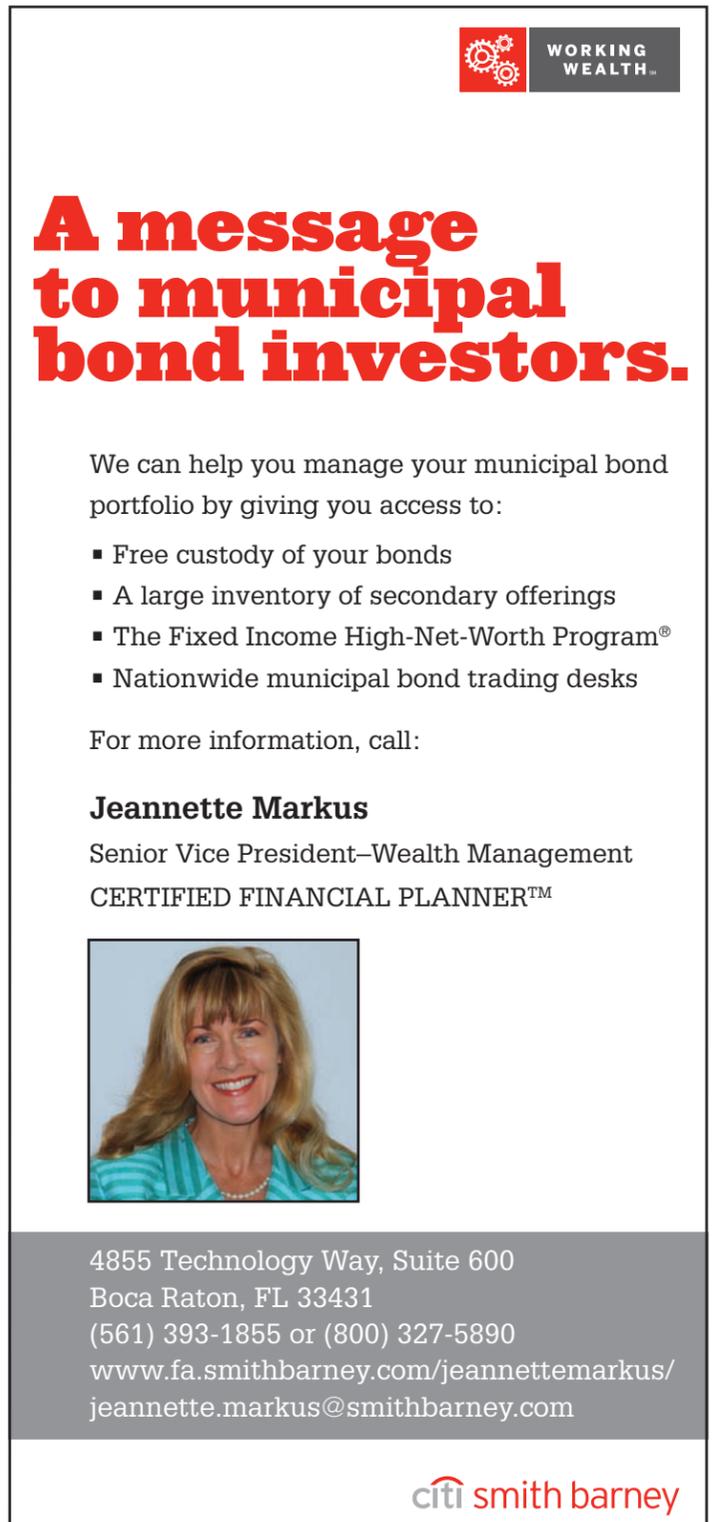
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Ocean Ridge



Ocean Ridge voters re-elected Geoff Pugh and Ken Kaleel to commission seats during their Feb. 10 election. Kaleel lead the voting with 48.21%, Pugh followed with 43.55%. Challenger Nancy Hogan gathered 8.24% of the vote. At the March 3 town meeting, the commission reappointed Kaleel as town mayor and appointed Pugh as vice mayor. **Above:** Pugh is surrounded by family while waiting to be sworn in. **Left:** Town Clerk Karen Hancsak presents a rose to Kaleel during the swearing-in ceremony. **Photos by Mary Kate Leming**

Town considers banning dogs from beach; performance-based bonuses

By Hector Florin

Should dogs be prohibited from roaming private beaches? A kink in the town's code forbids animals on public town beaches, but doesn't specify all beaches, Commissioner Terry Brown said at the March 2 meeting.

"Virtually all of the beaches in Ocean Ridge are privately owned," Brown said, but residents have approached him saying they've seen dogs, leading to various interpretations of the law.

Town Attorney Ken Spillias said there would be complications in identifying what exactly constitutes private beachfront land and setting a demarcation line, but Brown asked the town to

look at changing its code to clarify the situation.

Signs along the public beaches state dogs aren't allowed there. Some residents said many dogs appear on the beach during the winter population boom, and some waterfront homeowners allow their dogs to run down the sand.

The commission also discussed the following:

• Employee bonuses: Granted initial approval to allow Town Manager Ken Schenck to work with town commissioners in setting standards to determine whether town employees qualify for performance-based bonuses. Under the ordinance, Schenck would evaluate which employees surpass standards to become

eligible for bonuses, but the commissioners would decide whether to award the bonuses at all each year, as well as the amount.

• No-see-um spraying: Informally decided to wait until the summertime budget process to see if no-see-um spraying will return. Commissioners Betty Bingham and Terry Brown mentioned allowing individual property owners to spray if they choose — and pay for it themselves — instead of having the town decide to reinstitute the weekly spraying.

"The ones that want it ought to pay for it," Brown said. However, scientists have shown that it is one of the more ineffective methods to curb the impact of the pest. "You can't spray one house and expect there's going to be an impact," Mayor Ken Kaleel said. Added Brown, who said the spraying can harm "beneficial" insects like butterflies: "You're never going to get rid of no-see-ums." Commissioners cut the \$62,000 spraying contract with Clarke Mosquito Control in September to trim town expenses.

• State Legislature: Discussed the potentially damaging ramifications of proposed Senate Bill 360, which could strip existing growth management laws and state planning oversight. Town commissioners revisited their battle over the proposed Briny Breezes development as an example where they might lose some clout if this bill passes. "It's scary," Brown said of the Senate bill. A companion House bill had not yet been drafted.

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Boynton Beach

Commission seeks proposals for City Hall, police station

By Margie Plunkett

The City Commission called for developer proposals to fashion a new police station and City Hall at its Feb. 17 meeting, after contemplating a \$30 million pitch to move the city complex to Renaissance Commons.

Earlier at the meeting, developer Compson Associates withdrew the Renaissance Commons proposal, which included refurbishing the nearby 1927 high school.

President Jim Comparato said it had become "politically charged" and that Compson would include its plan as part of the request for proposals. Commissioners voted at the meeting to seek three proposals: for a new police station on a city-owned tract at High Ridge and Gateway; for a police station elsewhere; and a joint project with both police station and City Hall.

They told planners to note the 1927 high school in the request for proposals as well.

The vote was the culmination of a meeting at which City Manager Kurt Bressner presented six options for the police station/City Hall development involving the Compson proposal.

That plan included a land swap between Renaissance Commons at Congress and Gateway and the current city site. Retail space and up to 376 work force housing units would be built where City

Hall is now. Fire Station No. 1 would be replaced.

The plan's price tag of about \$30 million was similar to an estimate for building a stand-alone police station without moving City Hall, the city manager's report said.

Several residents spoke against moving City Hall, arguing it would kill the area's economy.

"Once a major employer moves out, they're really hard to replace," said Victor Norfus. "City Hall is a major employer."

The 1927 high school could serve a dual purpose, once refurbished, housing some city offices, Norfus suggested. "That will revitalize the downtown."

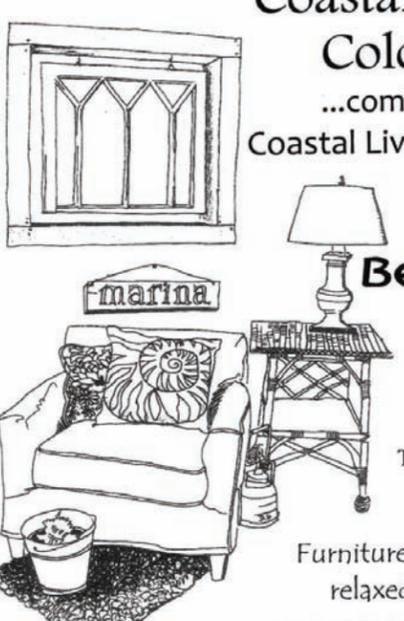
The question is whether more affordable housing is still necessary, given lower housing prices in a market that still appears to be seeking bottom. One resident implored commissioners to take a trip around town to see all the empty housing units already.

Some commissioners and residents alike voiced reluctance to spend taxpayer money in a spiraling economy.

"In this day and age with the economy being what it is, I'm torn with the idea of moving City Hall," said Commissioner Woodrow Hay.

"I don't want to rush into anything," Hay said. "It wouldn't hurt us to wait a little longer and do it the right way."

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Delray Beach

Six candidates vie for three seats in Delray Beach

By C.B. Hanif

This sophisticated beachfront town is working hard to retain its two-time All-America City charm. So it isn't surprising that economic issues dominate for the six candidates seeking the three City Commission seats being decided on March 10.

A desire to revamp the city's power structure, however, is another priority for some residents. "I want to make an attempt to restore some faith and integrity in government here," says Seat 1 challenger Shelly Petrolia. Meanwhile, others agree with incumbent Seat 1 Commissioner Gary Eliopoulos that town officials are

addressing Delray's concerns in "the correct and efficient way."

Mary McCarty is not on the ballot. But her shadow undoubtedly will follow some voters to the polls. The influential former Delray commissioner resigned from the Palm Beach County Commission last year and plans to plead guilty to federal corruption charges. Two of her County Commission colleagues already were serving five-year prison sentences on similar charges. The fallout could affect the composition of Delray's next commission, as well as the tenure of such employees as City Manager David Harden.

Seat 3 aspirant Joe Ferrer, a Harden

supporter, said one result of the county scandal is that "nobody trusts anybody who is running for office." He worries about a low turnout "because nobody believes in politics." His opponent, Adam Frankel, questions the commission investigation into whether city staff inappropriately chose McCarty's husband for bond underwriting contracts. "They call it independent. I call it semi-independent," he said of the inquiry, because the list of investigators from which commissioners chose "was compiled by the labor attorney who has worked with the city for 20 years."

In the Seat 5 race, however, Charles "Chuck" Halberg said he is

fighting "the good old boy network" in Delray politics, and that "Mr. Harden is out of touch."

Vice Mayor Nelson "Woodie" McDuffie is leaving Seat 3 to run for Seat 5, the mayor's seat. Mayor Rita Ellis, citing health concerns, is not seeking a second term. Seat 5 pays \$12,000 annually per two-year commission term; the others, \$9,000. The candidates applaud the project that will let the city close the wastewater pipe into the ocean, reclaim the water to provide irrigation on the barrier island, and also be developed into fertilizer.

They generally agree that the Shore See **DELRAY BEACH** on page 11

SEAT 1

Gary Eliopoulos



PERSONAL: 46; married; three children; B.A. architecture Pratt Institute.
PROFESSIONAL: Licensed architect, Eliopoulos Architecture Inc.
POLITICAL BACKGROUND: Elected to commission in 2007; served on Planning & Zoning Board; Site Plan Review and Appearance Board; Pineapple Grove Main Street Executive

Board and Design Guidelines Committee; Beach Property Owners Association Design Guidelines Committee.

POSITION ON ISSUES: Priority is to balance the budget and maintain core services given a 2 percent or greater shortfall in tax revenue. Wants to create incentives to entice businesses, and add to the existing retail the class A office space needed to create a live-work-play environment. Will partner with Boca Raton and Boynton Beach to rebrand Congress Avenue as main street. Supports green efforts, including renovating instead of knocking down and building new. Said the Federal Highway narrowing represents Design 101. Calls Atlantic Plaza II a good plan, with the 190 units well under the allowable 340, going underground with parking and twice the amount of land as previously.

Emphasized that his service to taxpayers, for example by bringing prices down, outweighs his recusals on some projects he has been involved in; that his opponent has potential perceived conflicts if she sold homes to a developer who wants something from the city. As architect on the Marriott Hotel expansion project, says the loss of public parking spaces relates to 1980 when a smaller hotel was there, that people have been using the spaces for free for the last 20 years, and the issue should go to P&Z, not the commission. Doesn't support the police and firefighters unions going to the county. Was upset over the McCarty bond allegations; but after talking to the federal attorney perceives there probably was inappropriate communication and/or bad policies but no laws broken.

QUOTE: "Sometimes you have to draw the line, and unfortunately, I don't think the unions like hearing that. I have been very loyal to police and firefighters, I think they're the finest."

Shelly Petrolia



PERSONAL: 45; married; four children; B.S. business and finance, risk management/insurance Florida State University.
PROFESSIONAL: Realtor, trained dental assistant.
POLITICAL BACKGROUND: First run for office.
POSITION ON ISSUES: Running as Delray native, third generation resident, and political outsider

with no one grooming her, to make voters believe in government again. Sees the economy as a priority and a global issue. Wants to focus on how government can do more with less, yet balance how residents can afford to live in Delray. Says the police and firefighter unions' choice of drastic change, endorsing her and other non-incumbents, indicates their unhappiness with what is going on, but that she made no promises. Wants to resolve adversarial feelings and disconnect residents perceive between some departments and City Manager David Harden. Will listen to both sides of the McCarty bond issue probe. Also questions the use of inside counsel to set up the investigation. Considers recusals on votes a positive because it shows that someone has a connection. Is concerned about the expense for Federal Highway narrowing. Considers Atlantic Plaza II massive, but doesn't want litigation over a project passed and in compliance.
QUOTE: "If there ever was a time for somebody to come in with the best interests of Delray Beach, now is the time. One reason I stepped up to the plate is the perceptions. I am not accusing anybody of anything wrong. But I really can make decisions without any preconditions, if that's an issue for the voters."

SEAT 3

Joe Ferrer



PERSONAL: 58; married; four children; B.A. history Indiana University; M.A. public affairs/urban planning Indiana U.; Ph.D. humanities Five Towns College.
PROFESSIONAL: Owner of Sunset Entertainment Group Inc., cultural arts production company.
POLITICAL BACKGROUND: Member Police

Advisory Board; ran unsuccessfully for commission in 2006.

POSITION ON ISSUES: Emphasizing open government in contrast to developers putting themselves into position to influence votes. Feels anybody should be able to run and serve on the commission, but that that has not been the case. Emphasized that he, a union man, was not endorsed by the police and firefighter unions because his opponent is telling them he's going to let them move to the county, which residents do not want. Says the McCarty bond scandal risks painting the commission and staff with a broad brush; that City Manager David Harden did not pocket or gain anything, but was led by the commissioners who knew what was going on and voted on it, but are trying to blame the manager. Said he has taken no contributions from any developer or any attorney representing any developer, while his opponent has.

Will support beach property owners in having a visual image that is consistent and welcoming. Considers traffic flow the biggest issue with Atlantic Plaza II, but says it can be addressed. Will push for additional tax base from vibrant commercial properties and homes, utilizing the city's empty lots and the Congress Avenue corridor. Calls the Federal Highway narrowing a 50-50 proposition; says to have development without raising taxes is the balancing act.

QUOTE: "My critics have nothing else to accuse me of, so they go to my wife [as head of the Downtown Development Authority]. My wife is a marketing person. The only issues she brings to the commission are do you want to have jazz on the avenue or do you want to put up the Christmas tree. They have no other issues with which to come at me politically, so they say there must be conflict. It is at most minimal."

Adam Frankel



PERSONAL: 37; single.
PROFESSIONAL: Attorney.
POLITICAL BACKGROUND: Member of Police and Fire Pension Board.
POSITION ON ISSUES: Would take a more aggressive approach toward unlicensed and unregulated halfway houses, citing reports describing Delray Beach as the drug-addiction

recovery capital of the country. Considers economic development and maintaining a successful business environment necessary, particularly green businesses. Will preserve Delray's Village by the Sea character. Said 15-story towers are too massive, but the Atlantic Plaza II project near where he lives is not, and when a developer in this economy wants spend \$200 million, a city ought to assist. Emphasized that as a criminal defense attorney he has no conflicts of interest that would require recusal from commission votes, but his opponent's wife heads the Downtown Development Authority, whose board the commission appoints. Emphasized that he promised the police and firefighter unions, which have endorsed him, only that he will always have an open door. Questions the independence of the commission investigation into City Hall's role in the McCarty bond scandal. Supports narrowing Federal Highway near Atlantic Avenue, but considers going farther out too expensive.

QUOTE: "My opponent's wife works on many city projects. To me that is a real or at least a perceived conflict for my opponent on anything requiring a vote regarding the DDA. I think this is a real advantage that I have over my opponent."

MAYOR

Charles 'Chuck' Halberg



PERSONAL: 51; married; two children.
PROFESSIONAL: Homebuilder and licensed general contractor.
POLITICAL BACKGROUND: Vice chairman Planning & Zoning Board; chairman Affordable Housing Advisory Committee; member Parking Management Advisory Board; past member Board of Construction Appeals; executive board

member Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce.

POSITION ON ISSUES: Will push for beautifying and marketing the Congress Avenue Corridor for green technology and telemarketing. Will explore other ways to bring revenue; for example, parking costs money to maintain, so broken beach parking meters mean losing substantial money. Says business is dying for Atlantic Plaza II to get done because downtown basically stops at Fifth Avenue and Sixth. Considers the Federal Highway narrowing project a good thing; people asked for it, it was discussed, and it is part of the city's master plan. But would look to see if the city still can afford to do it. Cites public safety as another priority, saying the budget calls for 156 officers but city has 146. Emphasized that the union said it endorsed him because he didn't promise anything but to be an open door to City Hall and to listen. Plans on doing no work for the city when in office, but considers commissioners' recusals because of business ties with developments up for a vote OK. Was appalled that officials including City Manager David Harden challenged federal investigators' understanding of the McCarty bond deal; also that an attorney who has done business with the city for many years composed the list of who would investigate the deal. Plans on looking at everybody's performance once in office.

QUOTE: "If people really look at the facts, I've been more involved than anybody in this city, but I'm not one of the good old boys. I want full transparency and accountability, it's that simple."

Nelson 'Woodie' McDuffie



PERSONAL: 62; married; two children; graduate of Seacrest High School; Palm Beach Community College 1964-1966; B.S. management science Florida Atlantic University.
PROFESSIONAL: Information technologies manager for the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office. Certified Florida Evaluator, Florida Department of Revenue.

POLITICAL BACKGROUND: Elected 2007, currently vice mayor; city's representative to the Metropolitan Planning Organization; member Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce; Delray Beach National Little League Board of Directors; treasurer and member of South County Regional Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Board; previously member of city Planning & Zoning Board and Palm Beach County Zoning Commission.

POSITION ON ISSUES: The Delray Beach native aims to ensure the fiscal stability of the city now and into the future. Will make economic development a priority and fight for economic stimulus funds from any state and federal programs available. With the likelihood of more and deeper budget cuts, will make police, fire, emergency management systems and code enforcement top budget priorities. Will work with the commission and city management team in prioritizing all other services. Will work to strengthen the process of ethics reform and the restoration of public trust to unite the commission and bring citizens together in support of their government.

QUOTE: "I am the most qualified candidate to lead our city through the many challenges that we face as a result of the worst economy in my lifetime and a continuing stream of revenue restrictions and unfunded mandates coming out of Tallahassee."

Lantana / Hypoluxo Island

A look at mayoral candidates

By C.B. Hanif

With fewer than 10,000 residents and \$4 million in ad valorem revenue, the town is as vulnerable as any to the ongoing economic crunch.

In that climate, David Stewart is running on March 10 for a fourth three-year term as mayor against Caneste Succee, who also challenged in 2003.

Both candidates emphasize the need to bolster the economic outlook.

Succee describes himself as "a businessman looking to empower people in the community." He sees business possibilities at the A.G. Holley State Hospital site, for example.

Stewart says, "Everything I do is for all the people," and he is intimately familiar with the town's circumstances.

The voter-approved Amendment 1 that restricts local governments' tax rates is fine, he said, when property values are going up and costs are staying the same.

But not now, when the cost of chemicals for the

water plant, for example, are going up.

Lantana has had no major crisis over the last nine years, had to cut employees from 115 to 91, and was unable to give cost-of-living increases last year.

The mayor says the town can't continue doing that for very long before beginning to lose other valuable employees.

At 146 acres and one-eighth of Lantana's landmass, the A.G. Holley State Hospital is a huge chunk of the town.

What happens at the former tuberculosis facility, given the state's decision to save money by closing the hospital and contracting out its services, is key to Lantana's future. Gov. Charlie Crist and the Cabinet control the land.

But Lantana has a representative, its mayor, on the governor's advisory committee for the property, joining representatives from the state, county and health department.

For voters, the election will be another referendum on retaining Stewart's experience and expertise.

DELRAY BEACH:

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Restaurant site at Atlantic Avenue and A1A should be kept as presentable as possible while the city encourages revitalization of the private property. But the economic issues and insider-politics concerns dovetailed last month, when the disgruntled police and firefighters unions endorsed newcomers Frankel over Ferrer for the open seat, Petrolia over incumbent Eliopoulos, and Halberg over incumbent McDuffie. Each of the three received a \$500 contribution from the police union's and \$1,000 from the firefighters political action

committees.

"It is not uncommon for a union to support the challengers because the incumbents are doing their jobs," Eliopoulos says.

The union criticism is that commissioners targeted public safety departments and benefits, rather than waste in other departments.

The unions' preferred candidates deny making any promises. Residents are concerned that the unions' objective is for the city to contract the safety services through the county.

The new commission takes up work March 26 amid such clouds. Before that, voters must decide such questions

as whether a candidate's inexperience with municipal budgets in a tight fiscal climate outweighs the chance for more of the new political watchword — change.

One change that won't occur: Incumbent Commissioner Mackenson "Mack" Bernard returns to the dais automatically, for lack of a qualified challenger. Bernard will serve the remaining year of the Seat 4 term to which he was appointed after former Vice Mayor Brenda Montague resigned last year. He will face re-election next March. His would-be opponent collected too few valid signatures to qualify for the ballot.



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David J. Stewart

PERSONAL: 55; married; one child; graduate of Lake Worth High School; attended Palm

Beach Community College.

PROFESSIONAL: Sales consultant for air conditioning/construction industry.

POLITICAL BACKGROUND: Elected in 2000, 2003, 2006; on governor's committee to help determine future of A.G. Holley State Hospital site; former chairman Planning & Zoning Board; former president Palm Beach County League of Cities; former chairman Gold Coast League of Cities; former member Palm Beach County Water Resources Board; former president Hypoluxo Island Homeowners Association.

POSITION ON ISSUES: Wants to

continue managing the town in a fiscally responsible manner. Is concerned about the future of ad valorem income for all cities in the state, given the Amendment 1 limitations on taxes. Will continue working to ensure services, despite relatively little tax revenue, by continuing to ensure that services pay for themselves: for example that the building department and others continue to be self-sufficient through their fees, because there's no extra tax money to pay for it, and that the town continues to charge what it actually costs for services such as garbage pickup.

QUOTE: "I hope the A.G. Holley plan will happen in the next year. I feel Gov. Christ wants it to happen on his watch. If it takes another year to get it right, I'd rather get it right than make a mistake that lasts for generations."



Caneste Succee

PERSONAL: 46; married; two children; B.A. business American International

University; B.A. criminology Barry University; A.A. business Palm Beach Atlantic University; A.A. criminology and business University of Phoenix

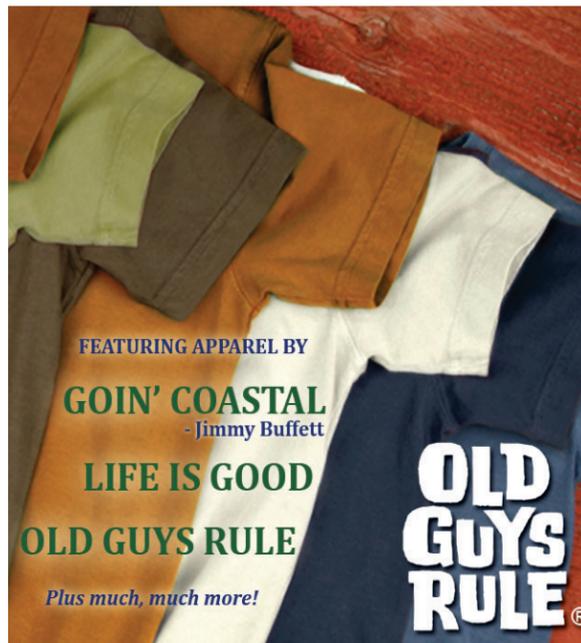
PROFESSIONAL: CEO and Founder of Good Shepherd Humanitarian, nonprofit organization; runs a limo service.

POLITICAL BACKGROUND: Ran for mayor in 2003.

POSITION ON ISSUES: Priority is

reuniting the people of the town with the Police Department and Fire Department and empowering the people of Lantana. Would focus on the youth who are the future of the town, push for more after-school programs and recreation center. Sees the A.G. Holley complex as a good place for a shopping center to bring businesses to Lantana so people do not have to travel so far away for jobs. Also would push for a monthly town festival or concert to allow members of the community to get out, relax and get to know each other.

QUOTE: "We need to focus on the future of our town. We need to be more creative and productive in getting the youth involved."



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St. Vincent parishioners not swayed by defense argument

PRIESTS:

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he succeeded, the Rev. John Skeeahan, 82, pleaded guilty to a similar charge in January.

Skeeahan is scheduled to be sentenced on March 20 and Guinan on March 25.

"The scandal is unfortunate for the Catholic

Church in Palm Beach County," said Linda Tomc, a former member of St. Vincent, who attended part of Guinan's four-day trial before Circuit Judge Krista Marx. "First the pedophile bishops and now this. It makes you wonder whether you want to change religions."

Other parishioners said

the actions of the priests was disappointing but did not shake their faith in the church. "These are men who became priests to serve the people, not themselves," said parishioner Steve Roman as he left a Tuesday morning Mass at St. Vincent. "I'll pray for him. We're human and priests are, too."

Parishioner Tony Vari said



The Revs. John Skeeahan and Francis Guinan routinely kept portions of the cash put in collection baskets at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, bookkeepers said. **Photo by Jerry Lower**

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that perhaps the temptation was too great for the priests to resist and that the Diocese of Palm Beach needs stricter financial procedures. The diocese has already enacted tighter accounting methods, including an audit every two years.

it's supposed to serve the needs of the church and the community," he said.

During the trial, three former bookkeepers at St. Vincent testified that both Skeeahan and Guinan routinely kept portions of the cash put in the Sunday collection baskets. Some of the money was deposited in separate accounts — typically called "slush funds" — that were not reported to the diocese. Several priests who testified for Guinan said the practice of holding back money from the diocese was common.

Financial records showed that Guinan paid for airline tickets, hotel rooms, meals, furniture and jewelry from the slush fund instead of from his personal account. Forensic accountants estimated Guinan skimmed \$480,000 during his 19 months at the parish, from 2003 to 2005. The totals are not precise since Guinan admitted having the original deposit slips and totals shredded.

After the verdict, the diocese issued a statement saying it "is relieved that the jurors were not swayed by the inaccurate presentation of the defense" that pastors have unlimited discretion to spend \$50,000.

Bishop Gerald Barbarito also apologized for the priests' "scandalous behavior" and will seek restitution from them. Both are restricted from public ministry.

The statement also noted that tighter financial controls were instituted in early 2005.



Guinan

The diocese's lax accounting and the right of each pastor to spend \$50,000 at his discretion was the center of defense attorney Richard Barlow's argument for Guinan.



Skeeahan

"You might think it's horrible, incredible and despicable but he had the right to spend it. Should Father Guinan benefit from it? Legally, yes. Morally, no," Barlow said.

Assistant State Attorney Preston Mighdoll argued that it was legally wrong as well. "A right of discretion is not a license for grand theft," he said.

The five-woman, one-man jury didn't buy Barlow's argument, returning in three hours with a guilty verdict of grand theft of between \$20,000 and \$100,000, a lesser amount than the \$480,000 Guinan was accused of taking.

Parishioner Roman wasn't convinced by Barlow's argument either. "It's money given to the church and

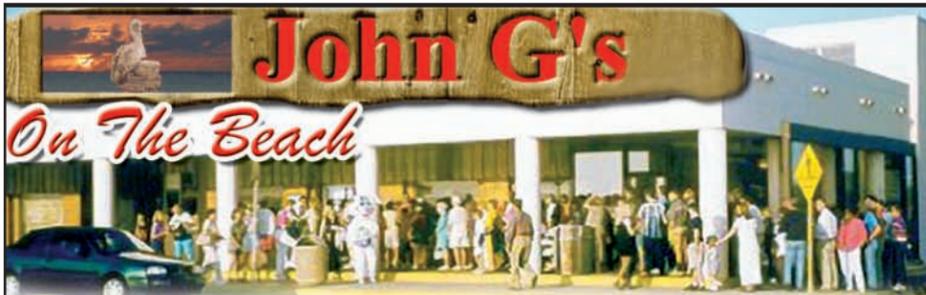
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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Dr. Luis Vinas

Dr. Luis Vinas is a plastic surgeon, M.D., F.A.C.S., with a large, local patient following.

Out of his extensive work with breast cancer survivors he invented and developed Reforma, a nipple/areola prosthetic he has given away to thousands of women seeking reconstructive surgery. The product is now being sold in the United States and Europe.

Since 2001, he has performed free plastic surgery on deformed children in poverty-stricken areas of Central America. For his volunteer efforts, he has been recognized both locally and nationally.

Most recently, Dr. Vinas is realizing a professional dream by creating his own state-of-the-art plastic surgery and med spa center to open in May near CityPlace in West Palm Beach. He lives in Ocean Ridge with his wife, Terry, and three children, Matthew, Marissa and Eric.

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

A. I was raised in San Juan, Puerto Rico, by Spanish parents. I went to a private Catholic school until high school, when I left to attend Portsmouth Abbey School, a Benedictine prep school in Portsmouth, R.I.

My dad is a retired OB/GYN, and had a busy practice in San Juan. I was always involved in his medical conventions and parties with his doctor friends.

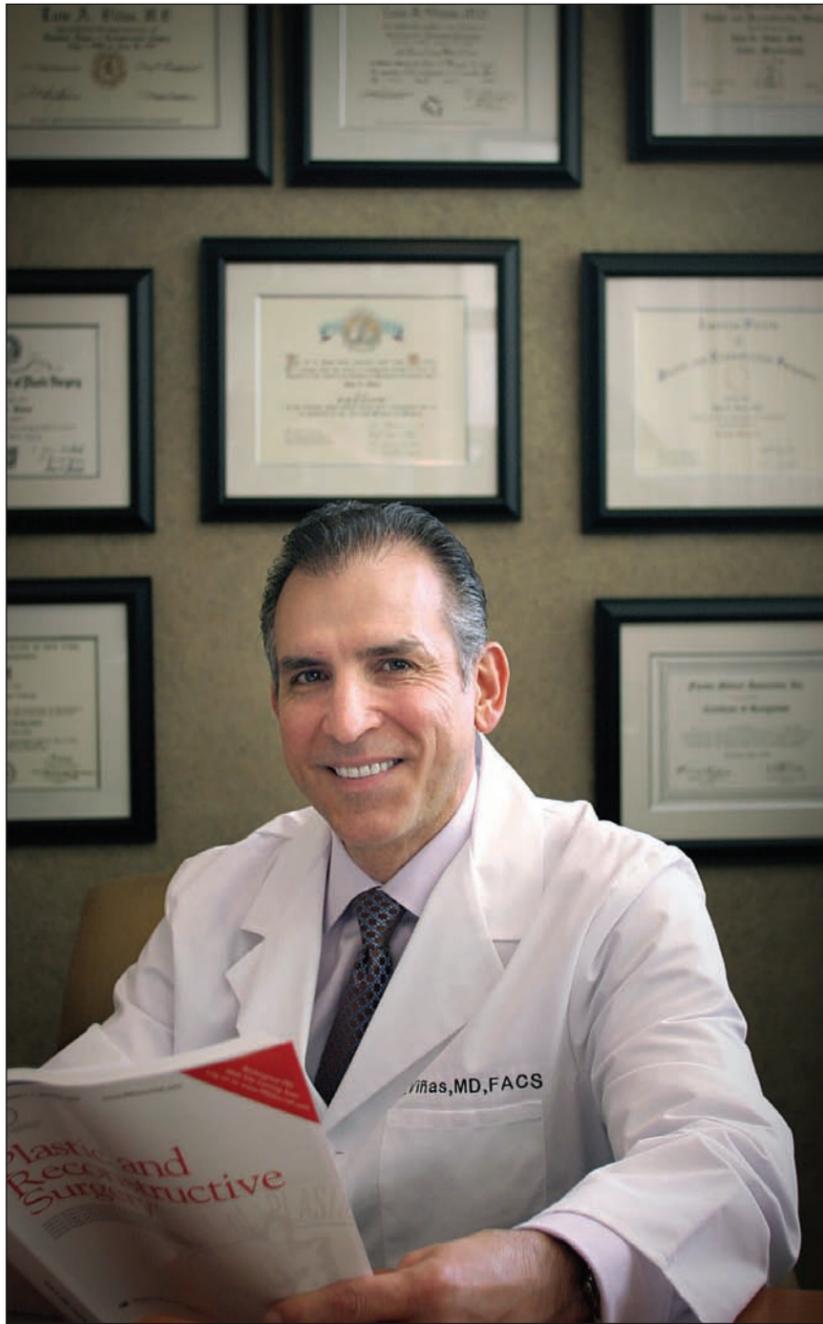
My father was very involved in business: owning his own private Catholic hospital. He was also the founder of a very large and successful insurance company in the Caribbean and Latin America. I mention all that, because I learned my drive for success and growth from him. I am always looking to improve myself. Optimism is my friend and ally.

I knew I was going to be a doctor at age 12 and my dad helped me open my eyes to plastic surgery and business.

Q. How did you come to choose your surgical specialty?

A. Early on, I thought I wanted to be an OB/GYN like my dad. After a few summers and sleepless nights working with him during medical school vacations, I knew I wanted to do plastic surgery instead. I could be more artistic and found it is mostly a positive field. Patients coming for cosmetic procedures and treatments are usually very happy.

Q. What is your favorite part of



Dr. Luis Vinas, an Ocean Ridge resident, plans to open a state-of-the-art plastic surgery and med spa center. Photo by Tim Stepien

the work you do?

A. Looking at a body part like a face or breast or a cleft lip in a baby, figuring out the problem or need and proceeding with a plan to make it better.

When I am done with a procedure, I am happy and the patient will be very happy. That is very powerful and fulfilling. It just makes me feel good to help someone else feel better.

Q. What advice do you have for a young person heading into medical school today?

A. Learn all the basic medicine the best you can. Your personality and drive is what will make the difference in the future, when you become a full attending physician taking care of your own patients. Be yourself; patients can read your face, expressions and manners.

Q. What has inspired your humanitarian and charity work?

A. I have been very lucky

with my career. My first trip to Central America many years ago was an eye opener. The children and families I have witnessed are undereducated and very poor. That's when you realize that the color of your car or the view from your house is not important.

When I carry a baby back to the family after a cleft lip repair, I can see the joy in their eyes. They are so simple and so caring for each other. I have learned a lot of humility and also zest for life. We are so lucky to live where we live and to have all the comforts any one could dream of.

When I go on my annual mission for a week, it is sometimes not enough time to help everyone that came through difficult mountain trails to get assistance. It hurts, but there is always another trip. Every one should volunteer and give the most precious gifts of all: health and love.

Q. What has been the highlight of your professional career?

A. I have become involved with incredible new technologies that are changing the way we do surgery and providing an improved recovery experience for patients.

The Harmonic scalpel technology by Ethicon Endo-Surgery, a Johnson & Johnson company, is doing just that. I have become one of the first faculty plastic surgeons for the company. I have taught hundreds of other plastic surgeons in its use and safety. I use it in most of my surgeries, because it reduces healing time and discomfort. That has been a highlight for which I am very grateful.

Q. How did you choose to live in Ocean Ridge?

A. My wife, Terry, picked me up from the airport one early morning back in 1993. She told me she had discovered this great, quaint and quiet town by the Intracoastal in Boynton. I was very tired after taking my boards and studying for two full weeks prior. When we drove through town, we both fell in love with it. It was only 10 minutes away from the children's school. We immediately went to a Realtor and found our home. Location, location. That's what Terry said after we bought a very old home in a great spot. The rest has been history. Now we have a beautiful home in a great location in a great town.

Q. What is your favorite part about living in Ocean Ridge?

A. I love living east of I-95. The view from our backyard is unique with the most beautiful sunsets I have ever seen. Sitting in our backyard is very tranquil and exciting. The sense of safety is important. It is good to know in today's world that we are taken care of by our own efficient Police Department, less than a minute away.

Q. What book are you reading now?

A. *Over The Edge: Death in Grand Canyon*, by Michael P. Ghiglieri and Thomas M. Myers. It is a true account of all known fatal mishaps in and around the Grand Canyon. It is thrilling, educational and historical.

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

A. Absolutely.

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Lantana / Hypoluxo Island Sell baby, sell

By Hector Florin

Bob Montgomery wants to take a break from two decades as a Florida real estate broker. So the 69-year-old is reaching into his bag of tricks to lure a buyer for his Hypoluxo Island home.

Montgomery is dropping the price of his waterfront property by \$5,000 a day. While no faux-Lotto billboards update the latest asking price (now at about \$1.55 million), signs planted on swales along Ocean Avenue announce his stunt.

It kicked off Feb. 1, with the Barefoot Lane home listed at \$1.7 million. Montgomery, of Ocean and Intracoastal Properties, was itching to take his luxury RV on a cross-country trip, and decided it was time to try and sell his home and property — even in such a meager market.

"I've gotta find out where the bottom is," Montgomery said.

Following the home's fifth Sunday home showing on March 1, Montgomery sounded cheerful about the turnout, though he didn't indicate any serious offers at hand.

"It seems to at least pique their curiosity," he said.

Hypoluxo Island has not been immune to the massive drop in real estate prices that

has blanketed South Florida. Palm Beach County appraisals have dropped the market value of Montgomery's home and land 10 percent in the last two years, to just under \$1 million.

But that's nothing like the plummeting prices and deals available farther inland, said Steve Presson of Corcoran Group in Palm Beach. And in a suffering economy, there are few contenders for homes floating above the seven-figure price tag.

"Clients aren't buying the property. They're buying the deal," Presson said.

Diana Reed of Illustrated Properties in Palm Beach said she's seen an uptick in calls and showings recently.

"I'm hoping that helps translate into sales," says the 10-year real estate agent and Hypoluxo Island resident. Inquiries have come from western communities in Broward County, as well as Northeasterners. "They just look at [waterfront living] as the trophy when living in Florida," Reed said.

Montgomery predicts any buyer would very likely knock down the 1960 home, as the value is in the land. And he thinks his work ethic will result in his beating the real estate doldrums and jumping into his RV. ✪

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Manalapan



William Bernstein poses with his "campaign dog," Quinn after winning a seat on the Manalapan Town Commission March 3. Quinn actually belongs to William and Joan's son Seth and spends the season with them in Manalapan. Bernstein won Seat 5 on the Town Commission with 67.88 percent of the vote. Incumbent Dr. Thomas Coffman took 32.14 percent. Photo by Jerry Lower

Voracious reptiles invade coastal communities

IGUANAS:

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cities such as Boca Raton and Delray Beach by addressing their removal as quickly as possible.

"I've actually had to stop on the street to avoid them," he said.

They ravaged town resident Howard Falcon's mulberry tree about five to six months ago, eating the tree's leaves and killing the tree, and have taken bites out of unripe avocados and mangos from his trees. The retiree would like to see the iguanas removed from his property.

Aside from the damage they leave behind, "these animals are very agile," Falcon said. "They're a little intimidating to anybody."

In an e-mail to the town, Falcon said he's seen iguanas up to 7 feet long over a three-year period.

Mayor Tom Gerrard's 40-pound Australian shepherd dog cornered an iguana that climbed on

his sea wall some months ago then dunked into the Intracoastal Waterway. "That guy was pretty long," he said. "He saw me and he hauled butt. Boy, they're good swimmers."

From what he's heard, the iguanas are more prevalent on The Point, where Falcon lives, Gerrard said. "There

is no doubt that they can be a nuisance," the mayor said.

Town staff will get quotes from trappers under two scenarios: The cost of the town contracting with a trapper, or the fee a trapper would charge

"That guy was pretty long. He saw me and he hauled butt."

— Mayor Tom Gerrard

an individual to remove the iguanas.

Coffman supports having the city remove the animals instead of putting the burden on residents. Discussion is expected at the March 24 commission meeting.

"I think it's more of a city responsibility," Coffman said, because the iguanas move from property to property. "It shouldn't be too expensive." ✨

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Mary Kate Leming, Editor

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- **Protect fragile home furnishings:** use common sense and move them away from that wagging tail or jumping cat.
- **Protect from pet stains:** if (when) one occurs, the faster you act, the better.
- **Pet Food Stain clean-up:** Scrape or blot and apply dry baking powder. Scrape again, then vacuum. With a damp sponge, wipe up the remaining baking soda, but don't overwet. Blot, don't rub. Apply a pre-soak (one teaspoon enzyme laundry detergent mixed with one cup water), wipe with damp sponge and re-blot. Apply a dry carpet cleaner such as Carpet One Capture and vacuum one more time.
- **Create Boundaries:** Have a designated play area. Have a designated sleeping area. For cats, create an area for kitty litter set-up. The play, sleeping and kitty litter area should be some where with durable flooring that's easy to clean up pet hair and messes.
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Tropical gardens are aflutter with butterflies and hummingbirds at Butterfly World in Coconut Creek. **Photo provided**

10 ways to entertain Spring Breakers

By Mary Thurwachter

The grandkids are visiting and how you love them. But they can only hang out at the beach or in the pool so long before becoming restless and sunburned.

Send them off on their own, if they're old enough, or tag along and have some fun yourself. Here are 10 ways to entertain your Spring Breakers.

1. Pedal around Palm Beach: Oil baron Henry Flagler built the Lake Trail so his hotel guests would have a place for strolling. It's still a fine place for walking, skating or pushing a baby buggy, but it's also a great place to ride bikes. Park your car near Publix (265 Sunset Ave.) and walk a block west to the Intracoastal. You can start pedaling around the 5-mile trail there (or 8 and a half miles if you add on two shorter trails). Expect to see Flagler's first house, the 1886 Sea Gull Cottage, Whitehall (also known as the Flagler Museum), Royal Poinciana Chapel, plenty of gorgeous mansions and lush gardens.

Don't have bikes or in-line skates? You can rent them at Palm Beach Bicycle Trail Shop at 233 Sunrise Ave.; call 659-4583.

2. Go on a strawberry-picking expedition: Here's a good old-fashioned field trip with yummy benefits. Stroll around a strawberry patch, pick some, buy some, bring them home and eat them. Strawberry shortcake, anyone? At The Girls Strawberry U-pick, you don't even have to bend or kneel if you don't want to. That's because the fruit is grown in hydroponic containers and the paths are easy to negotiate. Besides the strawberries, you and the kids will find swans, fishponds, exotic birds, goats and a miniature donkey. Yee haw! Before you leave, do a little shopping in the gourmet country store. The fresh baked goods and homemade ice cream and jams are hard to resist. The store and garden



See lions and tigers— and a baby jaguar — at the Palm Beach Zoo. **Photo provided**

is at 14466 S. Military Trail, Delray Beach. Call 496-0188. (Picking season runs through April).

3. Make a splash on Diva Duck: This funny-looking 48-passenger bus swims and, in the process, gives riders a fun and entertaining tour of West Palm Beach, Palm Beach and the Intracoastal Waterway. The 75-minute excursion begins at CityPlace and highlights historic neighborhoods, gorgeous mansions, Centennial Fountain, Clematis Street shops, and the subtropical wildlife around Peanut Island. It splashes into the Lake Worth Lagoon at Currie Park as unwitting onlookers gasp. Don't be surprised to see manatees,



The Gumbo Limbo Nature Center in Boca Raton has aquariums, insect tanks and more. In the summer, schedule a night-time sea turtle walk. **Photo by Jerry Lower**



See displays of nurse sharks and other marine life, and learn about local history at the Sandoway House Nature Center in coastal Delray Beach. **Photo provided**

herons or pelicans.

Be prepared to be pummeled with puns, because the jokes are as corny as they're quacked up to be! The Duck gets the Diva name in honor of its opera-singing owner and guide, Judy Davis. She frequently breaks out in song along with Captain Eric Shalloway. Tourists are encouraged to sing along as well as make use of quacking noisemakers. Tickets are \$25 for adult, \$22 for seniors, \$15 for kids 4 to 10 and \$5 for those under 3. See the Duck's Web site, www.divaduck.com, for a \$3. coupon. Call 844-4188.

4. Find out what's new at the Palm Beach Zoo: What's new is a 10-year-old Komodo dragon named Hannah. She's 7 feet long and tips the scales at 83 pounds. But even if the kids aren't big fans of big lizards, there's so much to see and do at the 23-acre attraction.

There are more than 1,500 animals, including Malayan tigers,

Jamaican fruit bats, river otters and monkeys; and a colorful carousel, an interactive water fountain, a good restaurant with indoor and outdoor seating, and daily bird shows. Kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult, and pets need to stay at home. The zoo is at 1301 Summit Blvd., West Palm Beach. Admission is \$12.95 for adults, \$9.95 for seniors, \$8.95 for kids 3 to 12 and free for ankle biters under 3. Call 547-9453.

5. Explore the Kennedy Bunker on Peanut Island: Built in case of nuclear attack while JFK was visiting his family home in Palm Beach in the 1960s, the Kennedy bunker is open for weekend tours. In shambles when the Palm Beach Maritime Museum acquired it in 1995, the bunker had turned into a hangout for homeless people. But that's all changed since. In an attempt to dramatize the tensions of the Cold War era, the museum installed a red hotline telephone on a executive desk and



and a butterfly garden, as well as sea turtle-themed fun. In spring and early



You'll hear an aria or two on a Diva Duck tour of the Lake Worth Lagoon. **Photo provided**



Take the kids out for a day of sunshine and strawberries at The Girls Strawberry U-Pick, on Military Trail in Delray Beach. **Photo by Mary Thurwachter**



Take the Liquid Launch water taxi on a bar-hopping tour of the Banana Boat, Two Georges, Prime Catch, Busch's Seafood and Old Calypso. **Photo provided**

painted the presidential seal on the floor. It's worth a visit and the water taxi ride to and from is entertaining, too. The captain points out mansions of the rich and famous.

Take the water taxi from the Riviera Beach Marina (339-2504) or from Currie Park in West Palm Beach (346-9389). Reservations are a good idea. Call for dates and times. Tickets for the bunker tour are \$10. Water taxi rates range from \$10 to \$30, depending on departure point. For more information, call the Palm Beach Maritime Museum, 540-5147.

6. Surround yourself with butterflies, tropical plants and hummingbirds at Butterfly World: Thousands of butterflies fly around you as you walk through the tropical rain forest or outdoor gardens at Butterfly World in Coconut Creek, the first and largest butterfly house in the country. Kids especially love it when they discover a butterfly landing on their shoulders or on top

of their heads. Bring your camera because the Kodak moments are many. Besides 10,000-plus butterflies, Butterfly World has hundreds of hummingbirds, a bug zoo, a gorgeous English rose garden and a café. Admission is \$24.95 for adults, \$19.95 for kids ages 3-11, and free for those 2 and under. Butterfly World is in Tradewinds Park, 3600 W. Sample Road, Coconut Creek. Call 954-977-4400.

7. Take a hike at Gumbo Limbo: This environmental complex with the name that sounds like a Cajun dish or a party dance actually takes its moniker from its dominant tree. Sometimes called the tourist tree because the bark resembles a peeling sunburn, the gumbo limbo is just one reason to hang out here. A sturdy boardwalk provides easy-to-navigate hiking and the 40-foot tower gives visitors a great view over a canopy of trees.

Kids will enjoy the aquariums,

insect tanks and butterfly garden. In spring or early summer, staffers lead nighttime turtle walks and if you're lucky enough to go on one of them, you can see nesting females come ashore to lay their eggs. Admission is free, although there is a charge for turtle walks. Gumbo Limbo is at 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Call 338-1473.

8. See what the birds are up to at the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge: The Everglades is a national treasure right here in our back yard, and many people don't even realize it exists. What remains of the northern Everglades, known for its tree islands — a key habitat for deer — can be found here. You may see deer when you visit, but it's more likely you'll get to watch some of the 257 species of birds that hang out here. The 0.8-mile Marsh Trail, an earthen dike around a freshwater impoundment, is perfect for bird watching. Another good route is the quarter-mile Cypress Swamp Boardwalk, which begins and ends at the visitor center. The refuge is on U.S. 441 about two miles south of Boynton Beach Boulevard. Admission is \$5 per carload. Call 734-8303.

9. Learn about local sea life at the Sandoway House Nature Center:

Find out what Atlantic reef fish, nurse sharks and Florida spiny lobster eat for breakfast at this historic beach home in Delray Beach. Guided tours and coral reef shark feedings are held every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 10:30 a.m. But you can go anytime to see displays of sea creatures, exotic birds, turtles and shells.

Learn about local history in the Old Florida Room and get a magnified look on sea life in the microscope lab. Admission is \$4. The center, open Tuesday through Saturday, is at 142 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. Call 274-7263.

10. Go bar hopping on the water taxi:

College-age and older grandkids may want to try Liquid Launch, a water taxi owned by Rick Vanneck. The boat ferries guests to the Banana Boat and Two Georges and Prime Catch in Boynton and Busch's Seafood and Old Calypso in Delray and, sometimes, The Old Key Lime House in Lantana. Call for rates: 436-9696.



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Photo by Tim Stepien

The pizza puzzle

Which South County purveyor of pies is best? Our taste test

By Jan Norris

There's been a veritable pizza explosion in and around South County, with a number of new pizzerias opening.

Striving to set themselves apart, they tout coal-fired ovens, imported water for crusts, organic ingredients and off-the-chart toppings.

We decided to put a few to a taste-test to see how they stacked up against one another.

Full disclosure: It was an unscientific tasting and a beer

tasting was held concurrently. We ordered seven large pizzas, anonymously, and picked them up for our pizza-tasting party.

A dozen tasters participated, and rated the pies on three criteria: appearance, taste and texture.

It was during a freeze, so the pies were not as hot as right out of the oven. But they were equally cold; none had any temperature advantage.

The tasters knew which pie they were eating, but only a couple of them were familiar with the South

County pizza makers.

We asked all pizza makers for their best or "signature" pie, and if they didn't have one, we asked them to make their best-selling pizza for our taste-test.

The most expensive came in last — demonstrating that cost doesn't equal quality. And we learned that pizza eaters care as much about the appearance and crust as they do the toppings — this group liked the thin, flatbread-like ones, but gave a nod to those slightly thicker, mainstream crusts.

Salt was a major setback for a couple of the pizzas; certain combinations create a saltier overall pie, and those without a tomato sauce to cut the sodium suffered lower scores.

Most of the pizzas had sufficient toppings, but tasters were picky about the balance among the cheese, the sauce and the extras.

We should note that the one with the "burned" crust — Anthony's — prides itself on this trademark for its pies, calling them "well done." In other words, it's not a mistake.

The good, the bad and the ordinary

The pizzas were judged for each of our three criteria on a scale of 1-10, and the 12 tasters' scores were averaged.

Overall score reflects the totals of the averages. Here are the results:

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121 S. Third St., Lantana
(561) 202-9111

Pizza: Large sausage and pepperoni

Cost: \$18.06

Overall score: 22.2

Appearance: 7

Texture: 7.5

Taste: 7.7

Comments: Good crust, nice balance of cheese, spicy sausage and pepperoni. Great flavor.

Josie's Pizza

1602 S. Federal Highway,
Boynton Beach
(561) 364-9601

Pizza: Large special (everything) pizza

Cost: \$22.35

Overall score: 20.2

Appearance: 6.3

Texture: 6.9

Taste: 7

Comments: Full pizza, plenty of toppings. Crust good; flavor could be spicier. Looks appetizing.

Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza

115 NE Sixth Ave., Delray
Beach
(561) 278-7911

Pizza: Large sausage, peppers, mushrooms

Cost: \$21

Overall score: 20.1

Appearance: 6.5

Texture: 6.8

Taste: 6.8

Comments: Smoky flavor enhances the meat, but is the crust supposed to be so burned? They don't skimp on toppings.

Pizza Rustica

1155 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray
Beach
(561) 279-8766

Pizza: Large sausage and peppers

Cost: \$20.77

Overall score: 19.5

Appearance: 6

Texture: 6.7

Taste: 6.8

Comments: Thin, crisp crust; good flavor; sausage could be more flavorful.

Café Frankie's

640 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton
Beach
(561) 732-3834

Pizza: Large arugula and prosciutto

Cost: \$24.50

Overall score: 19.1

Appearance: 6.7

Texture: 6.1

Taste: 6.3

Comments: Nice crust. Not enough "coverage" of topping. A little salty.

Picasso's Pizza

2275 S. Federal Highway,
Delray Beach
(561) 278-6644

Pizza: Large vegetarian

Cost: \$18.37

Overall score: 18.6

Appearance: 6.1

Texture: 6

Taste: 6.5

Comments: Crust is a little chewy; not enough cheese; sauce is too sweet.

Mellow Mushroom

25 SE Sixth Ave., Delray
Beach
(561) 330-3040

Pizza: Large portobello and feta cheese

Cost: \$27.16

Overall score: 16.6

Appearance: 5.4

Texture: 5

Taste: 6.2

Comments: Cheese is too salty; whole-wheat crust is tough. Mushrooms are hearty. Good for vegetarians, maybe. ✱

Jan Norris is the producer and editor of the food and Florida blog www.JanNorris.com.

Pairing beer, pizza: It's tricky any way you slice it

By Dan Oliver

Beer and pizza. Pizza and beer. There seems to be a consensus among the multitudes that this is one of the most compatible combinations of food and beverage in the known world. But is this pairing really in the league of dynamic duos like milk and cookies, peanut butter and jelly, or even green eggs and ham?

I decided it was high time we put this widely held view under the microscope for a closer examination.

OK, actually, *The Coastal Star* asked me to join in on its pizza tasting and I said, "I'll be over in five minutes, and I'll bring the beer." There. Full disclosure. I feel better. The taste test was on.

Before we jump into it, let's consider a bit of biology. Pizza and beer share three

fundamental building blocks: yeast, grain and water. From there they branch out in myriad different directions, but having such a similar foundation gives beer a leg up in compatibility with pizza, compared with other beverages such as wine.

But (and there's always a but) there are thousands of different kinds of beers and perhaps an equally varied number of pizzas out there on the planet. They can't ALL go together, can they? No, probably not. So before starting my experiment, I consulted a few experts and as in almost any area of science, they didn't all agree.

At Brewzzi in CityPlace and Boca Raton, brewmaster Fran Andrewlevich usually pairs the pies with his Boca Blonde Lager. For some of the meatier pizzas, he will recommend an amber colored Vienna Lager called City Fest.

Sam Calagione, founder of Delaware's Dogfish Head Brewery, and co-author of the book *He Said Beer, She Said Wine*, likes to serve his hoppy 60 Minute IPA with cheese pizza, prefers the Brooklyn Brown Ale with pepperoni pizza and suggests perhaps Paulaner Hefe-Weizen with a white pizza.

Brooklyn Brewery's Garrett Oliver, who penned *The Brewmaster's Table*, prefers American Amber

Lagers with pizza, citing the slight malt sweetness as a perfect match to the same sweetness in most pizza sauces.

Armed with this information, I decided to offer three beers (light, amber and hoppy) to go with a variety of different pizzas being consumed by 10 tasters. For the light, I chose the Reissdorf Kölsch, a light, clean German classic lager/ale hybrid; the amber was the malty Brooklyn Brown Ale; and for the hoppy, I went with the Dogfish Head 60 Minute IPA.

The results? All over the map, to a degree, but there was some consensus: The Reissdorf Kölsch was the favorite with pizza by about a six to four margin over the Brooklyn Brown Ale.

Only one taster thought the 60 Minute IPA was the best match with pizza.

While a few others thought it did fairly well with spicy sausage and pepperoni pies, just as many thought it was a good beer but too bitter and overpowering for most of the pies.

So what did we learn? Pairing pizza with beer isn't necessarily a slam-dunk, and if you're not a fan of a beer's style, you're not going to like it with your pie either. If you are a big fan of hoppy IPAs you're probably more likely to enjoy them with pepperoni or spicy sausage pizzas than a light beer drinker would. In Dan the Beer Man's humble opinion, the Brooklyn Brown was probably the best match for such a variety of pizzas, the Kolsch a close second and the IPA third.

Your charge now is to conduct your own pizza/beer tasting and judge for yourself. A trip to your local beer seller should bring you some interesting finds.

If you can't find Reissdorf Kölsch, don't panic. Any quality light lager will be a suitable substitute.

And if you need anyone to help out with the tasting, I just might be available. ✨



We tested the Brooklyn Brown Ale, Dogfish Head 60 Minute IPA and the Reissdorf Kölsch. Photo by Tim Stepien



Dan Oliver is a local beer lover who writes about his favorite brews. He is a member of the Palm Beach Draughtsmen homebrew club.

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A PEEK INSIDE: EAU SPA



In addition to facials, the Ritz-Carlton's Eau Spa also offers manicures and pedicures.

Need Ritzy pampering without a long drive?

Just say spa ...

By Mary Thurwachter

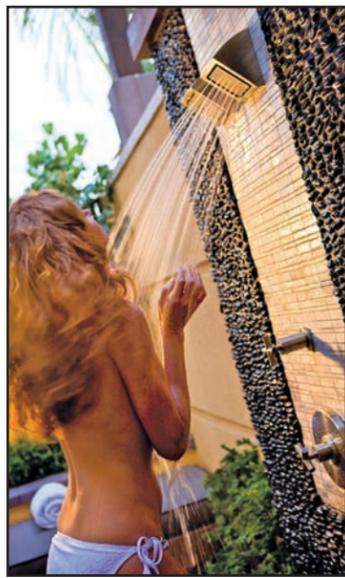
Classically elegant and newly renovated — to the tune of \$100 million — the Ritz-Carlton Palm Beach has an extra reason to celebrate this month. Its \$30 million addition, Eau Spa, opens at last. The hammering has stopped, the paint has dried, the furniture has been thoughtfully arranged and now it's time for guests to "pause, play and perfect."

That "three-P" philosophy is evident throughout the 42,000-square-foot spa with an emphasis on sensory experiences with touches of wet and whimsy and blended with Baroque designs with strong modern accents. Eau Spa guests can pause to light a candle and send it sailing into a large copper Wishing Well and relax on a waterfall bench allowing the cascading water to massage their shoulders. Another option: lazily swinging from a wire basket chair as their toes stir up waves in a shallow pool.

They can belly up to the scrub and polish bar, where a mixologist stirs up a personalized blend of aromatic herbs, gritty sea salts and soothing oils. Spa director Amal Elbahnasawy refers to this as scrub couture.

"You can experiment with the mixture and discover a perfect combination of skin detox and polishing, resulting in a customized body cocktail they can play with in the bath lounge and later bring home to ensure the Eau Spa experience lingers even longer," Elbahnasawy says.

When it comes to play, spa customers will find plenty of opportunities, from playing chess or singing in the showers to finding themselves surrounded by thousands of stars, the result of a disco ball on the ceiling in the steam room. Any of



You'll be invigorated after showering outdoors at Eau Spa at the Ritz.

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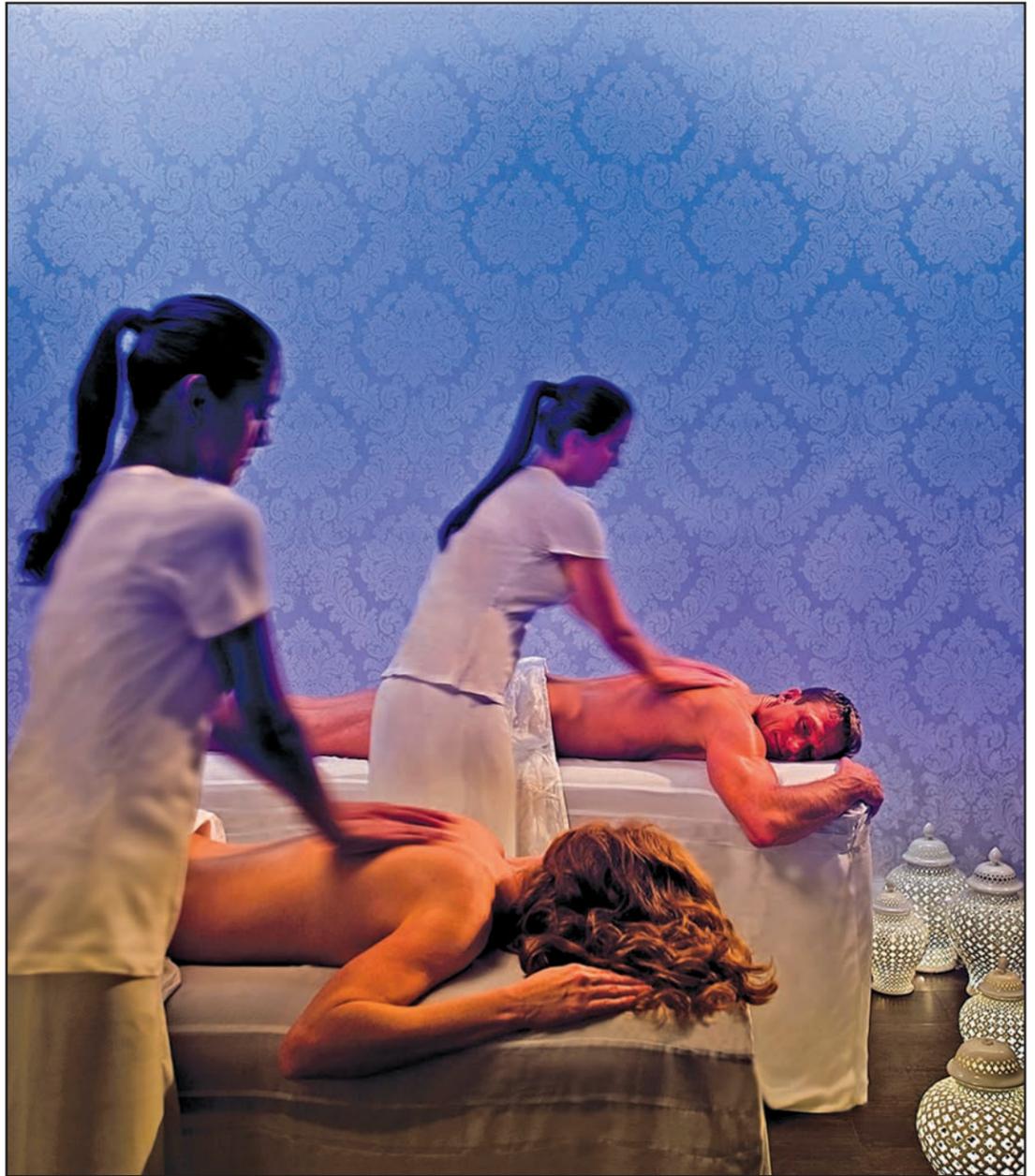
Eau Spa is located at the Ritz-Carlton Palm Beach, 100 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan.

Spa is open to the public from 8 a.m.-9 p.m. daily, with treatments beginning at \$40.

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the spa's 19 villas can be customized to the taste of the customers.

Color therapy through LED lighting defines wall colors with shades outlined by ancient cultures that evoke specific moods, says Elbahnasawy. Blue tones are used for those looking to relax (pause); red for those interested in energizing (play); and gold for those seeking balance (perfect). Results are also achieved through choices of oils, aromatherapies and musical selections. Choose lavender aromatherapy and dreamlike music to relax; pick tart lime



Eau Spa at the Ritz-Carlton Palm Beach is decorated with a mix of modern accents and Baroque designs. **Photos provided**



You can lazily swing from a wire basket chair and let your feet stir up little waves in a shallow pool. It's all part of Eau Spa's emphasis on wet and whimsy.

aromas and upbeat lounge music to energize; or select rosewood aromatherapy and mellow jazz if you're seeking balance.

Twelve of the villas come with outdoor gardens and three villas are designed with couples in mind. Oversized tubs, rainfall showers and

lavish gardens with herbs and orchids are all part of the décor. Specially designed wine glass chandeliers, at \$40,000 apiece, will sparkle in the men's and women's relaxation areas.

A pretty, full-service salon offers six chairs, including a master chair for special occasions and weddings, as well as manicure and pedicure stations.

The fitness center, only open to hotel guests (for now, at least; this may change) offers a complete state-of-the-art workout center with exercise equipment, kickboxing, spinning and step classes, as well yoga, Pilates and meditation. But don't be surprised if you're offered a cupcake. You'll have plenty of time to work it off on the elliptical! Come for a treatment and you'll be tempted (and welcome) to lounge around all day in a thick, white, hooded terry robe and slippers, says public relations director Christine DiRocco.

Eau Spa's focus on water — "eau" in French — encourages guests to relax and enjoy ancient spa rituals in a spontaneous setting, says Simon Lewis, owner of the Manalapan hotel. "Our vision for Eau Spa was centered on the guest's sensory awareness and ability to be present," he said. "Eau Spa is about letting yourself have a good time in a completely carefree and open environment, not necessarily a sacred place where you have to whisper."

A PEEK INSIDE: ACQUA LIANA



Acqua Liana is environmentally friendly without sacrificing style. The 671-piece hand-blown glass chandelier releases water for a melting effect.

Manalapan estate proves eco-friendly is chic *So go green ...*

By Christine Davis

You've driven up the Seaside Paspalum grass driveway. Along the way there was a water grotto and bamboo-clad guesthouse, swimmable water gardens and a *palapa*.

In the front courtyard, there's a floating deck, infinity pool (with windows), 16-person spa with a fire pit, and a Tahitian cocktails balé supported by moose-pole pine columns.

Now, you are about to enter Frank McKinney's brand-new, LEED-certified, South-Pacific-resort-style mansion, "Acqua Liana."

But, this is not just any entry, real estate entrepreneur McKinney points out. This is an all-out "significant front-door event."

Take a close look at the door itself. McKinney's signature door-within-a-door is 1,200 pounds of compressed reeded bamboo, which can open with a mere touch of your pinky.

Now. Go ahead. Use your pinky and push either of the doors open.

Inside is a glass floor over a tiled lotus pond, water cascading down a two-story glass wall, and a coconut-wood-and-glass serpentine stairway. At the heart of the room, a 671-piece hand-blown chandelier releases water for a "cool melting effect." In the wall separating the entry from the living room, a double-sided fireplace boasts a serious mother-of-pearl mantel.

"Fire and water," McKinney said. "There's a lot of feng shui in this house."

Then, out of the corner of your eye, you glimpse the wine room. One of its walls is part of an enormous aquarium, where 60 fish of 18 species swim overhead, down a clear tower, and into the



Acqua Liana was built with such sustainable products as bamboo.

Acqua Liana, at 620 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan, is on the market for \$29 million.

base of the bar.

"I've never gone this far," McKinney said. "The fish didn't swim over to the bar before."

This home abounds with stunning features, but let's get down to the green gritty. Acqua Liana is the largest LEED-certified house in the United States.

This is not just a green experiment, though, McKinney said. "I have to make sure that the home's design drives the buyer to buy. Green doesn't drive the project, but everything must go through the green filter."

The U.S. Green Building Council offers a certification program — Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for Homes, or LEED-H — to encourage environmentally conscious building. To become LEED-certified, this home had to garner a median threshold of 66 points in eight categories. A third-party evaluator performed third-party



Soaring bamboo beams accent the living room and kitchen at Acqua Liana, a 15,000-square-foot oceanfront mansion in Manalapan. **Photos by Jerry Lower**



Builder Frank McKinney stands within the compressed bamboo 'door within a door' at his Manalapan project.

testing.

Since McKinney's house is large — 15,000 square feet with seven bedrooms and 11 bathrooms — it was penalized and started with a minus 21. After the testing

was done, Acqua Liana scored 79 points. That's 2.5 points away from the LEED Silver certification. "If it wasn't for that penalty, I'd be knocking on the door of Platinum," McKinney said.

Gary Shlifer, the LEED-accredited professional who led the project's design and construction team, gives some specifics on the green construction:

- 75 percent of the construction waste was diverted from the landfill and incineration.

- The use of low- or no-VOC (volatile organic compounds) paint, adhesives and materials, provides healthy indoor air quality.

- The house would consume 45 percent more energy if it weren't built "green."

- Rainwater collection allows for a 68 percent reduction in the use of potable water for water features.

- Mold- and termite-resistant construction materials were used and the flooring material is 100 percent reclaimed or renewable.

Then, there's the solar power system.

"Solar is not required by the LEED system," explains Eric Martin, senior research engineer for the Florida Solar Energy Center. That's the research institute selected

See **ACQUA LIANA** on page 25

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by the USGBC to be a LEED provider and responsible for the third-party evaluations.

“McKinney’s house has a relatively large solar array for a residential project — 10 kilowatts. That’s big. A lot of renewable energy can be produced by that house.”

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So, what’s next? Committed to building green, McKinney owns neighboring lots; on one of them, another green megamansion, Crystalina, is designed and permitted. “We will commence construction when Acqua Liana sells,” McKinney says.

What is a LEED rating, and how does it work?

The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for Homes, or LEED-H is a voluntary rating system of the U.S. Green Building Council that promotes the design and construction of high-performance green homes. A green home uses less energy, water and natural resources; creates less waste; and is healthier and more comfortable for the occupants.

Benefits of a LEED home include lower energy and water bills; reduced greenhouse gas emissions; and less exposure to mold, mildew and other indoor toxins.

The USGBC, a non-profit organization, is composed of more than 15,000 organizations from across the building industry. LEED-H attempts to provide national consistency in defining the features of a green home and represents a consensus standard for green homebuilding, developed and refined by a diverse cadre of national experts and experienced green builders. The LEED-H rating system measures the overall performance of a home in eight categories:

- 1. Innovation and Design Process** — Special design methods, unique regional credits, measures not currently addressed in the rating system, and exemplary performance levels.
- 2. Location and Linkages** — The placement of homes in socially and environmentally responsible ways in relation to the larger community.
- 3. Sustainable Sites** — The use of the entire property so as to minimize the project’s impact on the site.
- 4. Water Efficiency** — Water-efficient practices, both indoor and outdoor.



Builder Frank McKinney’s Manalapan project has a 10 kilowatt solar power system.

5. Energy and Atmosphere — Energy efficiency, particularly in the building envelope and heating and cooling design.

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Community Calendar

Note: Events are current as of March 1. Phone check with organizers for any changes.

March 7

Saturday - 3/7 - 2nd Annual "Be Green, Spring Clean" with Sand Sifters at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. Meet at the pavilion in the lower parking lot. Bags, gloves and refreshments provided. 8-10:30 am. Parking is free. 734-9128.

3/7 - Delray Beach GreenMarket in the Park is held each Saturday during season in downtown Delray Beach at Pineapple Grove Way, NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach from 8 am-1 pm. Live music in an open-air market. Free. 276-7511.

3/7 - Ocean Ave Green Market is held each Saturday at 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach from 8 am-1 pm. This week's market features an Art and Jazz Festival including a 1-mile Hunger Walk sponsored by the Community Caring Center of Boynton Beach. Suggested contributions of \$10-20 and three non-perishable food items are appreciated. Registration for walk begins at noon with walk starting at 2 pm and concluding with a free concert at 3 pm. Admission to the Green Market and parking are free. 364-9501.

3/7 - Oceanside Farmer's Market is held each Saturday at Lake Worth Beach (A1A and Lake Avenue) from 8 am-1 pm. Free. 547-3100 or www.oceanside-farmersmarket.com.

3/7 - 4th Annual Sea Turtle Day is held at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Celebrate sea turtles, marine life, and our oceans in a day of environmental education. 10 am-4 pm. \$5 donation suggested. 338-1473.

3/7 - 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. There are no discounts or certification given for this class. 10 am-noon. \$40 per couple or \$25 per person. Payment must be made before class date. Early registration recommended. 369-2229.

3/7 - Garden Workshop will be the first demonstration in the Pioneer Community Garden with Master Gardener Manny Blun at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. 10-11 am. Free. 742-6785.

3/7 - The Art of Thinking is presented by Paul Barber at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

3/7 - 14th Annual Evening on Antique Row is presented by the Young Friends of the Historical Society of Palm Beach County and the Antique Row Association. Stroll along West Palm Beach's Dixie Highway antique district while enjoying food and entertainment. 5:30-9:30 pm. \$45 at the door. An after-party will be held at Hotel Biba, 320 Belvedere Rd., West Palm Beach. 9:30-midnight. \$100. 832-4164.

3/7 - 4th Annual Sunrise Kiwanis Night Golf Tournament is held at Delray Beach Golf Club & Restaurant, 2200 Highland Ave., Delray Beach. 9-hole golf tournament using illuminated golf balls. \$60. 6:30 pm. 243-7011 or 441-9772.

3/7 - 54th Annual Bethesda Ball sponsored by the Bethesda Hospital Foundation will be held at The Breakers, One South County Road, Palm Beach. Cocktails: 6:30 pm; Dinner, live and silent auctions: 8 pm. \$350. 737-7733 Ext. 5600.

3/7 - One Opera in One Hour presents *La Boheme* at Cityplace, 700 S. Rosemary Ave., West Palm Beach. 9 pm. Free. 833-7888 or www.pbopera.org.

3/7-8 - Artists in the Park is an outdoor art show with local artists displaying and selling their work at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St. Delray Beach. 10 am-4:30 pm. Free. 243-0958.

March 8-14

Sunday - 3/8 - Daylight Savings Time begins. Don't forget to "spring forward" and reset your clocks.

3/8 - Bring a Friend to Church/New Visitors Welcoming Service will be held at the Church of the Palms, 1960 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Everyone is invited to this 1-hour service and musical event followed by coffee and snacks. All are welcome. 10 am. 276-6347.

3/8 - The Film Homeland is presented by the Delray Beach Film Festival in an exclusive screening at the Delray Beach Public Library, 2 pm. \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. 266-9490 or 266-0194.



Abigail Lessard catches her reflection in a mirror on the Merry-Go-Round while riding with her aunt Kelly Husak during the St. Vincent Ferrer Parish Festival. Photo by Jerry Lower

Monday - 3/9 - Musical Luncheon is presented by the School of the Arts Foundation Guild at The Palm Beach Country Club, 760 N. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. Luncheon features performances by music students at the Alexander W. Dreyfoos Jr. School of the Arts. 11:30 am. \$100-125. 805-6298.

3/9 - Sea Turtles is presented by the Loggerhead Marine Center at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. Bring your brown bag lunch; enjoy complimentary coffee and tea. Noon — 1 pm. Free. 742-6390.

3/9 - The Incredible Shrinking Man (1957) will be shown to kick off a new film series, "From the Atomic Age," at the Delray Beach Public Library. 1 pm. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

3/9 - American Voices Series at the Caldwell Theatre, 7901 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton, presents storyteller Roslyn Bresnick-Perry. 2 pm & 7 pm. \$20 & \$25. 241-7432 or 877-245-7432.

3/9 - Estate Planning, Long Term Care & Reverse Mortgages will be presented by Michelle Hofkin at the Delray Beach Public Library, 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

3/9 - Youth Tennis Clinics are offered at the Boynton Beach Tennis Center, 3111 S. Congress Ave., Boynton Beach. Pee Wees (ages 5-6) held on Monday & Wednesday, 4:15-5 pm; Youth (ages 7-9) held on Monday & Wednesday, 5-6 pm; Older Youth (ages 10-15) held on Tuesday & Thursday, 5-6 pm. \$10 per day (residents), \$13 (non-residents). 742-6575.

3/9 - Culture & Cocktails at Café Boulud presents *A Conversation with Laurence Leamer*, author of the controversial new book, *Madness Under the Royal Palms: Life and Death behind the Gates of Palm Beach*. Complimentary cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Café Boulud is located in The Brazilian Court, 301 Australian Avenue, Palm Beach. 5-7 pm. \$35. Space is limited. RSVP at 472-3330.

3/9 - Eye Conditions and Diseases will be presented by Aker-Kasten Eye Institute at the Delray Beach Public Library. 6:30 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

3/9 - Lantana Council Meetings are held on the second & fourth Mondays of each month at the Lantana Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Circle. Meeting begins at 7 pm. Agenda available at www.lantana.org

Tuesday - 3/10 - Municipal Elections: Delray Beach and Lantana. Polls are open 7 am-7 pm. For polling locations, check: pbcelections.org/ or call: 656-6200.

3/10 - Answers to Your COPD Medication Questions is presented by the Better Breathers Club at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, Clayton Conference Center, Boynton Beach. 9:30-11 am. Free. 374-5731.

3/10 - Coral Reef Shark Feedings are held each Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd. Delray Beach. Feeding begins at 10:30 am. 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

3/10 - Boca Raton Historical Society Hotel Tours will be held on Tuesdays through April, 23. Learn about the Boca Raton Resort

& Club, Boca's most historic building. Hotel is located at 501 E. Camino Real, Boca Raton. 2 pm. \$10 (members), \$12 (non-members). Tour is not recommended for children younger than 12. RSVP. 395-6766, Ext. 100.

3/10 - Writer's Launch II is held Tuesdays through 4/28 from 1:30 - 3 pm at The Kravis Center, West Palm Beach. Julie Gilbert leads the eight-week workshop focused on the fictional short story. \$300. 832-7469 or www.kravis.org.

3/10 - Tales From the Front Stoop will be presented by Marjorie Gottlieb Wolfe at the Delray Beach Public Library. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

3/10 - The Esther B. O'Keefe Lecture Series presents David Garrard Lowe and *The Grandeur of Andrea Palladio* at The Society of the Four Arts Walter S. Gubelmann Auditorium, Palm Beach. 2:30 pm. \$25. 655-7227 or www.fourarts.org.

3/10 - Chinese Koshers Feast and Masquerade is held at Palm Beach Jewish Center, 205 Royal Palm Way, Palm Beach. Celebrate Purim with wine, music, song and games with Purim Insights with Rabbi Zalman. 6:30 pm Megillah reading, 7 pm Purim party. \$18 (Adult), \$10 (Child). 659-3884.

Wednesday - 3/11 - Mystery Book Group discusses *The Lost* by Roberta Kray at the Delray Beach Public Library. 10:15 am. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

3/11 - No Excuse for Abuse Luncheon is hosted by the Alpert Jewish Family & Children's Service at the Cohen Pavilion at the Kravis Center for Performing Arts, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. 11 am. \$150. 238-0277 or www.jfcpb.org.

3/11 - Bridge Lessons at Veterans Park on Wednesdays. Learn how to play contract Bridge. 2-4 pm. Beginners only. \$35 for six classes. 243-7350.

3/11 - Mystery Writing Presents Revenge by Don Finegold at the Delray Beach Public Library. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

3/11 - Spady Museum Lecture Series continues with a presentation by author and oral historian Kitty Oliver, reflecting on "Women Sharing Our Stories." Lecture held at the Spady Cultural Heritage Museum, 170 NW 5th Ave., Delray Beach. 5:30 pm. Free. 279-8883 or www.spadymuseum.com.

3/11 & 12 - The Cy Schonberg Memorial Concert Series will be presented under the artistic direction of Dr. Robert Sharon as part of the Town of South Palm Beach Music Series. Event held at Town Hall, 3577 S. Ocean Blvd., South Palm Beach. 7:30 pm. \$25 at door. 588-8889.

Thursday - 3/12 - Boynton Beach Library Quilters meet every Thursday from 9-11:45 am. Share quilting information, education and perpetuate quilting as a cultural and artistic form at the Boynton Beach City Library. Free. 742-6390.

3/12 - Kinderdance International Classes are held on Thursdays at the Carolyn Sims Center, 225 NW 12th Ave., Boynton Beach. Pre-registration required. Kindertots (age 2) /9:30-10 am, \$79 (resident) & \$99 (non-resident); Kinderdance (ages 3-5) /10:15-11 am, \$99 (resident) & \$124 (non-resident); Kindermotion (ages 3-5) /11:15 am-Noon, \$99 (resident) & \$124 (non-resident). 742-6641.

3/12 - Novel Moms Book Discussion Group discusses *Away* by Amy Bloom at the Delray Beach Public Library. Noon. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

3/12 - A.N.T.H.U.M Jazz Band performs on Thursdays at the Boynton Beach Senior Center, 1021 S. Federal Highway, Boynton Beach. 1-3 pm. 636-6748.

3/12 - Michael Gates Gill, author of *New York Times* Best Seller *How Starbucks Saved My Life*, lectures at the Crest Theatre, Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton, Delray Beach. 2 pm. \$25 (open balcony); \$40 (reserved main floor). 243-7922, Ext. 1.

3/12 - The Second Half Matters: Bringing the Best to Life is presented by Steve Goldberg at the Delray Beach Public Library. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

3/12 - Peripheral Arterial Disease: What You Need to Know is presented by Thomas A. Abbruzzese, M.D. at Bethesda Memorial Hospital. 4:30 pm. Free. 731-2273.

3/12 - 4th Annual Magical Evening of Music will be held at Old School Square to benefit C.R.O.S.'s Caring Kitchen and Community Food Pantries. Wine, cheese and silent auction at 6 pm at the Vintage Gymnasium with music by Dreyfoos School of the Arts students; 7 pm live auction and jazz concert at the Crest Theatre. \$50. Limited seating. 233-9009, ext. 106.

3/12 - Writer's Corner presents a free manuscript critiquing by published authors at the Boynton Beach City Library. 6:30-8 pm. Free. 742-6390.

3/12 - Pearl Wolf speaks and signs her new book *Too Hot For a Spy* at Murder on the Beach, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790 or www.murderonthebeach.com.

3/12 - James E. Buffan Gold Coast Band performs at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Avenue, Boynton Beach. 7:30 pm. \$5. 742-6240.

Friday - 3/13 - Parker Ladd's Author Breakfast Series presents Alice Hoffman, *The Third Angel* and Robert Lloyd George, *David & Winston: How a Friendship Changed History* at the Brazilian Court's Cafe Boulud, Palm Beach and includes breakfast, valet parking and a copy of one of the featured books. 8:45-10 am. Reservations required. \$100. 366-4301.

3/13 - Gulf Stream Town Commission Meeting is held on the second Friday of the month at the Gulf Stream Town Hall, 100 Sea Road. Meeting begins at 9 am. Agenda available in clerk's office.

3/13 - Make & Take: International Day of the Sea is presented at Schoolhouse Children's Museum, Boynton Beach. Kids and their parents will enjoy making seal masks. Pre-k ages 2-5. 10:30 am. \$2.50 plus admission to the museum. 742-6780.

3/13 - Kinder Yoga is held on Fridays through 5/8 at Veterans Park Recreational Center, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. This a natural and healthy way for kids 3-5 years old to exercise, relax, focus and gain self-control. 10:45-11:30 am. 8 weeks: \$80 (residents), \$88 (non-residents); 6 weeks: \$60 (residents), \$68 (non-residents). 714-4480 or 243-7350.

3/13 - Bob Roberts Society Orchestra performs on Friday afternoons at the Boynton Beach Civic Center. The full 16-piece big band plays a variety of dance tunes. 1:30-3:30 pm. \$3.00 at the door. 742-6240.

Saturday - 3/14 - Briny Breezes Hobby Club Craft Show and Sale will be held at the Briny Breezes Hobby Club building behind the Gulfstream Texaco Station on A1A in Briny Breezes. 9 am-noon. Public welcome. Free admittance. Lunch provided 11 am-1 pm for \$6. 266-2756.

3/14 - Ride and Remember Trolley Tour takes riders on a 90-minute narrated tour of Delray Beach's five historic districts. The Spady Cultural Heritage Museum and the Delray Beach Historical Society sponsor the air-conditioned trolley. The tour begins and ends at the Cason Cottage at 5 NE 1st St. Departure is at 10 am. Seats are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. \$15 per person, \$10 for kids 12 and under. 279-8883 or www.spadymuseum.com

3/14 - St. Patrick's Day Parade & Party! The party is held in the Old School Square parking lot (south of garage) with food/drinks and live Irish music. 10 am-7:30 pm. The Parade is held along Atlantic Ave. from the beach to the Tennis Center in Delray Beach. 1-2:30 pm. Both are free. 279-0907.

3/14 - 16th Annual Reach for the Stars benefit presents "Dancing for the Stars" ballroom dancing competition with gourmet food and fine wines at the Kravis Center, West Palm Beach. 6 pm. \$75 (Young Friends member), \$100 (non-member), \$175 (VIP tickets). 832-7469 or www.kravis.org/reachforthestars.

3/14 - 4th Annual Bootlegger's Ball benefiting the Make-A Wish Foundation of Southern Florida will be held at the Mar-a-Lago Club, 1100 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach. "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" is the theme of the event starting poolside at 7 pm. The evening includes dinner, dancing, a live auction of fantasy items and a night of gaming at the casino. \$500. 954-967-9474, Ext. 312.

3/14 - 11th Annual SunFest Coconut Ball: Magic of the Orient takes place at the Palm Beach Zoo, 1301 Summit Blvd., West Palm Beach. Proceeds fund the SunFest Pathfinder Music Scholarship. 7 pm (silent auction and cocktails), 8:30 pm (dinner, dancing, animal encounters.) \$148 (single), \$288 (for two), \$1,420 (table of ten). 315-6695.

3/14-15 - Artists in the Park, an outdoor art show with local artists displaying and selling their work is held at Veterans Park, Delray Beach. 10 am-4:30 pm. Free. 243-0958.

March 15-21

Sunday - 3/15 - Sunday Musical Matinee Series features the ShaeLaurel Family Band at the Delray Beach Public Library. 2 pm. \$15. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

3/15 - 11th Annual Spring Benefit & Auction at Mounts Botanical Garden, 531 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach will feature vintage cars, fashion, wine and hors d'oeuvres, garden art and a silent auction all with a Gatsby in the Garden theme. 4-7 pm. \$75. Reservations required. 233-1757 or www.mounts.org.

3/15 - Randy Wayne White speaks and signs his new book *Dead Silence* at Murder on the Beach, Delray Beach. 6 pm. Free. 279-7790 or www.murderonthebeach.com.

Monday - 3/16 - Quilting Bee is a twice-monthly quilting class at the Delray Beach Public Library. 10 am. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

3/16 - Identity Theft is presented by the Boynton Beach Police Department at the Boynton Beach City Library. Bring your brown bag lunch; enjoy complimentary coffee and tea. Noon-1 pm. Free. 742-6390.

3/16 - Women Who Dared in the Bible will be presented as part of the Women's History Month Series at the Delray Beach Public Library. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

3/16 - From Survival to Success will be presented by Ken Okel at the Delray Beach Public Library. 6:30 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

3/16-19 - Travel Workshop offered at the Palm Beach Photographic Center, 55 NE Second Ave., Delray Beach: Street Photography & Photo Essay, \$825 (members), \$995 (non-members). 276-9797 or www.fotofusion.org.

3/16-19 - Digital Workshops offered at the Palm Beach Photographic Center, Delray Beach: Masking and Creative Collage; \$825 (members), \$895 (non-members) & Finding Stories in Nature Photography; \$725 (members), \$795 (non-members). 276-9797 or www.fotofusion.org

Tuesday - 3/17 - The Secrets of LUNgevity: From Better Breathing to Curing Cancer is presented by Dr. Stephen

C. Young of Johns Hopkins Medicine at the Delray Beach Public Library. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

3/17 - The Esther B. O'Keefe Lecture Series presents Ayaan Hirsi Ali *Clash of Civilizations*. Event held at The Society of the Four Arts Walter S. Gubelmann Auditorium, Palm Beach. 2:30 pm. \$25. 655-7227 or www.fourarts.org.

3/17 - Delray Beach City Commission holds its regular meetings on the first & third Tuesdays of each month at Delray Beach City Hall, 100 N.W. First Ave. Meeting begins at 6 pm. Agenda available at www.mydelraybeach.com.

Wednesday - 3/18 - Featuring Florida: A Film Series presents *Cocoon*, at the Boynton Beach City Library. 1:30-3:30 pm. Free. 742-6390.

3/18 - Robert Macomber - Meet award winning maritime author, sailor, lecturer and television commentator at the Boynton Beach City Library. 1:30-3:30 pm. Free. 742-6390.

3/18 - At Home in Palm Beach County presents a nature, landscape & wildlife slide show by Ted Cohen at the Delray Beach Public Library. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

3/18 - Abraham Lincoln will be presented as part of the Civil War Series at the Delray Beach Public Library. 6:30 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

3/18 - Traditional Irish Dancing with Maureen Welty, a certified Irish Dance Master, brings the Harling Irish Dancers to the Boynton Beach City Library. 7 pm. Free. 742-6390.

3/18 & 19 - South Africa as a Democracy and its Future Challenges will be presented by Daniel Silke as part of the Town of South Palm Beach Lecture and Music Series. Event held at Town Hall, 3577 S. Ocean Blvd., South Palm Beach. 7:30 pm. \$25 at door. 588-8889.

Thursday - 3/19 - Understanding Other Cultures Book Group / American Melting Pot or Mosaic? presents *Jasmine* by Bharati Mukherjee at the Delray Beach Public Library. 10:30 am. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

3/19 - Marlins Spring Training Day Trip to Roger Dean Stadium. Bus departs from Veterans Park at 11:30 am and returns at 5 pm. 243-7350.

3/19 - History of the American Musical Theater will be presented by George Feirstein at the Delray Beach Public Library. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

3/19 - Wine & Music is held at the American Orchid Society Botanical Gardens, 16700 AOS Lane, Delray Beach. Wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres. Stroll in the gardens or take a guided tour of the orchid greenhouse while listening to music. 5:30 - 7:30 pm. \$20 (members), \$25 (non-members). 404-2031.

3/19 - Manalapan Library Evening Lecture Series hosts professional speaker and genealogist Mike Karsen to explain how you can create, preserve and share your family history in *Deep Roots: Creating Your Family Legacy*. J. Turner Moore Library, 1330 Lands End Road, Manalapan. 6 pm. 588-7577.

3/19 - Writer's Corner is a fee manuscript critiquing by published authors at the Boynton Beach City Library. 6:30-8 pm. Free. 742-6390.

3/19 - Tom Corcoran speaks and signs his new book *Hawk Channel Chase* at Murder on the Beach, Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790 or www.murderonthebeach.com.

Friday - 3/20 - Make & Take: Springtime Flowers celebrates Spring by helping kids and their families make their own fingerprint flower bouquets at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum. Pre-k ages 2-5. 10:30 am. \$2.50 plus admission to the museum. 742-6780.

3/20 - Andy Kohut, President of the Pew Research Center joins The Forum Club of the Palm Beaches to analyze the first 60 days of the Obama administration. Noon luncheon will be held at the Cohen Pavilion at the Kravis Center, West Palm Beach. \$30 (members), \$40 (guest ticket ordered by member), \$40 (applicants), \$55 (public). 304-0570.

3/20 - 3rd Biennial Photography Auction will be held at the Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach. Silent and live auctions with over 50 works. 6-9 pm. \$100. A preview night will be held 3/19 from 6-8 pm. 832-5196, Ext. 1193.

3/20 - Oceanfront Concert is a free concert seaside, part of a monthly concert series sponsored by the Boynton Beach Community Redevelopment Association. Oceanfront Park, Ocean Ridge. 6-9 pm. Free. 737-3256 or 742-6000.

3/20 - Spirit of America Auction to benefit St. Joseph's Episcopal School. Silent auction with hors d'oeuvres will be followed by a dinner buffet with the live auction. Held at the Delray Beach Marriott, 10 N Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. 6:30 pm. \$125. 732-2045.

3/20 - 2nd Annual Cattle Baron's Ball to benefit the American Cancer Society will held at the Boca Marriott at Boca Center, 5150 Town Center Circle, Boca Raton. Stetsons & stilettos attire. 7 pm. Cocktails, dinner & dancing with live and silent auctions. \$150. 394-7751.

3/20 - Bedtime Boogie is presented by the Pajama Program, Palm Beach County Chapter at the Old School Square Vintage Gymnasium, Delray Beach. A "grown up" party featuring cocktails, dinner, dancing, entertainment, auction and raffles. Party attire. 7 pm. \$100. 495-7575.

3/20 - Terry Griffin speaks and signs new book *Blood Island* at Murder on the Beach, Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790 or www.murderonthebeach.com.

3/20-22 - 6th Annual Palm Beach Fine Craft Show will be held at the Palm Beach County Convention Center, 650 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Exhibits by more than 100 of the nations distinguished craft artists. 10 am - 6 pm (3/20-21), 11am-5pm (3/22). \$15 (general), \$13 (seniors). 366-3000 or www.craftsamericashows.com

Saturday - 3/21 - The Ocean Ridge Garden Club Rummage Sale will be held at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 450 N Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. Proceeds of the sale support scholarships and students going to horticulture camp as well as projects to help beautify the community. 8 am - noon. Donations for the sale will be accepted at Town Hall on 3/20 from 3 to 5 pm. 738-5193.

3/21 - Breastfeeding Prenatal Class is taught by lactation consultants at Bethesda Memorial Hospital. This is an opportunity for expectant parents to learn the benefits of breastfeeding, keys to success, supply and demand, positioning, breast pumps, returning to work and weaning. Both parents are encouraged to attend. 10 am- Noon. \$25. Payment must be made before class date. 369-2229.

3/21 - Lit Live! Is a daylong series of author dialogues, panel discussions, book signings and one-on-ones with award-winning

authors including: Vicki Myron, Stephen Coonts, Esmeralda Santiago, Joyce Carol Oates, and Rita Mae Brown. Event is held at Nova Southeastern University Library, 3100 Ray Ferrero, Jr. Blvd., Davie. Free. Event is followed by A Night of Literary Feasts beginning with a cocktail reception at the Hyatt Regency Pier 66, 2301 SE 17th St., Fort Lauderdale and continuing in a series of intimate dinner parties with more than 20 award-winning authors. \$150. 954-357-5954 or www.literaryfeastonline.org.

3/21 - Manalapan Library Annual Book Sale will be held at the J. Turner Moore Memorial Library, Manalapan. Palm Beach County Fire Rescue will provide a fire prevention trailer and a fire engine for children and adults to explore. 10 am -2 pm. Free. 588-7577.

3/21 - Spring Bonanza! celebrates Spring at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, Boynton Beach. \$5 admission gives you unlimited access to pony rides, bounce houses, face painting, clowns, a mega mural and games. 10 am -5 pm. 742-6780.

3/21 - Summer Camp Information Exchange and Registration is hosted by the City of Boynton Beach Recreation and Parks Department at the Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N. Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. Camp fliers, activity schedules and scholarship information will be available for parents. Registrants must provide proof of residency and bring a copy of the child's birth certificate. 10 am - Noon. Free. 742-6240 or www.boynton-beach.org.

3/21 - Palm Beach County Story Telling Guild meets to share stories at Luis Hernandez Salon and Art Studio, 142 SE 5th Ave., Delray Beach. 7-9 pm. 353-0338.

3/21-22 - Winter Business Expo at the Boynton Beach Mall is presented by the Boynton Beach Chamber of Commerce. 10 am 3/21 & Noon 3/22. Free. 732-9501.

3/21-22 - Hatsume Fair is held at the Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens, 4000 Morikami Park Road, Delray Beach. Celebrating the first bud of spring, Hatsume, transforms the normally tranquil Morikami Park into a unique Japanese spring festival. 11 am -6 pm. \$10 for adults, \$5 for children (ages 4-17); Free for museum members and children 3 and under. 561-495-0233 ext. 200.

3/21-22 - Relay for Life is a fundraising event of the American Cancer Society. Teams will camp out in tents on the Atlantic

Community High School track, 2455 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. Team members alternate walking or jogging the track but each team must be represented at all times. Food, entertainment and camaraderie. 4 pm 3/21 -10 am 3/22. 394-7751, Ext. 112 or www.relayforlife.org/delraybeachfl

March 22-28

Sunday - 3/22 - Florida's Delicious History: A Gastronomic Journey through Modern Florida will be presented by Andrew Huse at the Delray Beach Public Library. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

Monday - 3/23 - Reverse Mortgage will be presented by Doug Wiles at the Boynton Beach City Library. Bring your brown bag lunch; enjoy complimentary coffee and tea. Noon-1 pm. Free. 742-6390.

3/23 - Cookin' Up A Storm is presented by the Jewish Women's Circle of Palm Beach at the Palm Beach Jewish Center. Get delicious, simple recipes for Shabbat and everyday cooking. 7 pm. \$18. 659-3884.

3/23 - Lantana Council Meetings are held on the second & fourth Mondays of each month at the Lantana Town Hall, 500 Greynolds Circle. Meeting begins at 7 pm. Agenda available at www.lantana.org

Tuesday - 3/24 - Manalapan Town Commission Meeting is normally held the 4th Tuesday of each month at 1 pm. Meetings are held at Manalapan Town Hall, 600 S Ocean Blvd, Manalapan. 1pm. Agenda available at www.manalapan.org.

3/24 - The Art & Treasures of King Tutankhamen will be presented by Ann Schwartz at the Delray Beach Public Library. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

3/24 - The Esther B. O'Keefe Lecture Series presents Maureen Dowd and Alessandra Stanley *Politics & Pop ... Pop & Politics*. This event will be held at The Society of the Four Arts Walter S. Gubelmann Auditorium, Palm Beach. 2:30 pm. \$25. 655-7227 or www.fourarts.org.

3/24 - Arthritis of the Hand is presented by Angelo N. Incorvaia, M.D. at Bethesda Memorial Hospital. 4:30 pm. Free. 731-2273.

3/24 - Mr. James' Magic School: Perform magic and learn some simple magic tricks and optical illusions in honor of Harry Houdini's 135th birthday at the Boynton

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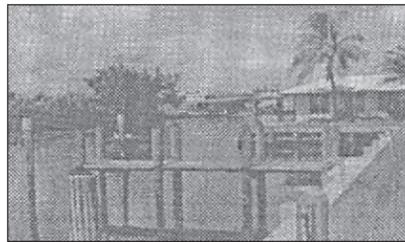
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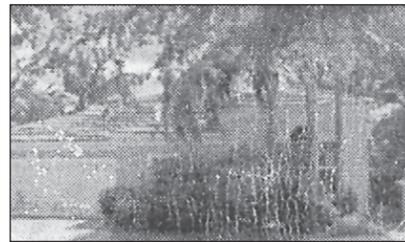
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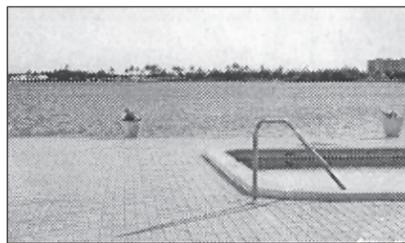
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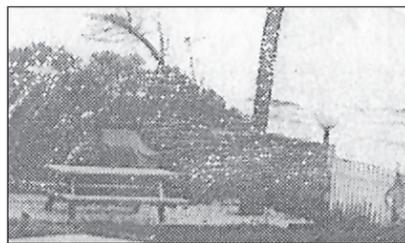
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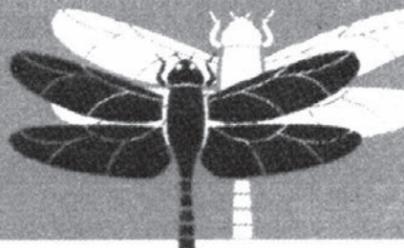
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Wednesday - 3/25 - Balance Bilateral Coordination & Breathing will be presented by Randy Eady at the Delray Beach Public Library. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

3/25 - Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) certification program will be taught by City of Delray Beach Fire-Rescue emergency personnel. Course consists of a series of three-hour training sessions, one night per week for eight weeks at Delray Beach Fire-Rescue Headquarters, 501 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. 6-9 pm. Free. 243-7456.

3/25 - Pajama Storytime for children ages 3-6. Kids are invited to come in their pajamas to the Boynton Beach City Library. 7-8 pm. Free. 742-6390.

3/25 & 26 - What's Wrong with the News? will be presented by Frank Cerabino as part of the Town of South Palm Beach Lecture and Music Series. Event held at South Palm Beach Town Hall. 7:30 pm. \$25 at door. 588-8889.

Thursday - 3/26 - 11th Annual Old Bags Luncheon for The Center for Family Services of Palm Beach County is held at The Breakers, 1 South County Rd., Palm Beach. Event features a silent auction, luncheon, and celebrity guest speaker George Hamilton. 10:30 am. \$350. 383-5725.

3/26 - NYU Heyman Center Lecture Series "Women in Philanthropy" will host Naomi Levine on *Fundraising in Times of Financial Crisis* at the Persson Hall of the Kravis Center, West Palm Beach. 2 pm. \$150. 756-4298.

3/26 - Way-Off Broadway Players perform at the Delray Beach Public Library. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

3/26 - Briny Breezes Town Commission Meeting is normally held the 4th Thursday of each month at 4pm. The meeting will be held at Briny Breezes Town Hall, 4802 N Ocean Blvd., Briny Breezes. Agenda available at www.townofbrinybreezes-fl.com.

3/26 - Savor the Avenue grand table event of prix fixe menus from more than 12 Delray Beach restaurants. 5:30 pm (cocktails in Worthing Park, corner of Atlantic Avenue & S.E. 2nd Avenue); 6:30 pm (grand toast); 7-8:30 pm (dinner with live music throughout the evening). Prices vary by restaurant. 279-1380 or www.downtowndelraybeach.com or www.floridatable.com for reservations.

3/26 - City of Delray Beach Annual Organizational Meeting will be held in the City Hall Commission Chambers. 6 pm. 243-7000.

3/26 - Guild Gallery Exhibitions is a juried show of original art by Artist Guild members held at 512 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. 6-8 pm. ART-7877.

3/26 - Don Bruns speaks and signs his new book *Bahama Burnout* at Murder on the Beach, Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790 or www.murderonthebeach.com.

3/26-29 - The Palm Beach Boat Show is held on the Intracoastal Waterway along Flagler Drive in downtown West Palm Beach. The show features \$350 million worth of boats of all shapes and sizes. Thursday: Noon - 7pm; Friday and Saturday: 10 am - 7 pm; Sunday: 10 am - 6 pm. Adults: \$14, Children 6-15: \$5. 800-940-7642

Friday - 3/27 - Parker Ladd's Author Breakfast Series presents Wally Lamb, *The Hour I First Believed* and Germaine Greer, *Shakespeare's Wife*. Event is held at the Brazilian Court's Cafe Boulud, Palm Beach and includes breakfast, valet parking and a copy of one of the featured books. 8:45-10 am. Reservations are required. \$100. 366-4301.

3/27 - Fun with Food: An Eggs-citing Affair helps kids and their families create their own eggs-hibit! Have fun using sponge stamp eggs to create unique designs at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum. Pre-k ages 2-5. 10:30 am. \$2.50 plus admission to the museum. 742-6780.

3/27 - Palm Beach Opera's Lunch and Learn series is held at the National Croquet Center, 700 Florida Mango Rd., West Palm Beach. Lunch begins at noon, followed by a program on *La Boheme* presented by the Opera's resident artists and artistic staff. \$45. Space is limited. 833-7888 or www.pbopera.org.

3/27 - Parents Night Out: Enjoy a Friday night knowing your child, ages 5-12 is in good hands enjoying activities, movies and music in the game room at Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. 6-9 pm. \$15 (residents) & \$19 (non-residents.) 742-6641.

3/27 - Kids Night Out is held at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center. Drop the kids off for a fun-filled evening including pizza, arts & crafts, games, and museum exhibits. 6:30-10:30 pm. \$20 per child ages 5+; \$10 each additional child from the same household. Registration required. 742-6783.

3/27-28 - Send in the Queens! Lake Worth's Pride Week drag show is back by popular demand. 8 pm. Two shows only. Purchase tickets early, this show sells out. Lake Worth Playhouse, 713 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. Ticket prices start at \$35. 586-6410 or www.lakeworthplayhouse.org.

Saturday - 3/28 - Mounting & Repotting Orchids workshop will be held at Mounts Botanical Garden, West Palm Beach. Learn what orchids need to thrive. Attendees encouraged to bring an orchid up to six inches to repot or mount. Supplies available for purchase. 9 am - noon. \$30 (members), \$40 (non-members). 233-1757 or www.mounts.org.

3/28 - Walk to Cure Diabetes hosted by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation is held at Mizner Park, Boca Raton. Two-mile walk registration at 9 am, walk begins at 10 am. Breakfast and lunch provided to participants. No registration fee. 686-7701 or www.jdrf.org

3/28 - Narrated Bus Tour of Historic Delray Beach is conducted by the Museum of Lifestyle & Fashion History. This is a 1 hour and 45 minute tour of 10 historic sites. 11 am departure. \$10 (adult/senior citizen); free for children/teens under 18. 243-2662.

3/28 - Developing Characters You Love to Hate will be presented as part of the Writing Series at the Delray Beach Public Library. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

3/28 - Barefoot on the Beach benefiting the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County will be held at The Breakers Beach Club, Palm Beach. White hot attire. Cocktail reception, 7:30 - 8:30 pm. Dinner and Dancing, 8:30 - 11 pm. \$275. 683-3287.

3/28 - VOX storytelling competition is held at Gizzi's Coffee Gallery, 2275 S. Federal Hwy, Delray Beach. This is a friendly competition for members of the community to make your voices heard by telling brief stories or life experiences. Event is sponsored by the South Florida Storytelling Project. 8 pm. 297-0042.

March 29-April 4:

Sunday - 3/29 - The Magic of Mozart is presented by the Delray Beach Chorale celebrating its 27th year in South Florida. Concert is held at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, 33 Gleason St., Delray Beach. 4 pm. \$20 (adults), \$5 (students/children). 984-SATB or www.delraybeachchorale.org.

3/29 - Palm Beach County Sports Hall of Fame banquet and induction ceremony is held at the Palm Beach County Convention Center, West Palm Beach. Inductees include: Mark Calcavecchia and Howard Schnellenberger. \$75 (member), \$85 (non-member), tables available. 233-3123.

Monday - 3/30 - Power of a Positive Attitude is presented by Hospice of Palm Beach County at the Boynton Beach City Library. Bring your lunch; enjoy complimentary coffee and tea. Noon-1 pm. Free. 742-6390.

3/30 - Delray Beach, Boca Raton, & Highland Beach will be presented by Alexander (Sandy) Simon at the Delray Beach Public Library. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

3/30 - Money Matters: Budgeting or *How to Keep Track of Your Money* will be presented by Kathy Kiley of Consumer Credit Management Service, Inc. at the Delray Beach Public Library. 6:30 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

3/30 thru 4/3 - Spring Break Camp for ages 5-12 will be held at the new Wilson Park, 225 NW 12th Avenue, Boynton Beach. Join in indoor and outdoor games and physical activities including field trips. 7:30 am - 5:30 pm. \$90 (residents) and \$113 (non-residents.) Participants are required to pre-register at the Intracoastal Park Clubhouse. 742-6641.

3/30 thru 4/3 - Spring Break Explorer's Club: Celebrate warm weather with arts and crafts, games and activities, and plenty of playtime at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum. The theme for the week is animals and their environments. Space is limited. 9 am - 2 pm. \$30 per child per day; \$20 each additional child from the same household. 742-6783.

3/30 thru 4/3 - Surf & Turf Camp is held at the Carolyn Sims Center, 225 NW 12th Ave., Boynton Beach. Teens ages 13-16 can enjoy outdoor games and activities including swimming in the new John Denson Pool. 10 am - 5:30 pm. \$90 (residents) and \$113 (non-residents.) Participants are required to pre-register at the Intracoastal Park Clubhouse. 742-6641.

Tuesday - 3/31 - National Craft Month is honored by children in kindergarten through age five as they are invited to drop by the Youth Services area at the Boynton Beach City Library and make a special craft. Children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult at all times. 1-2:30 pm. Free. 742-6390.

3/31 - We Are Poets will be presented by Gilda Kreuter at the Delray Beach Public Library. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

3/31 - NYU Heyman Center Lecture Series "The Economic Scene" with Dr. Henry Kaufman at the Raymond F. Kravis Center for

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Obituaries

Elizabeth Adams Sligh

By Ron Hayes

DELRAY BEACH — A resident of the coastal communities since 1964, Elizabeth "Betty" Adams Sligh died peacefully Jan. 30 at Hospice By The Sea in Boca Raton. She was 88.

Born May 3, 1920, in Latrobe, Penn., Elizabeth Adams was an identical twin, born minutes before her sister, Barbara.

They were called the terrible twins because as children they were always in trouble, recalled her daughter, Elizabeth Wiggins Oestreich of Delray Beach.

"They were so glamorous, those two twins, the life of the party, so this is the end of an era for us," Oestreich said.

In 1941, Mrs. Sligh married William David Wiggins Jr., the father of her four children. Following his death, she wed Charles R. Sligh Jr. of Holland, Mich.

The couple began spending winters at the

St. Andrews Club in Gulf Stream in 1964. After her husband's death in 1997, Mrs. Sligh became a full-time resident until 2001, when she moved to the Seagate Manor condominiums in Delray Beach.



A graduate of the Katherine Gibbs School in Boston, Mass., Mrs. Sligh was a champion golfer in her youth and an excellent diver and amateur painter.

In addition to Oestreich, she is survived by daughters Mary Phebe Wiggins of Delray Beach and Jane Wiggins Amis of Burlington, Vt.; a son, William David Wiggins III, of Delray Beach; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Feb. 27 at Seagate Manor for Mrs. Sligh, a member of the Christian Science Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice By The Sea, 1531 W. Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton, FL 33486.

the Performing Arts, West Palm Beach. \$150. 2 pm. 756-4298.

3/31 - The Esther B. O'Keefe Lecture Series presents Isabella Rosellini, *My Mother, My Father and Me: A Life of Humor, Curiosity and Adventure*. Event is held at The Society of the Four Arts Walter S. Gubelmann Auditorium, Palm Beach. 2:30 pm. \$25. 655-7227 or www.fourarts.org.

3/31 - Nausicaä Of The Valley Of The Wind: Teens are invited to watch this anime movie at the Boynton Beach City Library, 3-5 pm. Free. 742-6390.

Wednesday - 4/1 - How to Advocate for Your Health will be presented by Jill Babcock, R.N. at the Delray Beach Public Library. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

4/1 - The Birds of South Florida will be presented by Claudine Laabs of the Audubon Society of the Everglades at the Society of the Four Arts, Palm Beach. 805-8562.

4/1 - History of American Musical Theater will be presented by George Feinstein at the Delray Beach Public Library. 6:30 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

4/1 & 2 - Events Leading Up to the Civil War will be presented by Marty Teitelbaum as part of the Town of South Palm Beach Lecture and Music Series. Event held at South Palm Beach Town Hall. 7:30 pm. \$25 at door. 588-8889.

Thursday - 4/2 - Lunch with Liz @ the Library: Prayer Is Good Medicine is based on the insights of Dr. Larry Dossey. Delray Beach Public Library. Noon. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

4/2 - Lorraine Salem Tufts "the official photographer of the National Parks System," presents during the 2009 Lecture Series at the Crest Theatre, Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. 2 pm. \$25 (open balcony); \$40 (reserved main floor). 243-7922, Ext. 1.

4/2 - Manalapan Library Evening Lecture Series hosts novelist Ted Bell, best

known for his *New York Times* best-selling series of thrillers featuring Alex Hawke. His latest work is the spy novel *TSAR*, the result of an extensive research trip to Russia in 2007. J. Turner Moore Library, 1330 Lands End Road, Manalapan. 6 pm. 588-7577.

4/2 - Surgical Weight Reduction Symposium presented by Miguel Lopez-Viego, M.D. at Bethesda Memorial Hospital. 6:30 pm. Free. 737-7733 ext. 4688.

Friday - 4/3 - Parker Ladd's Author Breakfast Series presents Marie Brenner, *Apples and Oranges: My Brother and Me, Lost and Found* and Julia Reed, *The House on First Street: My New Orleans Story*. The event is held at the Brazilian Court's Cafe Boulud, Palm Beach and includes breakfast, valet parking and a copy of one of the featured books. 8:45 - 10 am. Reservations required. \$100. 366-4301.

4/3 - Rhythm & Rhyme: Symphony of the Americas: Kids will delight as master musicians give their favorite children's songs a classical twist at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, Boynton Beach. Pre-k ages 2-5. 10:30 am. \$2.50 plus admission to the museum. 742-6780.

4/3 - Free Family Night at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum. Discover Florida's pioneer past by milking the cow, riding the train, delivering mail, exploring the mangroves and much more — all from the comfort of the historic 1913 schoolhouse. 5-8 pm. Free. 742-6780.

Saturday - 4/4 - Earth Day Comes Early Celebration with Sand Sifters at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. Meet at the pavilion in the lower parking lot. Bags, gloves and refreshments are provided. 8 am -10:30 am. Parking is free. 734-9128.

4/4 - Delray Beach GreenMarket in the Park is held each Saturday during season in downtown Delray Beach at Pineapple Grove Way, NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach from 8 am - 1 pm. Live music in an open-air market. Free.

276-7511.

4/4 - Ocean Ave Green Market is held each Saturday at 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach from 8 am - 1 pm. Includes music and children's play area. Admission and parking is free. Celebrate Healthy Heart Month with free blood pressure screening and Jazzercise. 364-9501.

4/4 - Oceanside Farmer's Market is held each Saturday at Lake Worth Beach (A1A and Lake Avenue) from 8 am - 1 pm. Free. 547-3100 or www.oceanside-farmersmarket.com

4/4 - Child Safety Prenatal Class is 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. There are no discounts or certification given for this class. 10 am - Noon. \$40 per couple or \$25 per person. Payment must be made before class date. Early registration is recommended. 369-2229.

4/4 - Fire-Rescue Open House at Station 2, 35 Andrews Ave., Delray Beach. 10 am - 1 pm. 243-7456.

4/4 - 3rd Annual Swedish Enchantment is held at the 1925 Boynton Woman's Club, 1010 S. Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach. Hosted by the Museum of Lifestyle & Fashion History, celebrity chef Anna Mosesson of Sweden is featured. 11:30 am. \$150-\$200. 243-2662 or www.SwedishEnchantment.org.

4/4 - "You Have a Story to Tell — Let's Get Started" is presented by Prudy Taylor Board at the Delray Beach Public Library. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

4/4 - The Spady Museum's Annual Gala will be held at the Delray Beach Marriott, 10 N. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach, featuring dining, dancing, a silent auction, and community awards. 6 pm. \$125. 279-8883 or www.spadymuseum.com.

4/4-5 - Artists in the Park is an outdoor art show with artists displaying and selling their work held at Veterans Park, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. 10 am - 4:30 pm. Free. 243-0958.

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Along the Coast

Cold weather increases manatee sighting

By Lucy Whitmarsh

Some 3,807 manatees were counted in January by the Fish and Wildlife Research Institute, a record high number since it began the annual surveys in 1991.

The survey found 589 manatees in Palm Beach County. Buddy Powell, a biologist at the Sea to Shore Alliance, an environmental organization based in St. Petersburg, said that an aerial survey in February spotted about 400 manatees tightly collected in the output of the Florida Power and Light plant in Riviera Beach. The mammals, he says, have been going there to get warm "for more than 30 years."

Jim Reid, a biologist with the U.S. Geological Survey, said the animals tend to congregate in large numbers

around the FPL plant when it is very cold, and then spread out when it is warmer.

"While FPL is often a stopover point for those on their way farther south, it is also a destination for many," Reid said. "Not only do they get warmth from the discharge of the plant, but the vicinity of Port of Palm Beach, in general, is warmed by the Gulf Stream."

Manatees are frequently found at Peanut Island, the Earman River near Northlake Boulevard, and the Lake Worth Lagoon. They collect in the northern part of the lagoon, which is also warmed by the Gulf Stream, and often forage in the southern part. According to Reid, they commonly look for food at Munyon Island and south in Manalapan.

"During warm-weather

periods, they go on mini-migrations north to the Jupiter Inlet and the South Indian River," Reid said.

Due to a current revamping of the FPL plant in Riviera Beach, the emissions there have been greatly reduced, even though the plant is required to release output when the water temperature falls to 61 degrees. According to Dr. Holly Edwards at the FWRI, many of the manatees that collect around the plant have gone south, most likely to the plants in Broward. "That is a good sign," she said. "Often, manatees get so used to the warm water at a plant that they become fixated and do not know to go elsewhere. The fact that many are going south shows that they know of alternatives."

According to 2009 Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission records, as of Feb. 22, 29 deaths statewide were caused by cold stress. That is 30 percent of the total of 95 mortalities, the highest in six years. The FWRI reports seven deaths in Palm Beach County, two resulting from cold stress.



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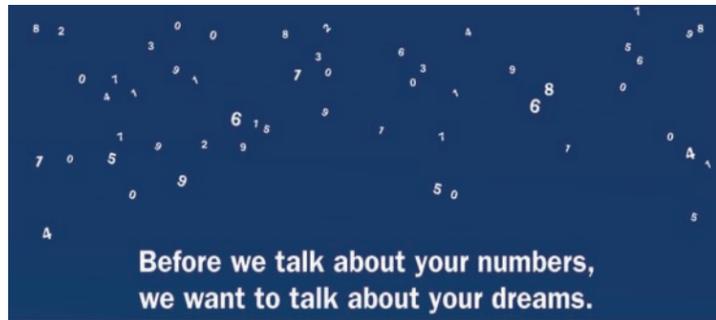
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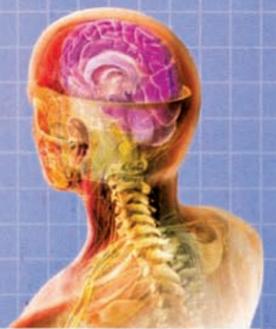
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Briny Breezes

Local color: Briny Art League mounts 57th annual show

By Ron Hayes

“When I was young, I wanted to be an artist,” Marion Roddin recalls. “I could have gone to the Fashion Institute of New York, but my mother didn’t want me to become a hippie.”

After her husband’s early retirement and their move to Florida, Roddin joined the Briny Breezes Art League and started taking watercolor classes. That was 15 years ago, and come the weekend of March 21, you’ll see proof that youthful dreams can blossom with age at the league’s annual art show.

Roddin’s watercolor Nantucket is a delicate rendering of that New England island’s weathered clapboard cottages, summery warm and thoroughly professional.

“I also do stained glass and teach knitting and crocheting,” Roddin adds. “I’m painting now like I never painted before. And you know what’s funny? My mother wanted every painting I made.”

Compared to the league itself, Roddin’s 15 years of painting make her a youngster. This month’s exhibit will be the 57th annual show and sale, and the league’s 59th anniversary.

Founded in 1950 with a class of about 20, the league held its first classes in a cottage, now long gone, where the town’s beauty parlor stands. In 1953, the league moved to a newer building at the site of the current swimming pool, which arrived in 1967, forcing another move to the current location in a Quonset hut just behind the beauty parlor.

In fact, the art league has been around so long it can boast a second-generation teacher. In the early days, Mildred Miller, a retired fashion designer and illustrator, taught oil and acrylic painting. Miller died in 1997, and for the past six years her daughter, Janice Vizino, has taught watercolors.

Among those early members was Bill Strucker, who had just opened the Gulf Stream Pharmacy in 1956 when he and fellow painters Guy Helps and Peter Colean started painting together.

“There was nothing there except Briny Breezes,” remembers Strucker, 78, who still works part-time at the pharmacy. “It was a pretty isolated area, so painting sort of became a hobby. We’d go on location and paint the old Boca bridge and a few scenes around the area. They have some good artists now. It’s come a long ways.”

Stucker’s worked in oils. Today, most of the league’s



Watercolor instructor Shirley Jeter (right) illustrates how to create plant details to students Sue Alter (left) and Marla Guzzardo while the overhead mirror shows her technique to the rest of the class. Photo by Mary Kate Leming

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74 members favor watercolor or acrylics, but one member, Terry Welty, is devoted to the world’s oldest known form of painting.

A painter for 20 years, Welty works in encaustic — literally, “to burn in” — fashioning her large, colorful paintings from blocks of pigmented beeswax that are melted and applied to the canvas, hardening so fast that the distinct colors don’t merge. The ancient Greeks heated the wax on an open fire. Welty has a more modern approach.

“My palette is a pancake griddle,” she jokes, “and a very messy one.”

Like Roddin, she found her vocation later in life.

“When my youngest went away to college,” she says, “I started taking classes. It was one of those empty-nest things.”

In the coming show, she’s displaying an encaustic of roseate spoonbills taking flight and leaving nests of their own. Sure to sell out every

year are Barbara Mulvey’s cartoon-style impressions of Briny Breezes itself. A retired art teacher, Mulvey creates cheerful montages that capture the beach umbrellas and the palm trees, the sunsets and trailer homes that make up the community.

“I can get \$30 for one, if it has a frame on it,” she says.

Indeed, the league likes to think of its annual exhibit as “The Affordable Art Show In Palm Beach County.”

Legend has it that, back in the early days, a proud husband altered the price tag on his wife’s work from \$20 to \$200 — and it sold.

Last year, 37 artists displayed 127 paintings ranging in price from about \$50 to \$300. But no one seems to be entertaining dreams of getting rich off their art.

“Why don’t I play golf?” says Jim McCormick, a retired newspaperman. “Well, I was never good with any kind of ball.”

Not long after moving to Briny, he struck up a conversation on the beach with an art teacher named Maureen Burns.

“Oh, I used to like to paint,” he told her. Of course, that had been 50 years before, in school. Ten years later, McCormick is still not playing golf.

But don’t look to buy his paintings.

“Oh, no, no,” he says. “I’ve never sold anything.”

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Lantana / Hypoluxo Island

Sea wall nearly complete

Construction of the town's sea wall, which began under an emergency order, is expected to finish by mid-March, Town Manager Mike Bornstein said.

The pouring of a concrete "cap" over the wall panels is the last major step. Equipment was scheduled to be moved off the beach by March 1, the beginning of turtle-nesting season.

A Jan. 15 e-mail from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission addressing the potential harm of building a sea wall too close to turtle nests led Town Council members in January to shift the design of part of the wall farther from the shoreline.

"The changes we were able to effect without any additional cost," Bornstein said.

Erosion that endangered beach businesses and structures led to the town's seeking an emergency order to build the wall. A state Department of Environmental Protection permit is pending. "I fully expect to get one," Bornstein said.

Project contractors have been in touch with the state since receiving the Wildlife Commission e-mail, and the town has not heard of any other problems. "We've tried to address this the best we can," Bornstein said. "The wall's in."

-Hector Florin

Delray Beach

Special bond practices meeting set

City commissioners have scheduled a special meeting for 5 p.m. March 23 to meet with Usher Brown, who was chosen by commissioners to conduct an internal investigation of the city's bond underwriting practices.

Past city decisions came to light in the federal charging document of former County Commissioner Mary McCarty. Brown has reviewed thousands of pages of documents and is scheduled to interview city staff, said City

Commissioner Fred Fetzter, who is the commission liaison to Brown.

"I think it would be premature to share" details during the investigation, Fetzter said. "I think you are going to be pleased with the depth he has gone into."

Also at the March 3 meeting, city commissioners discussed:

• **Marriott Residence Inn:** Unanimously approved, with Commissioner Gary Eliopoulos abstaining and

Mack Bernard absent, changes to pave the way for an expansion of the Marriott Residence Inn at 1111 E. Atlantic Ave.

The hotel is seeking to build a two- and four-story addition on the 1.65-acre northwest portion of the property. Expansion of shops and the hotel's restaurant are also planned.

Commissioners also voted to abandon a 5-foot water easement on the property to make room for construction

-Hector Florin.

Gulf Stream

Underground power lines discussed

Aside from debating stimulus applications, the Town Commission recently

discussed:
• **Underground utilities contribution:** Postponed

contributing \$1,543 to the Municipal Underground Utilities Consortium, a group of Florida municipalities seeking to push Florida Power & Light to bury power lines underground.

Commissioner Chris Wheeler was upset at the proportion of money the town was contributing while other, larger cities' contributions are capped at \$12,000.

"We're wealthy, we're small, so we're subsidizing the big guys," Wheeler said. "I am tired of funding entitlements because I can afford it. It's the principle of thing, it's not the money. That's just annoying me."

Town Manager William Thrasher suggested the town revisit the contribution after he prepares a memo outlining the formula that determines what each municipality contributes. "I think it's important that we continue to financially support this organization," Thrasher said.

• **Home redevelopment:** Unanimously approved, with Commissioner Fred Devitt III absent, a request by David and Patricia Knobel to build a 11,571-square-foot home at 1255 and 1267 N. Ocean Blvd.

An existing building on the property had been demolished several months earlier, property architect Gary Eliopoulos told commissioners. Some sea grape trees will be moved to the north of the property to make room for a privacy wall.

• **Dogs and golf carts:** Postponed discussion over whether to enact an ordinance that would ban golf cart riders who bring their dogs on leashes.

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I first arrived in Palm Beach County in 1988 — this month — grateful to thaw from yet-another bitter Chicago winter.

Brought my leash-walking cat Samantha and let a street cat named Little Guy talk me into adopting him off my porch in Lantana.

For the next nine years, I carved out bylines as a reporter for the *Sun-Sentinel* in the Delray Beach office with a view of steady traffic on I-95.

I covered space shuttles and Super Bowls, Palm Beach schools and far too many parades in my quest for bylines.

Ended up swapping the

small home in Lantana for a bigger one in Lake Worth before opting to move to San Diego and launch my career in pets.

Today, I happily share my Oceanside, Calif., home with a furry fab four of second-chance pets — and one overworked vacuum cleaner.

My dogs, Chipper (a golden retriever-husky mix) and Cleo (a miniature poodle-basset hound mix — confirmed by a DNA test) live by the motto "have leash, will travel."

My cat, Murphy, lives by the modified motto "have leash, will lead."

My other cat, Callie, is the one with Florida roots, having been plucked off Biscayne Boulevard in Miami 14 years ago.

My ties to South Florida remain strong. So when *The Coastal Star* editors talked me into penning this pet column, I responded like an obedient Lab and eagerly said yes.

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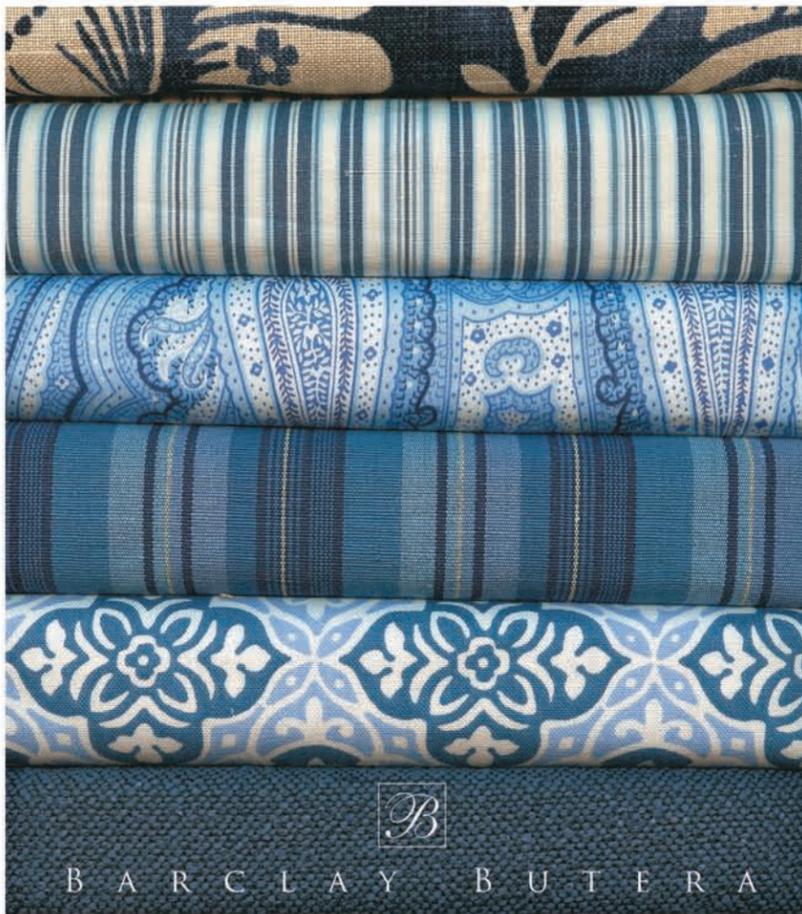


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