South Palm Beach/Lantana

County drops breakwater, leaving few options for towns

By Tim O’Meilia

Hope for a proposed 1.3-mile breakwater project designed to protect the shrinking South Palm Beach and Lantana shoreline is eroding faster than the beach.

When Palm Beach County commissioners voted 5-2 on March 22 to scuttle a $50 million breakwater project for Singer Island, county officials said they wouldn’t pursue any other breakwaters elsewhere. “The project for emergent breakwaters is dead in the water,” said South Palm Beach Councilwoman Susan Lillybeck, who attended the County Commission meeting.

“It’s potentially disastrous for South Palm Beach,” said outgoing Councilman Brian Merbler, the town’s point man for the project until he lost his bid for re-election.

Although no money had been earmarked by the county, the state or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the estimated $15 million to $25 million plan was already in the process of an environmental impact study with hope of beginning work on the rock walls in 2013.

County commissioners, See BREAKWATER on page 11

Along the Coast

Coastal communities question Census accuracy

By Tim O’Meilia

The towns of South Palm Beach and Highland Beach have more registered voters than they have actual flesh-and-blood residents. You can look it up. The seaside enclave of Briny Breezes suddenly has 800 not-so-mobile homes, the U.S. Census says. But everyone in town knows that a walk-around count reveals only 487 homes.

The figures released by the U.S. Census Bureau in March have some coastal towns in a tizzy over the numbers that will be used to redraw state and congressional districts and, more importantly, for each town’s cut of state revenue.

The census pegs South Palm Beach at 1,171 folks — 360 fewer than 10 years ago — but the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections has 1,292 voters. The census pegs South Palm Beach/Lantana Supervisor of Elections has 1,292 voters.

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Briny growth?
The 2010 U.S. Census reports 800 residential units in Briny Breezes. A recent walk through town verified a 2010 town document that lists:

- 487 mobile homes
- 7 vacant lots
- 1 green space that previously housed 24 travel trailers

Non-residential buildings include:

- 8 bathhouses
- 5 Quonset huts
- 4 multi-use buildings housing: a pharmacy, beauty salon, laundromat, community center, library, hobby club, oceanfront clubhouse, corporate office and town hall.

SOURCE: The 2010 Brief Census Evaluation and Appearal Report filed with the Florida Department of Community Affairs. PHOTO: Google Maps

Boynton Beach

Making change: Bank adds a move to long line of improvements

By Deborah S. Hartz-Seeley

After housing five different banking entities over the past 37 years, the building at Ocean Avenue and Federal Highway in Boynton Beach will close. And the Bank of America branch that was the most recent tenant will be moving to new digs in Sunshine Square on April 18.

“It’s a good opportunity for us to go where the business is,” says vice president David Singh, who manages the banking center.

Senior teller Shirley Bean, who has worked at the bank since 1979, says, “It’s going to be a nice change — like going to a new home … But I hate to see the old building go. I hope they put something nice there to make that area a real downtown again.”

And that’s the plan. The building owners want to turn the site into high-end multifamily rental units, according to Don Malden.

 changes for Sunshine Square. See BANK on page 9
Charity ‘season’ ends, but needs continue

“If you ever want to feel good about yourself, go help someone else.” — John Forbes, Secret Millionaire

As season begins to wind down, so do the numerous charity events that keep our local nonprofits hopping through the winter months. It seems this season was exceptionally busy with galas, luncheons, home tours, comedy nights and trunk shows galore. Beyond all of the great food donated by local restaurants and hotels, the seemingly endless bottles of wine and the fabulous raffle and auction items, there were hours and hours of hard work spent by a shrinking number of nonprofit staff members.

Over the past few seasons, our local nonprofits have been laboring to do more with less, hoping to fill the portion of their coffers depleted from cutbacks at the city and county level.

Even dependable umbrella groups like United Way have redirected where they allocate their resources, and it’s left some of our local nonprofits working harder than ever to keep private donations rolling in to meet the needs of those who benefit from their services.

And the need is there, and growing, in a still-difficult economy.

Many of the people who have contributed most to the success of the local philanthropy season will be heading north soon.

Those of us who stay here should shout out a huge “thank you” for their hard work, enthusiasm and willingness to volunteer their time and open their pockets to help local causes.

The challenge for those of us who are here year-round is to keep up the momentum. The nonprofits can’t take the summer off. The needs remain. So, even if we don’t have millions to give in public (or in secret), we have our time and energy and skills to share.

So take our neighbor — and television’s “secret millionaire” — John Forbes’s advice and feel good about yourself.

Go help someone else.

Volunteer. Donate.

— Mary Kate Leming, Editor

Correction: In candidate profiles and an accompanying story (Candidates say donations rolling in to meet the needs of our local nonprofits working harder), we incorrectly reported that Ocean Ridge commissioners are elected for a two-year term of office. They are elected for a two-year term of office. They are background distinguish them in the March edition. We retract this statement.

Workplace classes help staffers with language

By Ron Hayes

The Ritz-Carlton hotel has a motto. “We are ladies and gentlemen serving ladies and gentlemen.”

Some of those hard-working ladies and gentlemen clean the rooms and make the beds. They drive the shuttles and tend the flowers. They work in the spa, or the kids’ camp.

And twice a week, some of those ladies and gentlemen gather in an ornate conference room beneath the main lobby and work just as hard to improve their English and prepare for American citizenship.

“We believe our employees are our No. 1 resource,” says Melanie Marks-Ginsburg, the hotel’s director of human resources, “so we want them to feel confident and understood. The hotel’s been open since 1991, and we’ve found many of our long-term employees had English as a second language, so I reached out to the Palm Beach County Literacy Coalition.”

That was eight months ago. Since then, the coalition’s Workplace and Community Education program has completed two 10-week sessions and begun a third.

The hotel pays its ladies and gentlemen while they attend the classes, provides the books and supplies, and for three hours a week they are students, sitting before a peppy former teacher and principal named Iris Frohman, to wrestle with the frustrating peculiarities of idiomatic English.

“Do you mind getting me another towel?” Miss Iris asks Oscar Ceballos, who works in the spa.

“Yes, I mind …” he starts.

“No, no,” Miss Iris corrects. But imagine how confusing a phrase like “Do you mind” can be to someone for whom English is a foreign language. Or the dangerous difference between “cabbage” and “garbage.”

“I made the salad with lettuce, carrots and …”

“No, no,” Miss Iris jumps in. “I have 18 students and 10 different languages,” Frohman says. “Spanish, Creole, Arabic — two different dialects — Portuguese, French …”

Frohman speaks only English, and yet her unfailing patience and the students’ unfailing enthusiasm combine to make progress.

“No, I don’t mind,” Oscar begins, and Miss Iris shouts, “Yes!”

The Literacy Coalition has been teaching English and preparing students to take their high school equivalency test since the mid-1990s.

“We started with a grant to place literacy classes in hospitals,” says Darlene Koslube, the coalition’s CEO. “Today, the program is in 10 sites, from the JFK Medical Center to Frenchman’s Creek Country Club and the YMCA.

“We try to work with both employees and employers,” Koslube notes, “so at one site the students may need a commercial driver’s license, and we’ll teach the terms they would find on that test. At the Ritz-Carlton, it’s hospitality concepts.”

The students aren’t the only ones learning.

“I learned about determination, hard work and work ethic,” their teacher says. “I have one student who takes a two-hour bus ride to get here and two hours to get home.

And she comes in with a smile on her face.”

Sometimes, the lesson needed is small but significant. Spanish speakers may have trouble distinguishing their B’s from their V’s, for example.

“I will take the Velvredere exit home,” a student repeats. “‘Bel-ve-dere,’ Miss Iris corrects. She writes a B and a V on the blackboard, and then demonstrates the B and V sounds for the class.

“I will take the Bel-ve-ere…”

“It’s OK, to take your time,” she tells them.

“Bel-ve-ere.”

“Perfect! See, it’s all about repetition.”

Now they move on to a bit of American history, to prepare for the citizenship test.

“What is the supreme law of the United States?” Miss Iris asks. “I promise you they’re going to ask you this.”

“The Constitution.”

“Yes, and what are the first three words of the Constitution?”

“Pinta…?” one student guesses.

“No, it’s not a ship.” But no one laughs. No one is made to feel embarrassed.

A native of Colombia, Edgar Granados, 47, has been in the U.S. eight years, worked at the Ritz-Carlton for four years, and has taken the class since it started. And he’s also taking an English class online.

“When I first came to the hotel, my management didn’t understand me,” he says, “so I worked the night shift in housekeeping. Now I am driving the shuttle. Maybe next I will be a supervisor. This is a very important step in my life.”
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on its rolls. "They say we have less people than we have voters. Do we have 120 illegal voters?" asked exasperated South Palm Beach Mayor Donald Clayman. "Did we bring them in just to vote?"

Not only that, but the census numbers are less than the 1,523 people the University of Florida Bureau of Economic Research estimated the town had last year. The bureau bases its numbers on electrical connections and other factors.

Town Manager Rex Taylor suspects the shortfall may have come because when census counters tried to do follow-ups in the town’s condominiums, doormen wouldn’t let them in. "Unless he’s got a uniform or a 911 call, he doesn’t get in," Taylor said.

Coastal towns also have to deal with the reality of part-time residents who declare somewhere Up North or Back East as their primary residence. That means towns have higher seasonal populations than the census gives them credit for, costing them state money.

It's not the first time South Palm Beach was shortchanged by federal counters. "In 2000, they screwed it up. We’ve got calls in to Atlanta now," Clayman said. Atlanta is the regional census headquarters. Ten years ago, the census said South Palm Beach had only 699 people, less than half of what town residents knew lived there. A two-year appeal resulted in a correction to 1,171 people, which brought the town a $60,000 increase in revenue-sharing money.

In Highland Beach, the census says the town has 3,539 residents, 26 fewer than the number of registered voters. "The numbers don’t work," said Highland Beach Commissioner John Pagliaro, who figures the town’s year-round population is about 4,300.

The town apparently lost 100 housing units in the past 10 years. "We’ve had some homes demolished, but they were all single family homes," Pagliaro said. "The town has barely more homes than residents, suggesting that Highland Beach has an extraordinarily high number of single-family homes, some residents complained to town officials that they didn’t receive census forms to fill out.

"When you count registered voters, you’ve had people actually fill out a form to vote," said interim Town Manager Kathleen Weiser, suggesting that may be a more reliable number. "This is a blatant difference."

One explanation for the discrepancy between registered voters and residents is that voters who die or move away may remain on the voting rolls for several years. But even if that accounts for several hundred people, the numbers still suggest that nearly every resident is a registered voter.

"We did everything so well," said South Palm Beach’s Clayman. "We held parties, gave out T-shirts at every town affair, gave talks at the condominiums. You don’t know how aggravating this is. We don’t have that many people to start with. We want all of them counted."

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**Some towns pleased**

Not everyone was unhappy. Ocean Ridge had a 9.2 percent increase.

"Basically, we have no argument with the numbers," said Town Manager Ken Schenck where the population rose by 150 to 1,786. Like other coastal towns, Ocean Ridge figures the winter brings in 1,000 more part-time residents who are likely accounted for elsewhere.

Despite the apparently wrong count of housing units in Briny Breezes, the population increased by 46.2 percent to 601 residents. "Surprisingly, we went up," said Mayor Roger Bennett, who estimates the town has a seasonal population of more than 1,000. He said the increased number may help the town’s prospectus if it seeks a new buyer for the town.

Manalapan, the smallest village on the coast, logged an increase of 85 to a 406 total.

"We’re very pleased," said Town Clerk Lisa Petersen. Gulf Stream’s increase to 786 residents may be an improvement of its real population since it supersized in March, Town Manager William Thrasher suspects. The annexed county pocket likely wasn’t included in the census figures taken two years ago.

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**Claims begin in June**

If a town or other government subdivision believes its numbers are wrong, it must wait until June 1 to file an appeal — called a Count Question Resolution — no matter how obvious the error may be, said U.S. Census geographer Nancy Bechler in the regional office in Atlanta.

"No field workers will be sent to re-count. The town must provide supporting documentation such as electrical connections or voting records to back its claim."

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**By the numbers**

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections

* Corrected in 2003 by U.S. Census Bureau
Delray Beach

Sculptor’s work as fleeting as wind and waves

By Mary Jane Fine

Flags are flying at the beach on this Tuesday morning, the yellow caution flag and the purple one that warns of dangerous marine life: Portuguese man-o-war, littering the sand like so many blue-tinted, oval balloons, crimped across the top. But the man-o-war attract little attention today. The focus is on the leopard.

Two young women approach. “It’s sooooo amazing,” coos one. “Can we take your picture?”

She’s about the umpteenth person to ask, and, of course, Lee Stoops says yes. The leopard’s not even done yet, but it won’t last long, so photos are its sole hope for preservation. Touch the ear, and it can crumble. Or kids might smash it. He doesn’t mind. Sand sculpture is his medium, so he knows how short-lived his creatures will be.

“The bigger the grains of sand, the more granular it is,” he says, “the faster the water evaporates, the faster it dries.”

Down here, just east of the pavilion on Delray Beach, the sand isn’t too bad, not as grainy as on South Beach, where he sculpts on occasion. Either location, any location, he builds his creatures facing away from the ocean; the prevailing winds tend to come from the sea, and wind has a drying effect. There’s this, too: The ocean makes a better backdrop for photos than do all those sunbathers.

He likes Delray Beach, moved there from Alaska four years ago to be closer to his parents; his dad had dementia and died the next year, so Stoops stayed on to help his mother, who’s now 87.

His sand sculpture is an accidental hobby, begun when he arrived at the beach one day, realized he’d forgotten to bring a book, saw some kids making a sand castle and decided to give it a try. Now he’s at the beach a couple times a week, usually on a Saturday, building leopards and lions, seals and mermaids, polar bears and walruses. The Alaska effect, those latter ones. “I made a big investment,” he says, and smiles from under his wide-brim straw hat. “Five bucks for two buckets.”

He’s kneeling in the sand now, lengthening the leopard’s tail with handfuls of sand, smoothing it with the edge of a plastic card, one of those electronic room keys from a hotel where he once stayed.

Credit cards also work, but the magnetic effect wears off them, too, so he doesn’t recommend using a current one.

He began, an hour or so ago, by mounding bucketful of sand here, then trekking down to the water and filling both buckets with ocean, 40 pounds each when full. He poked holes in the sand so it’d take in more water, then repeated the process, then began fashioning the leopard. Re-did the head three times before it pleased him.

“Are you an artist?” asks a woman who has just wandered up and aimed her cell phone-camera at him.

“No,” he says. “Just right now.”

He has no artistic training, he says, insisting that, with effort and energy, anyone can do this. In Alaska, he was economic development director for the Northwest Arctic Borough, about 150 miles north of Nome.

He then scoops out a shallow moat around it to create a sort-of platform for his work. “Can I help?” asks Mitchell Morris, who is 14 and on vacation from Dallas. Mitchell has been watching for a half-hour, clearly itching to be a part of this. “Sure,” says Stoops, who’d love to see every school-kid in the area brought here and exposed to beach art, “to show them what’s possible.” He demonstrates how he fashions a platform ledge, with decorative edging to give it a granite-like look. Mitchell digs in.

A few minutes more, and it’s time for the finishing touch.

Stoops strolls up the beach, plucks a few strands of beach grass, returns to insert them, one by one, in the leopard’s muzzle: whiskers. He’s done now. Ditto the leopard. If only for a while.★

Lee Stoops creates sand sculptures, such as this leopard, at Delray Beach. Stoops, who moved to the area from Alaska, also creates seals, walruses and polar bears. Photos by Jerry Lower

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ABOVE: Simple tools include an electronic hotel room key to smooth the leopard’s tail.

LEFT: Stoops pats out damp sand near the back side of a leopard.

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Seems like everywhere you turn these days, you’ll find a film festival. No sooner does the Palm Beach International Festival wrap than two others hit local silver screens.

The first Palm Beach Women’s International Festival opens April 7 for a four-day run at Muvico Parisian in West Palm Beach and the Lake Worth Playhouse. Opening film is *The Whistleblower*, best picture winner at the Palm Springs Festival. Hannah Free, the producer, and star Sharon Gless will be honored at the film’s screening at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 8 at the Compass Community Center in Lake Worth. A party in Gless’ honor will follow at The Cottage in Lake Worth.


From April 9-17, we get the Sixth Annual Downtown Boca Film Festival. Wait a minute! A festival in Boca? Well, the festival’s the same, just the name and the location have changed. For five years it was the Delray Beach Film Festival and, in fact, many of the films will be screened at the Movies of Delray.

The Boca festival opens with “Casino Night in Old Hollywood” at the Mizner Park Cultural Arts Center. Michael Stone, one of the forces behind Pineapple Groove in Delray, will host the party with sister Kelly Stone-Singer. No confirmation yet that their sister Sharon will make an appearance.

“She’s making a film right now, so we don’t know if she can get away or not,” Michael Stone said.

The event will benefit Planet Hope, founded by the Stones to help homeless children and their mothers. The black-tie-optional party will include food from local restaurants, silent and live auction, a casino and entertainment by 44th Street. Tickets are $50 in advance, $65 after April 4.

Several additional events are planned, including Reel to Runway fashion show on April 11 at Mizner Park ($35), filmmaker workshops, and parties every night. The screening schedule, however, was not available at press time. Check out www.dbff.us for details.

A day for legends. Two of football’s greatest coaches, enjoying a little breakfast at the Boca Raton Resort & Club, then taking a few friendly jabs at each other and offering some insight. The occasion was the Boca YMCAs annual Prayer Breakfast. The legends: Howard Schnellenberger and Bobby Bowden.

Schnellenberger helped guide the Miami Dolphins to NFL titles and led the University of Miami to a national collegiate championship. Bowden won two titles at Florida State University. Now Schnellenberger is working his magic at Florida Atlantic University, building the program and a stadium from scratch. “It’ll be ready next fall,” he says of the stadium, its towers easily visible from I-95. “Even better, it’s ahead of schedule and under budget.”

Bowden, who retired, not exactly willingly, last year, said he’s on the road three or four days a week, but instead of recruiting, he’s making speeches. “I do get a chance to play golf a little more,” he confessed between bites, “but I’m not beating anybody.”
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He turned a little more serious during his address, stressing the need for opportunity and responsibility; finally, need help for our young people; we need help for our families,” he said, asking rhetorically if young college players have changed in the half century since he started coaching.

“No, boys haven’t changed ... but where the heck are their daddy’s? Who’s gonna raise these boys? Boys haven’t changed; parents have changed.

“Put a ball in their hands, and I don’t care if it’s a football, and colors.”

Hot stuff on the beach. Anthony Sanders, who for years was sous chef at the hot, hot 32 East in Delray and currently is a chef-consultant just up A1A at Café Collini in Palm Beach, has a somewhat more earthy gig a little closer to the beach. Every Saturday during the season, he dishes up tacos from a truck at the Oceanside Farmer’s Market in Lake Worth.

At Taco Lquisimo (for gringos: Crazy Taco), he uses fresh ingredients and, unlike the usual taco trucker, his menu is always changing, depending on what’s available, including items he buys from fellow vendors that morning. Tacos are $3 a pop and they really ring a bell according to local patrons who begin lining up before Anthony’s 8 a.m. opening. Business is booming. He usually sells out.

For two decades, Share Our Strength’s Taste of the Nation has been one of the most popular culinary fundraisers in Miami and Fort Lauderdale. The nationwide event, which features many of the nation’s top chefs, has raised more than $80 million to help reduce childhood hunger. Now it’s finally coming to Palm Beach County.

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Ocean Ridge resident and Florida Atlantic University coach Bobby Bowden during the YMAC Prayer Breakfast at the Boca Raton Resort & Club. Photo by Thom Smith

Delray Beach
Mary McCarty back in Florida

By Emily J. Minor

Former County Commissioner Mary McCarty is back in Palm Beach County, done with her federal prison time in Texas and living in a West Palm Beach Salvation Army halfway house.

“I have not seen Mary, but Mary got out of prison [March 24] and flew from College Station and then went directly to the halfway house,” said Reeve Bright, a Delray Beach lawyer who is a longtime family friend of McCarty and her husband, Kevin. McCarty, 56, was the third county commissioner in less than three years to resign, plead to corruption and go to prison. Sentenced in federal court in June 2009 — and sent to prison that day — McCarty left the Federal Prison Camp in Byron after having served about 21 months of her 42-month sentence.

Bright said McCarty will work in his law office while completing her federal term and living at the Salvation Army facility. After resigning from the County Commission, McCarty admitted she used the clout of public office to draw business to her husband’s successful bond underwriting firm. Kevin McCarty served prison time for fraud to support his wife’s wrongdoings.
Behind Our Bank: A Timeline

The Bank of Boynton building, on the south side of Ocean Avenue. Photos courtesy of the Boynton Beach City Library Archives

1915 — The Bank of Boynton opens on the south side of Ocean Avenue between the FEC railroad tracks and Federal Highway. The first floor of the building also houses Newland’s Pharmacy and Harold’s Barber Shop. Upstairs is the Boynton Hotel, later known as Jones Hotel. Wooden ties from the Celestial Railroad, which carried passengers between Jupiter and Juno from 1889 to 1895, were used in construction of the building.

1928 — Following the 1928 hurricane, the building is sold to the city for use as the City Hall. The Bank of Boynton moves to the southeast corner of Federal Highway and Ocean Avenue.

1929 — Wall Street crashes and the Bank of Boynton fails.

1948 — The bank is reorganized as the Boynton Beach State Bank and opens for business in the same building.

1953 — The bank moves to larger quarters across Federal Highway in what is now the Congregational United Church of Christ.

1958 — The bank adds service area, growing from 1,200 square feet to 10,500 square feet, including three drive-in windows and a second floor.

About 1963 — The bank develops “a correspondent relationship” with First National City Bank in New York City (a precursor of Citicorp) and is renamed the First Bank of Boynton Beach with the tagline: “A progressive bank in a progressive community.”

1969 — The bank, now called First Bank of Boynton Beach, added a landmark cube-shaped clock in 1969.

1974 — Bank adds a revolving cube-shaped clock on top and is now fondly called “The Bank With the Clock on Top.” Trust services are added and the bank is renamed First Bank and Trust of Boynton Beach. (The bank would later be named First Bank and Trust of Palm Beach County.)

1974 — Bank moves into the new two-story building between Boynton Beach Boulevard and Ocean Avenue on the east side of Federal Highway (114 N. Federal Highway). This new First Bank and Trust is a square building with round protrusions on each side and three fountains along the street. People joke that the bulges are caused by all the cash inside.

A satellite office opens in Sunshine Square, offering round-the-clock banking for the first time.

March 1981 — The Florida Coast Banks Inc., a bank holding company based in Pompano Beach, acquires controlling interest in the First Bank and Trust for $8.6 million in cash. The bank is renamed Florida Coast Bank of Palm Beach County.

1983 — Florida Coast Bank of Palm Beach County merges with the Broward County affiliate of Florida Coast Bank. After the merger it’s called Florida Coast Bank.

1984 — Barnett Banks acquires Florida Coast Bank. And the bank “with the clock on top” is now part of Florida’s bank, Barnett.

1997 — Barnett is purchased by NationsBank and the bank changes its name.

1998 — NationsBank merges with San Francisco-based Bank America in a $57 billion deal to create a new entity, Bank of America, whose name now appears on the Boynton Beach bank.

April 2011 — The Bank of America moves from its location at 114 N. Federal Highway to 574 E. Woolbright Road, a new location in Sunshine Square. Property owner Washington Investment Partners joins with the Patrinely Group to develop the vacated land into high-end multifamily rental units that could be the catalyst for downtown development.

— Deborah S. Hartz-Seeley
Owen, executive managing director of the Patrinely Group, will be involved in the development. “We want to bring the last name with active lifestyles that will attract restaurants and shops to the area,” Owen says.

That’s help return the area to what it was in its heyday. That’s when the bank was located in the building,” says Bill Martin, who has worked in local banking since 1973, most recently as executive vice president of Palm Beach Community Bank.

He worked in this location from 1981 to 1985 “for four different banks and didn’t have to leave the building,” he says.

The bank has been important to the history and development of the downtown area since 1915. That’s when the Bank of Boynton opened in a two-story building on the south side of Ocean Avenue between the FEC railroad tracks and Federal Highway.

Following the 1928 hurricane, the bank moved to a second-floor building with three arched windows and an arched doorway on the southeast corner of Federal Highway and Ocean Avenue. But the bank lasted only until 1929, when the Depression hit.

In 1948, after a time out and reorganization, the Boynton Beach State Bank reopened and, by 1953, moved to larger quarters across Federal Highway. The bank’s new home was the same building that is now the Congregational United Church of Christ.

By the bank’s 10th anniversary in 1958, the building had been improved and enlarged from 1,200 square feet to 10,500 square feet. Three drive-in teller lanes, “electronic bookkeeping equipment,” and a second floor were added.

And a newspaper advertisement from the time shows bank executive James Sottie Jr., being optimistic about the future.

The “those expansions ‘are only an outward indication of our deep feeling about the growth and potential of the Boynton Beach area,” he said.

By 1969, the bank added trust services. An advertisement in the News-Journal proclaimed: “Our new trust department is so important that we decided to incorporate it into our name.”

The First Bank of Boynton Beach became the First Bank and Trust.

On its 25th anniversary in 1973, an advertisement in The Shopper reminds bank customers: “We’re the oldest and largest bank in Boynton Beach … but no matter how big we grow, we hope our customers will still be calling us ‘that nice little bank’ 25 years from now.”

To celebrate its silver anniversary, the bank provided “a simple little coffee and cake affair with a chance … to win a beautiful bagful of 25 silver dollars.”

A year later, the bank moved out of what is now the church building to its current location on the east side of Federal Highway. Reports from the day say that more than 15,000 people attended opening celebrations that included a chance to win a Caribbean cruise for two, a “famous completely automatic 35 mm Olympus Camera,” a portable am/fm Panasonic radio and a bagful of 50 silver dollars.

A newspaper advertisement explains the bank’s success: “The nicest gals in town invite a modern design described in the nicest gals in town invite a...” But most of all, we think it’s because our bank was born and raised here.”

The new bank lobby featured a modern design described in this advertisement: “Some of the nicest gals in town invite you to enjoy Banking in the Round … they’re proud as can be of their new, circular teller stations.”

Down through the years, that circular teller cage remained in place although it was cut in size to a half-circle as the number of tellers decreased. And bullet-proof glass was added as America became more security-conscious.

But the bank was more than just a place for financial transactions. It was a concerned neighbor and good citizen. The bank did its part to stem the energy crisis during the 1970s. An advertisement assured the locals: “Light out! The light illuminating the large sign outside our bank will be turned off for the duration of the Energy Crisis.”

In 1974, the bank started touting bank-by-mail as a way to “Save gas! Save time! Save money!” And Boynton’s favorite private parking lot now has a brand new Bike Rack for all its bike-pedaling customers.

The 1970s also saw the bank offering safe deposit boxes, the Christmas Club (“It’s a carefree way to a merry, money free Christmas”), free estate planning and free checking with direct deposit of Social Security checks.

And few could resist “beautiful” Doverstone and Rhapsody dinnerware. A four-place setting was “absolutely free” with a $50 deposit; a 45-piece “complete” set for eight was “just $49.95 with $1,000 deposit.”

But now, the bank has lost its lease and is moving once again. This time to the new Sunshine Square office that is in what has become a commercial coming.

Rick Suyono, a Boynton Beach police officer and court liaison who has been a customer for 15 years, doesn’t mind the change. “The new office is just down the road and will be just as convenient,” he says.

Sources: Archivist Janet DeVries and the archival papers at the Boynton Beach City Library; Bill Martin, executive vice president and director of Palm Beach Community Bank; Shirley Bean, senior teller at Bank of America in Boynton Beach; and Boynton Beach the First 100 Years (1995) by the Boynton Historical Society and Friends of the Boynton Beach City Library.
Big changes seen for Sunshine Square

By Angie Francalancia

The new owners of Sunshine Square, the busy, Publix-anchored shopping center at the southwest corner of Woolbright Road and Federal Highway, have begun work to renovate the aging plaza.

Plans include demolishing part of the retail space and the existing small Publix to make way for a new, 54,817-square-foot Publix. Columbia, S.C.,-based Edens & Avant, which bought the shopping center in a short sale for $26 million last July, got approval from Boynton Beach to reconfigure much of the space by demolishing part of the strip center that faces Woolbright, making space for a “main street” through the center that would connect with Southeast 18th Avenue on the south side of the plaza.

The $9 million renovation includes adding outdoor dining areas, improving the parking design, and creating a more pedestrian-friendly environment, the company said in a statement.

City officials said they welcomed the renovation. "I've seen that area evolve over time," City Councilman Bill Orlov said. "I think the changes that will take place with the Publix and the other buildings are just enhancing that area. The redevelopment of Sunshine Square certainly has helped the entire area become more of an area people can come to and shop and dine on the eastern side of town.”

The center’s previous owner had begun renovations and had proposed the main street idea before Edens & Avant bought it last summer. "For a long time it looked its age. It was built back in the ‘50s and ‘60s," said Ed Breese, Boynton Beach’s principal planner. "I think this developer recognized there needed to be greater visibility and connectivity of Publix to the rest of the center, and that’s one of the reasons they proposed the main street. Demolishing the midsection of retail space also will allow better cohesion between Publix and the other retail spaces, according to Edens & Avant.

The company would not release details about the timing of the demolition, causing some worry among existing tenants about their stores sitting in a construction zone, especially during season. More information would be released in the coming weeks, said Robbie Robertson, communications director for Edens & Avant.

Publix also did not return calls. The new Publix will be about 14,000 square feet larger, and will be a little more visible from Woolbright through the “main street.” But instead of adding on to the existing structure, the grocery store will be demolished, then rebuilt, Breese said.

"Publix is doing that more and more," he said. "For them to really modernize, it’s easier for them to remove the structure and build back new. Area shoppers may find one of their closest sources for groceries, at least for a while, to be the Walmart that is rapidly rising at the corner of Federal Highway and Gulfstream Boulevard. It’s expected to open in the fall, a company spokeswoman said.

Other changes at Sunshine Square include adding two freestanding retail buildings and two bank buildings. Bank of America is anticipating moving into its new 6,200-square-foot building April 18, said Christina Beyer Toth, southeast media relations manager.

The new branch bank will replace a branch about a mile away at 114 N. Federal Highway, which will be closing.
except Steven Abrams and Karen Marcus, sided with environmental groups and federal officials who said the breakwaters would interfere with attempts by protected sea turtles to reach the beach to lay their eggs and by hatchlings to swim out to sea.

Coastal residents and officials have argued that the breakwaters would help protect oceanfront property. Several condominiums in South Palm Beach, including the Imperial House last year, were damaged during annual nor’easters.

“As commissioner Marcus said, it’s the do-nothing alternative,” said Lantana Town Manager Michael Bornstein. The town erected a sea wall in 2009 to protect its public beach after the dune was washed away. He said coastal condominiums will have little choice but to erect protective sea walls. South Palm Beach Town Manager Rex Taylor agreed. “If the public do-nothing policy option continues, property owners will say we can’t live with that and will build sea walls. Sea walls just make the problem worse.”

Lillybeck and Taylor said there may be hope yet. “It’s a significant setback but it may not be fatal,” Taylor told South Palm Beach council members at the March 22 Town Council meeting.

Lillybeck said the breakwaters, which would jut up from the ocean, are a sticking point with federal regulators. “But the submerged ones don’t do the job. It’s worth spending the money,” she said.

Emergent rock walls, while not aesthetically pleasing, are estimated to inhibit 50 percent of the wave action. Submerged breakwaters halted only 10 percent of the waves, according to computer modeling of the area. U.S. Rep. Allen West, R-Plantation, walked the beach behind the Horizons East condominium 1 South Palm Beach with Lillybeck and other town officials March 23. “He was very interested in our situation and said he would do whatever he could,” she said.

The project would have stretched from southern Palm Beach to the Ritz Carlton resort in Manalapan. Sixteen visible breakwaters averaging 120 feet long would be placed 200-250 feet off shore. Nine 155-foot submerged groins, instead of breakwaters, would have been placed in front of the Lantana public beach.

Taylor said it would be wise to “let the dust settle” then renew talks with county officials, as well as Lantana and Palm Beach representatives.

“As a practical matter, the beaches aren’t going to correct themselves,” Taylor said.

Bornstein said few options remain.

I find it over-simplistic thinking that after 15 years of work and studies that there’s some magic bullet out there that has not been discussed or considered,” he said of the commission’s decision. “I’d rather have them just say ‘We just don’t want to spend the money.’”

In other South Palm Beach business: The owners of the Palm Beach Oceanfront Inn notified the town of its intent to sue over the council’s refusal to allow a 3-story hotel-condominium to replace the two-story motel. Inn owners have claimed that some council and planning board members are biased against the project.

Lantana Election: Councilman Tom Deringer won re-election in Group 3 with 68.3 percent of the vote. Challenger Joseph Ferrell earned 31.7 percent. In Group 4, Philip Aridas won election with 52.2 percent of the vote, with challenger Susan McCreary gaining 47.8 percent.

Council members are elected town-wide to three-year terms at $4,800 salary with no term limits.
New commission wrestles with costs in casual session

By Steve Plunkett

Manalapan's Town commissioners used a group microphone instead of individual ones and sat at a U-shaped table in front of their usual chairs. None wore a suit, sport coat or even a tie.

Their first informal workshop generated nearly three hours of talk about Manalapan's expensive Police Department, its expensive fire-rescue service and its very expensive water plant.

In the end, all agreed it would take many more workshops to resolve the town's financial ills. The next one is set for April 25.

“Our having a large Police Department for a few number of people is something I think we need to look at,” newly appointed Vice Mayor Robert Evans said.

He said the options include making the department leaner by cutting officers; merging with Lantana, Ocean Ridge, South Palm Beach or Palm Beach; or expanding it to handle police activities in the other side of Hypoluxo Island or South Palm Beach.

“Over the next months or years we should be looking at all those strategies,” Evans said. “So that we again are addressing the question that we brought up at the beginning of this meeting, which was, how do we reduce our fixed costs or spread them over a larger base?”

Evans said even with November’s workshop focused only on the water department, not much progress was made. Commissioners decided police or water would be the topic of April’s workshop.

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Isaac earlier had complained that he and his wife were not treated with respect by a younger officer during a code enforcement action and that the town needed to hire and train its personnel better.

Commissioner Howard Roder went a step further, contending Chief Clay Walker lacks the administrative, organizational and people skills needed for a well-functioning department.

Evans said commissioners should try to focus on Manalapan’s larger issues.

“It’s a reminder to all of us that we want a community that is a friendly community and a gentlemanly community and one that has respect for one another,” Evans said.

The day before, coats and ties lent a more formal air to the meeting room as Mayor Basil Diamond, Cheifetz and Commissioners Donald Brennan and Bill Quigley were sworn into office.

Brennan was selected mayor pro tem for the year.

Diamond said he would meet individually with other mayors along the coast.

“I intend to meet with each of our neighboring towns and see how we can be a better neighbor and see if they have suggestions for us, how they can be of assistance to us,” Diamond said.

Danny Brannon, the consulting engineer who is managing Gulf Stream’s conversion to underground electric lines, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the process and said Manalapan’s overhead lines, including electric, phone and cable TV, could be buried for about $18,000 a household.

Just the electric portion would be roughly $3.5 million, he said.

Florida Power & Light Co. had previously given the town a $4.9 million estimate.

“It’s not in my view a nice-to-do, it’s inevitably a have-to-do,” Brennan said.

New faces on the Manalapan commission include: (l-r) David Cheifetz, who won the Seat 1 race with 57.5 percent of the vote, Mayor Basil Diamond, whose Seat 1 term had expired, won Seat 7 unopposed. Seat 3 incumbent Donald Brennen was elected unopposed and William “Bill” Quigley won Seat 5 with 61.8 percent of the vote. Photo by Jerry Lower
Gulf Stream

Accepted annexation goes swiftly and smoothly

By Steve Plunkett

The transition of power over the county pocket was peaceful and without incident. At 12:01 a.m. March 15 the unincorporated area just north of town, and its roughly 150 residents, became part of Gulf Stream.

Pocket residents left no doubt of their wish to be annexed by the town: All 71 voters cast "yes" ballots. “It’s a remarkable result, I will have to say,” said Bob Ganger, president of the Gulf Stream Civic Association, which mailed a fact-filled flier to pocket and town residents and held an informational meeting on the proposal.

In town, the vote was 231 in favor of bringing the pocket into Gulf Stream, 27 against.

“That’s overwhelming support for annexation. That’s amazing,” Commissioner Chris Wheeler said when Town Clerk Reta Taylor announced the totals.

Gulf Stream wasted no time assuming control. At the appointed hour, fire-rescue services were transferred from the county to Delray Beach, which contracts with the town, and 911 calls were rerouted. Town police took over from the Sheriff’s Office.

“The police have been making door-to-door visits to get acquainted,” Taylor said.

The town also sent its new residents a welcome letter signed by the mayor and town manager, complete with a gold Gulf Stream seal.

The letter noted that former pocket residents will have to abide by the town’s design guidelines if they want to change the exterior appearance of their home and also alerted them about getting a resident decal for their automobile.

Town commissioners also passed a “zoning in progress” resolution to notify developers that zoning requirements would be changing from county standards to Gulf Stream’s. But while police and fire-rescue services were planned beforehand, splitting property tax revenues with the county in the middle of the budget year was not.

“It’s reasonable to expect that the county would not deserve 100 percent of that tax revenue,” Town Manager William Thrasher said, adding that county officials were trying to decide what share is appropriate.

The 16.6-acre pocket, bordered by Sea Road on the south, County Road on the west, the St. Andrews Club on the north and the Atlantic Ocean on the east, will add an estimated $69 million to Gulf Stream’s tax base. That would have meant about $150,000 in added tax revenue if the area had been part of the town for the full budget year, Thrasher said.

Also on the to-do list is building a stone column to mark the new town limits at Little Club Road and State Road A1A. “We want one that would mirror the south entrance,” Thrasher said.

Those letters were special-ordered in 1999, he said.

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By Emily J. Minor

Around the county pocket, everyone knows John Ferber and his man-version Cinderella story.

Sure, he loves to surf.

Sure, he sports about town in shorts and a T-shirt.

And, sure, he’s a millionaire.

But for a week or so last year, Ferber’s life was less of an open book when he filmed an hourlong segment for the ABC reality show Secret Millionaire.

Ferber spent six days living among the homeless on Los Angeles’ notorious Skid Row, moving among them, day and night, eventually choosing three charities and writing checks totaling $100,000. The show aired the last Sunday in March.

“I still keep in touch with those people,” Ferber said. “I probably always will.”

Ferber, who developed software for online advertising that he and his brother sold to AOL for $497 million in 2004, has had a lot of personal and professional journeys, and his foray into reality TV began in January 2009, when producers for the ABC show approached him about appearing.

The show was already popular in Britain, which allowed Ferber to check things out a bit — and even speak with one of the early millionaire participants for the U.K. version.

“I watched, and I was really touched and moved by the whole concept,” he said. “It didn’t take much convincing.”

At the viewing party in downtown Delray Beach, dozens of people were visibly moved as they watched Ferber — certainly accustomed to a high-end lifestyle — check into subsidized housing, walk the tough city streets and live on boxed macaroni and cheese. The premise of the show is to plunk a wealthy individual or couple into dire straits, have them experience how the other half lives, and then end the show with a cash donation that the recipients are not expecting.

Ferber gave to a shelter for abused women and children, an inner-city street basketball program and to a young businessman who spends a majority of his spare cash helping street people by providing them with clothing, shoes and hygiene kits.

Ferber said he “kind of lucked out” with his Section 8 housing, which was clean and safe.

Although the donations were all of his doing, producers did lead him to the people he eventually helped out.

“It would have been impossible for me to find these groups on my own,” he said. “They led me to them, but they didn’t tell me what to do.”

Since selling to AOL seven years ago — he was just 30 at the time — Ferber has nurtured his philanthropical side.

He said it really began after Hurricane Katrina, when he wanted to work one-on-one and help a family. But he couldn’t find the right match.

Since then, Ferber has started microgiving.com, which he runs out of Delray Beach. The online center matches interested donors with needy recipients and is viewed as the newest wave of “micro-lending,” which collectively raises millions of dollars for charity across the world.

“I’m very passionate about this,” Ferber said. “People ask me, what’s my underlying motive?”

“I wake up every day feeling incredibly grateful and fortunate. There’s a strong, inner motivation.”
Delray Beach

Coastal residents request curbside trash pickup

By Coastal Star Staff

Two out of three coastal Delray Beach residents would rather switch to curbside garbage pickup, according to results of a city survey obtained by the Coastal Star.

The city in late November mailed surveys to 830 coastal homeowners asking if they wanted to continue to pay $22.24 a month for back-door pickup or switch to curbside, a monthly savings of $9.52.

Of the nearly 540 homeowners who responded, 348, or nearly 65 percent, said they would prefer the curbside pickup, and subsequent savings.

According to a memo from Lula Butler, the city’s director of Community Improvement, the survey was sparked by a complaint from a resident that many coastal homeowners were bringing their garbage curb side even though they were being charged extra for back-door service.

“We believe that since they must bring their recycling and bulk trash to the curb, it makes it fairly convenient to do the garbage at the same time,” Butler wrote in her March 15 memo to City Manager Harden.

Butler noted that the city monitored the contracted waste hauler, Waste Management, for two days in January 2009 and found that of the nearly 450 residents who did not take their garbage to the curb, Waste Management workers went to the back door to retrieve it.

The November survey did not solicit comments from residents, yet a few on both sides spoke up.

The most prevalent comment from those who opted to switch to curbside was that they did so because Waste Management had not picked up garbage they left at back doors.

“All have lived here for three years,” wrote a South Ocean Boulevard resident, “and have yet to have garbage picked up at the rear door.”

Added another South Ocean Boulevard resident who said he has carried his garbage curb side for 19 years: “I have been overcharged $9.52 a month — a total of $2,170. I should be entitled to a refund.”

Residents who voted in favor of keeping rear-door pickup said they did so because they either were too old to bring it curb side or snowbirds who let friends use their property and the friends didn’t know the pickup days.

A Melaleuca Road resident wrote that it is important to keep refuse from building up and dropping the back-door option would increase the “risk of rodent infestation.”

Added a Miramar Drive resident: “I am 52 years old, so please continue.”

Delray Beach is talking with trash hauler Waste Management in hopes of granting the wishes of residents who want their trash picked up at the curb rather than their back door, but it still could be a couple years before they see a change.

“We’d like to be able to offer it (curbside trash pickup) to them,” said City Manager David Harden, adding that at worst it could become available when the trash contract is rebid in two years.

Harden said in the discussions with Waste Management, the company has said different equipment is necessary for the curbside pickups. In addition, according to Butler’s report, the city will have the cost of supplying the standardized carts as an upfront cost, estimated at about $60,000.

The issue will be brought to commissioners for consideration likely during their April workshop.
Along the Coast

Nature’s shell game: Nesting season begins

By Liz Best

Whether you’re a seasoned South Florida beachcomber or a relative newcomer to coastal Palm Beach County, consider this either a timely reminder or a heads-up to one of the marvels Mother Nature is kind enough to let us witness every year.

Sea turtle nesting season officially began March 1. Those endangered prehistoric creatures will make their way out of the Atlantic and onto our beaches to lay their eggs. Staff and volunteers from Gumbo Limbo Nature Center in Boca Raton patrol five beach miles from Highland Beach to the Broward County line. By Feb. 28, two nests had already been identified, according to Kirt Rusenko, who heads the center’s sea turtle program.

The average female will lay at least 100 eggs per nest. A dedicated female can create up to seven nests per season, laying approximately 1,000 eggs total, said Rusenko. Sadly, only one of those eggs will see adulthood.

This is due partly to natural predators such as foxes and raccoons, which feast on the eggs. Once the hatchlings emerge, starting in late May, they encounter hungry birds as they make their way to the ocean. The ones lucky enough to reach the water encounter more predators. But the largest threat to these babies is the result of human activity, and most of it is preventable.

“Do not feed wild animals,” said Rusenko. And do not build bonfires on the beach. “The hatchlings will actually go into the fire because they are looking for the lightest horizon.”

Sea turtles are protected by the U.S. Endangered Species Act of 1973, Florida Statute Chapter 376, and the Palm Beach County Sea Turtle Protection Ordinance. Laws also are in place requiring beachfront property owners to alter their outdoor lighting to be sea turtle friendly.

At Boca Raton Resort and Club, sea turtle season marks a change in not only beachfront lighting, but also in the arrangement of the beach furniture, said Karrol- jo Foster, executive office manager at the resort’s Boca Beach Club.

“We definitely set our beach up differently during turtle season,” said Foster. “We gear up differently during turtle season,” said Foster. “We gear our activities around what we can and can’t do during the turtle season and we work in coordination with Gumbo Limbo.”

Signs are posted on the beach and staff offers information about sea turtle season to their guests.

Dos and don'ts for nesting season

Here’s a list of dos and don’ts for nesting season, according to the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center’s Kirt Rusenko and the Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management:

• Do not carry a flashlight on the beach or build a fire;
• If you see a nesting sea turtle, do not run up to it. Watch from a safe distance behind the turtle and let nature run its course;
• If you dig a large hole in the sand, fill it up before you leave. Mother sea turtles have become trapped and died in unfilled holes;
• Pedestrians and drivers should look out for disoriented hatchlings on trails and roads near the beach. If a hatchling seems weak and confused, call Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission toll-free at 888-404-FWCC.

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Most sea turtle nestlings, like this little loggerhead, do not make it to adulthood. Photo by Jaime Kujala.
An ordinance that would ban fishing for sharks from Ocean Ridge’s shores was delayed last month to allow research on whether the high water line that marks the town’s boundary would impede enforcement of the law.

“If they’re in the water, they’re outside of Ocean Ridge,” said Police Chief Chris Yannuzzi.

Officers would face a challenge because they’d have to determine where the high water line is to ascertain whether they were in Ocean Ridge’s jurisdiction before they could make an arrest.

The law the commission is considering would prohibit chumming (using cut-up bait to attract sharks), fishing for sharks and using shark-fishing equipment from the town’s beaches.

The ordinance was drafted following similar moves in other towns, including Boca Raton and Delray Beach.

“I don’t see how it’s going to be enforceable,” said Commissioner Geoff Pugh, who said perhaps the law could prevent shark fishermen from bringing their catch over Ocean Ridge’s portion of the beach.

Mayor Ken Kaleo offered another suggestion — that all sharks caught while fishing on Ocean Ridge’s beach be cut loose.

But later he and attorney Ken Spillias talked about exploring whether a cooperative enforcement arrangement would be possible with the state.

The commissioners questioned how Delray Beach and Boca Raton would enforce their laws. “They have yet to enforce it for the first time,” Yannuzzi said.

Delray Beach’s ordinance, which was approved in July 2009, prohibits shark fishing within 300 feet of the city’s public beaches.

In approving the measure, Delray Beach commissioners said the ban helps ensure a safe beach for swimming by preventing chumming, which lures sharks.

Boca Raton approved a proposed ban in December 2010, then passed the ordinance on to their Marine Advisory Board for review.

The board met Feb. 2 and plans to forward its comments to City Council for further action.

**Ocean Ridge**

**Town not sure how to put teeth into shark-fishing ban**

By Margie Plunkett

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Along the Coast

Realtors see action pick up in residential market

By Emily J. Minor

Real estate sales for both new and old construction seem to be picking up in the coastal areas, and local Realtors and developers say they expect the uptick to only get stronger as hesitant buyers and sellers decide it’s time to move.

“The last two weeks — literally, 14 days ago — I can tell you, it exploded,” Realtor Val Coz said March 23. “I have buyers coming out of the woodwork. The fence sitters are off the fence.”

In February statistics, released last month by the Realtors Association of the Palm Beaches, overall home sales in Palm Beach County were up 32 percent over the previous February.

Statewide, the number was less impressive at a 13 percent increase.

But local numbers for Highland Beach, Ocean Ridge and South Palm Beach show some upward movement, especially in Highland Beach where sales moved from 13 closings in February 2010, to 18 in February 2011 — or a 38.5 percent increase.

These days, even an increase in the number of new listings is good news, said Realtor Sue Tauriello, whose office — Tauriello & Company Real Estate Inc. — is on Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach.

Tauriello says they’ve seen a definite spike in phone inquiries, showings and foot traffic.

While anecdotal foot traffic isn’t an exact science, Tauriello says it definitely shows that buyers — especially the premier, high-end buyers interested in Palm Beach County’s coastal properties — are feeling more comfortable.

Indeed, she said her office just closed on a $7 million oceanfront home. The buyer was local, and upgrading to a grander property, she said.

“In general, there’s a more upbeat mood,” Tauriello said. “California buyers think we’re on clearance.”

According to the Realtors’ report, South Palm Beach’s February closings were the same as last year, while closings in Ocean Ridge were down slightly. Of course, when examining activity in such a small market, even one less closing can force a steep percentage drop in those monthly numbers.

Still, Tauriello is a bit giddy with how busy they are at her office.

“A lot of CEOs weren’t running out and buying $10 million homes when they were laying off people,” Tauriello said. “The fear is lessening.”

Mark Anthony Mollica, the sales director for the first new development to be built in Gulf Stream in about 30 years, says interest at their 4001 North Ocean project has been impressive.

The “4001 project” — in the part of Gulf Stream just incorporated in the March election — is being built by Kolter Tower LLC. Mollica said they have deposits on 11 of the 34 oceanfront units, or about $21 million in sales if all those closings go through.

“Our highest expectations have been met,” Mollica said. “We’re hoping this will launch further development.”

Coz, a Realtor with Fite Shavell who’s been selling in this market for eight years, said she’s encouraged with the recent movement — although home prices are still down as much as 30 percent.

But those good list prices are part of what’s stoking interest.

Many of Coz’s high-end buyers are investment bankers and hedge fund professionals, who make a living on Wall Street.

“To see these guys stepping up to the plate, that’s a good thing,” she said. “They watch that stuff. They’re smart.

“And I think the smart money is saying we’re at the bottom, and it’s time to move.”
Coasting Along

Meter mania: When drivers delay, city reaps pay

By Tim Norris

Delray Beach’s parking checkers do not hate their light. It’s bright yellow, it flashes, and — somewhere ahead on a weekday drive down Atlantic Avenue to the parking spots along Ocean Avenue and the beach — it’s going to shine. Or glare.

The spots are full, at the moment. Hey! Past Third Avenue on Atlantic, there’s one.

Park for show. Dawdle for dough. A ticket runs $25, and Delray Beach needs the money.

In the words of the city’s June 2010, 97-page Parking Management Plan (you can pick up a copy at City Hall or find it online), the city is “a major destination” with a “vibrant retail district.”

And parking can be a headache.

The yellow flashers on the parking check carts are meant partly as a warning.

In Coasting Along, our writers occasionally stop to reflect on life along the shore.

City officials say they hope meters bring in $1.2 million per year.

Photo by Jerry Lower

Cars are trying the Downtown Roundabout free shuttle bus, from the Tri-Rail station along Atlantic to the beach.

The shuttle has some riders, and city lots with free parking do get plenty of action. The hottest parking spots, though, still stretch up both sides of Atlantic and along the surf side of Ocean Avenue. And some are valet-only.

Try nipping into private spots, behind businesses, and you’re just begging for immobility. Risk the tow truck, if you dare!

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Ah, and here comes a cart, now, silver-haired man in uniform at the wheel, police insignia on the side, yellow light flashing. Better run to feed that meter!

Or just walk. Building and maintaining sidewalks cost money. Using them is still free.

A volunteer checks vehicles for expired meters along Ocean Boulevard in Delray Beach. City officials say they hope meters bring in $1.2 million per year.

Photo by Jerry Lower
Delray Beach

Patrick returns as parade's principal porker

By Jan Norris

Patrick is 200 pounds of pork on the hoof — but he's no ham. “Petunia really was a ham,” said Kimberly Vislocky, Patrick's human "mom." Patrick, a brown and dark gray pot-bellied pig, is the new four-legged mascot of Delray Beach's St. Patrick’s Day Parade. For the second year, the 2-year-old porker rode the length of Atlantic Avenue, displayed in the back of Vislocky's slow-moving SUV, which was open to the back so everyone could see him.

"Someone complained to the parade organizers that it was cruel to make a pig walk down the road. So now he rides," Vislocky said.

As Patrick sniffed and snorted around in the back of the truck, looking to nibble whatever he could find, she tied a huge homemade green bandana with gold fringe around his neck, and put a green beribboned bowler on his head. He was now officially in his parade costume.

This year's annual parade, held on March 12, was bittersweet for Vislocky, whose Petunia, a 17-year-old pot-belly and wild boar mix, died in her sleep in December. Petunia had graced the St. Pat’s parade with her porcine presence, dressed in fancy ruffles and crowned with a green glittery tiara, since 1995. Her parade career ended in 2009 when arthritis and old age slowed her down. "She got excited when I pointed to Patrick, now sitting on a leash that served only as a limp safety measure," said Vislocky "Her head. He was now officially in his parade costume.

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"I don't know where we'll go next year; they're moving the VFW to Federal Highway," Vislocky said.

Back when Petunia first marched, the parade ended at Powers Lounge, she said. Powers was Maury Powers, the man credited with starting the parade 43 years ago. He marched with a green painted pig named Petunia down the avenue on St. Patrick’s Day to attract guests to Powers Lounge at that rainy truck stop, now the site of the new Buddha Sky Bar.

The parade became an annual tradition, and participants wound up at his lounge for the party of free-flowing beer and tall tales, according to Pat Robinson, an original parade participant. "I was friends with Maury. And I had the job of cleaning the carpets in the lounge," he said. Robinson owns Man of Steam, a carpet-cleaning business in Delray. Powers died in 1996, only a year after Vislocky's Petunia began marching. The family closed the lounge, and parade marchers began gathering, as they would today, at the VFW hall on Second Avenue for the after-party.

He remembers his "kind and funny" friend taking a year off by marching in a top hat, as Powers did, and trailing his own float: a green, glittery shrine to Powers, whose photo is in the center of the handmade sign towering over all. Robinson’s float signals the end of the parade. Robinson’s trailer was only a few vehicles separated from Patrick near the beach as they lined up.

After waiting in line more than an hour, the parade finally moved forward. Vislocky walked along behind the SUV, holding the green leash that served only as a limp point to Patrick, now sitting on his haunches in the back. Parade-goers squealed and got out their phones and cameras when they spotted him: “It’s Petunia!”

"She didn’t always correct him. Everyone loved her," Vislocky said.

Patrick duly sniffed and snorted, his ivory tusk making him look more menacing than he is. "He’s a sweetie," she said. "He’s just not a ham."
Robert ‘Bob’ Long

By Dianna Smith

LANTANA — Robert “Bob” Long might have known a lot about real estate and what it took to sell a luxurious home, but the legacy he left behind to those who knew him wasn’t just that he was a fantastic Realtor.

Mr. Long’s legacy was that he was a good man.

After battling an illness, Mr. Long died on March 8. He was 56.

Besides being a father of four and a husband of almost 17 years, Mr. Long had an outstanding reputation in Palm Beach County as a Realtor.

He sold more properties on Hypoloxo Island and Manalapan than any other real estate company in more than 20 years, according to his wife, Susan.

What made him so good at his job was that he was, simply, nice.

Ask anyone, his friends have said, and they’ll tell you the same thing.

When people pass away, one of the most common things loved ones say is that the person never said a harsh word about anyone — and sure, sometimes you might wonder if that’s really true. But in Bob Long’s case, it was true.

And that’s why people loved him.

“You were completely comfortable with him,” said longtime friend and co-worker Diane Duffy of Lantana. “He took time with people. He listened. He always made you feel you were the most important thing happening in that moment.”

Mr. Long owned Palermo-Long Realty on Ocean Avenue in Lantana and if you were a client of Mr. Long’s, you knew you were taken care of.

They came to rely on him, his wife said, and word of mouth spread quickly of Mr. Long’s reliability and dedication.

Duffy remembered meeting Mr. Long for the first time when she was trying to find a company to work for. Back then, she was a new agent and had many doors slammed in her face. But when she met Mr. Long, his door was wide open.

“You could tell he was busy, but he sat with me for an hour,” Duffy said. “He was so inviting and he put me at ease.”

The two became friends and worked together for 11 years.

Originally from Ohio, Mr. Long moved to Lantana when he was a teenager with his family as they pursued their love of water skiing, something Mr. Long took a liking to as well. But what he loved even more was boat driving. And for a few years, Mr. Long spent his weeks selling real estate and the weekends were dedicated to driving boats in professional water ski tournaments. He traveled to places like France, California and Texas.

In Palm Beach County, he spent time on his boat, named the Suzabel (a combination of his wife’s name and his daughter, Isabella). Sometimes he would surprise his staff and tell them they were spending the day on the boat and, over sandwiches and cocktails, they would take pictures of waterfront homes and jokingly say they were “working.”

Longtime friend and business associate Bob Sorgini of Lake Worth spoke at Mr. Long’s funeral and described him as a generous, kind soul. During the string of hurricanes a few years ago, long-time friend Mr. Long delivered plywood to people on the island and even helped his priest board up his home.

His wife laughed when she recalled this as well, because she said their house always seemed to be the last house prepared for a storm.

“He was so busy putting up shutters for others that we didn’t have shutters up,” Susan Long said. “That was so him, very unselfish.”

“He approached his life, his business and everything with the utmost integrity,” she added. “He was just good beyond belief.”

Mr. Long’s family asks that memorial contributions be made to Gulf Stream School, 3660 Gulf Stream Road, Gulf Stream, FL 33483; Unity of Delray Beach, 101 W. 22nd St., Delray Beach, FL 33444; or the American Water Ski Educational Foundation, 1251 Holy Cow Road, Polk City, FL 33868.

-- Emily J. Minor

Florence Murray

DELRAY BEACH — Florence Murray, a Romanian-born lifelong artist who spent her older years passing her love for painting on to her grandchildren, died Feb. 24.

The family asked that her age be kept private.

Mrs. Murray’s husband, A. Harold Murray, preceded her in death.

Raised by immigrant parents in New York, Mrs. Murray moved to Wyckoff, N.J., where she and her husband started their family, eventually moving to Miami and then north, to coastal Delray Beach.

In Florida, Mrs. Murray further developed her love for art, and devoted much of her spare time teaching art therapy to handicapped children. For her, everything was a canvas.

Mrs. Murray is survived by her children, Dr. Alan Horowitz and daughter-in-law, Linda Hubay; Susan Murray; Debbie Glickstein and son-in-law, Cary Glickstein; and grandchildren, Madison Rothman, Lily Glickstein and Jack Glickstein.

A memorial service was held Feb. 25.

Friends and family members ask that donations be made in Florence Murray’s name to Hospice of Palm Beach County.

— Emily J. Minor

Aloha Krueger

GULF STREAM — Aloha Krueger, a resident of Gulf Stream for more than 40 years, died March 17 after a short illness. She was 97 and lived in Place Au Soleil.

Born in Oakland, Calif., on Jan. 24, 1914, Mrs. Krueger moved to New York City after high school and enjoyed an early career as a fashion model. She worked in high fashion retail stores in Westchester County, N.Y., after her marriage and also sold real estate in Greenwich and Stamford, Conn., until 1970, when she retired to Gulf Stream with her husband, Jackson Hancock.

An avid golfer since the 1940s, Mrs. Krueger once belonged to live area country clubs, including the Little Club and the Ocean Club.

She played bridge and wrote poetry.

She was an amateur poetess and entertained her friends by composing poems for birthdays and anniversaries,” recalled her daughter, Shari Osmolsky, of Kensington, Md. “Her friends would request some verse and she enjoyed doing that.”

She will be buried beside her late husband in Hillcrest Cemetery in Holly Springs, Miss.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to any charity in her memory.

-- Douglas R. Moore

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Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Besides her husband, Jack, she is survived by a daughter, Barbara Trow, of Oakland; and twin sons, Robert and Richard, of Evendale, who were survived by eight grandchildren and eight-grandchildren.

In her memory, the family asks that any donations be made to the Friends of the Boynton Beach Library, 208 Seaside Blvd., Boynton Beach, FL 33435, or the First Presbyterian Church, 33 Gleason St., Delray Beach, FL 33483.

Elizabeth Lacewell Armstrong

By Emily J. Minor

DELRAY BEACH — Elizabeth Lacewell Armstrong, a native Texan who loved to golf, loved to read, and could trace her heritage back to the Alamo, died March 10. She was 86.

A self-proclaimed Southern girl who attended Louisiana State University, Mrs. Armstrong moved to Evansville, Ind., where she kept her home for 38 years. After raising three children there and getting them off on their own, Mrs. Armstrong began a banking career and rose to be named the first woman in Evansville to be a branch manager of a bank. She eventually became a senior vice president of Old National Bank, before retiring in 1982 and moving to Highland Beach.

It was then that Mrs. Armstrong threw herself into her next project, volunteering with the Friends of the Library in Boynton Beach. A past president and board member, she gave countless hours to her Longtime library director Virginia Farace, who is now retired, said Mrs. Armstrong was someone you could always count on. From raising money for children's computers to coming up with the ideas that the volunteers wear cute aprons to set them apart from patrons, her savvy business mind also made her great at fundraising.

"You'd say you needed something, and she'd run with it," Farace said.

Besides books, there was another love in her life: Golf. And it was at Pine Tree Golf Club where Mrs. Armstrong met Jack Armstrong.

Mr. Armstrong said they'd both been widowed when they began socializing, and they quickly discovered they shared a love for golfing. "I had a home on the fifth green and hers was on the 18th tee," he said.

The couple would be married in 1982, and she died March 10. Mrs. Armstrong was also a member of The Little Club, and was active in the women's golf association of Pine Tree Golf Club.

But it was the library that commanded most of her retirement time. "Just about every program they have there, she had a hand in," said Jack Armstrong.

She was also a member of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Besides her husband, Jack, she is survived by a daughter, Barbara Trow, of Oakland; and twin sons, Robert and Richard, of Evendale, who were survived by eight grandchildren and eight-grandchildren.

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History gets casual intro with happy hour group

By Paula Detwiller

A Delray Beach group has introduced an enticing way to get young residents interested in their city’s history: Invite them to belly up to the bar.

That’s the idea behind the “Happy History Hour,” aimed at young adults in their 20s, 30s and 40s. It’s a time for cocktails and conversation and casual history lessons, held at historically significant watering holes in Delray Beach each month. For a donation of $10, attendees get a free drink, complimentary hors d’oeuvres, and a memorable glimpse of Delray’s past.

Happy History Hour is the brainchild of Preservation Generation, a young networking and service group that seeks to raise awareness of Delray’s rich history and stimulate interest in preserving it. Proceeds from the happy hour events are donated to the Delray Beach Historical Society, the Delray Beach Preservation Trust and the Sandoway House Nature Center.

“I don’t think young people normally think about historic preservation,” says 34-year-old Clayton Peart. “We wanted to make it fun.” Peart joined with his sister Ann Margo and several others to create Preservation Generation last year.

You might say the Pearts have preservation in their blood; they grew up in homes built in 1928 and 1942, and their mother, JoAnn, has long been a local crusader for historic preservation.

Clayton Peart says he sees people he’s known since grade school at the Happy History Hour events. “We all went off to college and then came back,” he says, a testament to the allure of his hometown.

“When I was at UF, I’d tell people where I was from and they didn’t even know where Delray was. Now it’s really popular, but the old-town character is still here,” he says.

And that’s precisely what Preservation Generation wants to uphold, according to steering committee member Amanda Herrick, 25.

“I grew up in Wellington, which doesn’t have a downtown. It’s just shopping centers,” she says. “When I would come to Delray Beach as a child to visit my grandparents, I remember how it felt different.”

Herrick says Delray Beach has an “authentic sense of place” compared to many South Florida communities because so much of the city’s architectural history has been preserved.

“When you walk down Atlantic Avenue, you’re walking through history,” she says. “When young people go downtown, they don’t pick up on that right away, especially if they’re not from here. But that’s the cool, historical aspect that makes Delray special. It evolved organically.”

Bringing history to life is a central theme of each Happy History Hour.

The inaugural event was held Nov. 9 at the Falcon House, a 1920s-era family home that’s now a cocktail lounge. Guests perused archival photos and listened to prominent Delray businessmen Roy Simon and Ernie Simon reminisce about going to their friend Howard Falcon’s house when they were all young bucks.

Similar happy hour events have been held at Tryst restaurant, whose 1912 building once housed a neighborhood grocery store; City Oyster restaurant, on the site of a 1930s hardware and lumber business; and Boston’s by the Beach, where Casa Las Olas (The Waves Hotel) welcomed visitors in the 1950s. Hanging out with the Happy History Hour crowd has been rewarding, says 35-year-old steering committee member Kim Winker, who was raised in upstate New York. “Many of the others are from here, and they know a lot about the history already,” Winker says. “Their passion and love for Delray is really contagious.”

Preservation Generation is using Facebook (www.facebook.com/preservationgeneration) and other forms of social media to promote its activities. They’ve attracted an average of 40 people to each happy hour event and collected more than $1,000 in donations so far. The money is greatly appreciated by the three nonprofits receiving the proceeds.

“I think they’re wonderful events,” says Donna Patterson, archivist for the Delray Beach Historical Society. “It makes some of us who’ve been around a while feel hopeful about the future.”

Roy Simon (left) and his brother Ernie (far right) — with assistance from Amanda Herrick and daughter Laura Simon — entertained the crowd at Boston’s with stories of their childhood in Delray Beach. Photo by Jerry Lower
Celebrations

Charity Trike-a-thon
At Gulf Stream School

Ian MacDiarmid (Delray Beach) gives his little sister Claire some help during a charity ‘Trike-a-Thon,’ held at Gulf Stream School. Each class performed some form of public service each year, and dozens of pre-school students showed off their cycling skills while helping out. Photo by Jerry Lower

10th Annual Circle of Hope Gala
At Benvenuto Restaurant, Boynton Beach

An enthusiastic crowd celebrated 10 years of providing services that assist impoverished women of all faiths and their families. Palm Beach Bishop Gerald M. Barbarito was a featured guest at the Feb. 28 event. Pictured are Janice Williams and Pernille Ostberg, who underwrote the entertainment. Photo provided

Art League Sale
At Briny Breezes

Dozens of Briny Breezes artists took part in the annual Art Show and Sale. Karen Morris made good use of her painting tools to create an unusual necklace and this painting of a puddle jumper. Photo by Jerry Lower

Public Art Markers Dedication
At Jaycees Park in Boynton Beach

The highlight of the March 9 dedication at Jaycees Park was a collection of photos of longtime local charter and fishing captains. Enjoying the memories are (l-r): Bob Jolley, Flip Traylor, Charles Moore (Capt. Buddy), Howard Lawson and John Jolley. Photo provided

56th Annual Bethesda Ball
At The Breakers, Palm Beach

‘An Evening at the Oscars,’ held March 5, raised more than $400,000 to benefit the Bethesda Hospital Foundation’s campaign to support technology advancements at the hospital. Enjoying the evening are: Peter Blum (honorary chairman), Patti Hawthorn, Jan Kucera (ball chairman) and Dr. Bill Marrocco. Photo provided
Celebrations

Wayside House Spring Boutique
At The Colony Hotel, Delray Beach

A record number of shoppers turned out to support the programs and clients of The Wayside House through boutique sales, tickets and raffles March 8-10.

TOP: Martha Walker, Liz Gardner and Marion Coleman.
CENTER: George McElroy, Howdy Johnston and John McDougall.
BOTTOM: Jill Reece, Perry O’Neal, Pat McElroy and Barbara Backer. Photos provided

Delray’s Got Talent
Old School Square, Delray Beach

The March 10 musical fundraiser for a proposed new 1929 replica beach pavilion raised $30,000.

TOP: Mary Renault, President of the Beach Property Owner’s Association and Susan Hurlbutt, coastal resident and mother of performer Esme Hurlbutt.
ABOVE: Leo and Pat Phillips with pavilion architect Bob Currie.
RIGHT: Esme Hurlbutt performs. Photos provided

Savor the Avenue
Along Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach

LEFT: Hundreds of patrons enjoyed an evening of dining and drinks on Atlantic Avenue.
ABOVE: Jim Sclafani of Boca Raton toasts family members and co-workers while his group from Multi Image Group enjoys the fare at the annual dining event.
Photos by Jerry Lower

Delray Beach Homes Tour
Seagate neighborhood of Delray Beach

More than 550 people took part in a homes tour that raised more than $84,000 for the Achievement Centers for Children and Families. Here Liz Bolz shows off the two-story kitchen space of her home. Photo by Jerry Lower
MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Don Thompson

It’s not every day you meet someone who competed against tennis ace Arthur Ashe, owned a corporate monopoly and custom-ordered a painting from Salvador Dali.

Today is the day.

Meet 77-year-old Don Thompson — athlete, entrepreneur, musician — whose success in business has enabled him to share his love for the arts. Thompson, of coastal Delray Beach, is known locally as the man who brought a world-class string quartet to the Village by the Sea, providing enjoyment to fans and employment to two exceptional laid-off violinists.

Thompson’s résumé is especially impressive when you consider he’s endured tinnitus (ringing in the ears) almost his entire life. His love of music grew out of the pleasing sound of church bells during his youth and hearing his godfather, Rev. Beau Barksdale, play the piano.

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Don and Mary both enjoy art, tennis, travel, tango dancing and both serve as deacons at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach.

Don Thompson has cultivated a love of music despite having tinnitus. He helped found the Delray String Quartet. Photo by Jerry Lower

If you go

Delray String Quartet

Remainig seasonal concerts:

April Program:

Robert Schumann, Quartet No. 3 in A Major
Pyotr Tchaikovsky, Quartet No. 2 in F Major, Op. 22

Sunday, April 3 — The Colony Hotel, Delray Beach
3:30 p.m. Pre-concert informal discussion
4 p.m. concert

Friday, April 8 — All Saints Episcopal Church, Fort Lauderdale
7 p.m. Pre-concert informal discussion
7:30 p.m. concert

Sunday, April 10 — St. David’s-in-the-Pines Episcopal Church, Wellington
3:30 p.m. Pre-concert informal discussion
4 p.m. concert

Sunday, April 17 — St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, Coconut Grove
4 p.m. concert

For ticket information and availability, call (561) 213-4138 or e-mail: Tickets@DelrayStringQuartet.com

Paul Cranis, who lives here in Delray. I also won a Florida state senior championship (65 and over).

I still play regularly at the Delray Tennis Center, the Delray Beach Club and Gulf Stream Bath and Tennis Club, but only three times a week now because my knees are wearing out.

Q. Why is music important to you?
A. I’ve had ringing in my ears since I was 10 years old. I developed tinnitus from an ear infection. Music has always provided a good soothing background against the tinnitus. I have almost perfect pitch, so I learned to play the piano by ear. I also composed some classical music when I was 18 or 19.

Q. How did you choose to make your home in Delray Beach?
A. After checking out the entire east coast of Florida, I found Delray had the best beaches and the people gave me a warm feeling.

Q. What is your favorite part about living in Delray?
A. All the great restaurants and all the many tennis facilities. Seems like most of the retired tennis players I’ve known through the years have moved to Delray.

Q. What book are you reading now?
A. Two books: Mere Christianity, by C.S. Lewis, and The Language of God, by Francis Collins, a former atheist who was head of the Human Genome Project.

Q. What music do you listen to when you need inspiration?
A. Franz Lehár’s operetta waltzes when I want to relax, and when I need inspiration, Wagner’s Ring.

Q. Do you have a favorite quote that inspires your decisions?
A. “Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.”

Q. If your life story were made into a movie, who would you want to play you?
A. I figure Paul Newman. He was a great competitor, he gave to charities, plus I’ve got the blue eyes.

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Thompson was a bachelor until, at age 69, he met his wife, Mary, on a tennis court. “When she told me she’d studied nursing, I figured I’d have to marry her,” Thompson says with a wink.

Don and Mary both enjoy art, tennis, travel, tango dancing and both serve as deacons at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach.

Don Thompson has cultivated a love of music despite having tinnitus. He helped found the Delray String Quartet. Photo by Jerry Lower

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Paul Cranis, who lives here in Delray. I also won a Florida state senior championship (65 and over).

I still play regularly at the Delray Tennis Center, the Delray Beach Club and Gulf Stream Bath and Tennis Club, but only three times a week now because my knees are wearing out.

Q. Why is music important to you?
A. I’ve had ringing in my ears since I was 10 years old. I developed tinnitus from an ear infection. Music has always provided a good soothing background against the tinnitus. I have almost perfect pitch, so I learned to play the piano by ear. I also composed some classical music when I was 18 or 19.

Q. How did you choose to make your home in Delray Beach?
A. After checking out the entire east coast of Florida, I found Delray had the best beaches and the people gave me a warm feeling.

Q. What is your favorite part about living in Delray?
A. All the great restaurants and all the many tennis facilities. Seems like most of the retired tennis players I’ve known through the years have moved to Delray.

Q. What book are you reading now?
A. Two books: Mere Christianity, by C.S. Lewis, and The Language of God, by Francis Collins, a former atheist who was head of the Human Genome Project.

Q. What music do you listen to when you need inspiration?
A. Franz Lehár’s operetta waltzes when I want to relax, and when I need inspiration, Wagner’s Ring.

Q. Do you have a favorite quote that inspires your decisions?
A. “Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.”

Q. If your life story were made into a movie, who would you want to play you?
A. I figure Paul Newman. He was a great competitor, he gave to charities, plus I’ve got the blue eyes.
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That might be a good idea, but before buying a new car, it’s best to do the research and make sure the one you choose meets your driving needs and is one you’re comfortable driving.

The good news is that fuel efficiency has become a priority for manufacturers, resulting in greater choices for consumers. Here are some of our favorite fuel-efficient vehicles, based on performance and value.

**BEST OVERALL**

Ford Fusion Hybrid/Lincoln MKZ Hybrid

EPA RATING: 41 MPG city, 36 highway

PRICE: MSRP $28,340 for the Fusion/MSRP $34,605 for the MKZ

WHERE TO BUY: Available at Ford and Lincoln dealers throughout South Florida

WHAT MAKES IT GREAT: Ford is taking a leadership role among domestic automakers in producing alternative-fuel vehicles and the Fusion and the more luxurious MKZ, are setting a standard for attractive designs, smooth rides and lots of room for passengers in the front and back. Unlike other vehicles in its class, the Fusion and the MKZ don’t look much like hybrids — which for some drivers may be a plus.

**BEST SMALL TWO-SEATER**

Smart ForTwo

EPA RATING: 33 MPG city, 41 highway

PRICE: MSRP starting at $12,490

WHERE TO BUY: Smart Center Palm Beach, 4002 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach

WHAT MAKES IT GREAT: The Smart ForTwo is a great car for just driving around town or around the neighborhood. Built and engineered by Mercedes-Benz, the Smart car features a racecar-like safety cage that protects its passengers in the event of an accident. The Smart ForTwo is also surprisingly spacious and versatile. Yes, you can take it on Interstate 95 and still feel safe and you can still squeeze into smaller parking spots. An electric Smart car is now available.

**BEST SUV**

Ford Escape Hybrid

EPA RATING: 34 MPG city, 31 highway

PRICE: MSRP from $30,045

WHERE TO BUY: Available at all South Florida Ford dealerships.

WHAT MAKES IT GREAT: The Escape was one of the first hybrid SUVs, debuting long before many others in the rapidly growing class, and it still remains one of the most efficient out there. Getting 34 miles per gallon in the city, the Escape is a practical vehicle, especially for stop-and-go driving. It is a little pricey for the class, but it makes up for that in available technology options, versatility and safety ratings.

**BEST SUBCOMPACT**

Chevrolet Cruze Eco

EPA RATING: 28 MPG city, 42 highway

PRICE: MSRP from $16,995

WHERE TO BUY: Available at Chevrolet dealerships throughout South Florida.

WHAT MAKES IT GREAT: For those who want a small, dependable and efficient car for their highway commute, the Cruze Eco is the perfect vehicle. With an EPA rating of 42 miles per gallon on the highway, the Cruze Eco, with a 1.4-liter turbocharged engine, is among the most efficient cars in the class for distance. Though relatively inexpensive, the Cruze is solidly built and has a surprisingly well-appointed interior designed with the driver in mind.
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BEST FAMILY SEDAN
Toyota Camry Hybrid
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PRICE: MSRP from $26,675
WHERE TO BUY: Available at all local Toyota dealerships.

WHAT MAKES IT GREAT: Think of dependable and solid vehicles with smooth rides, and the Camry will almost always come to mind. True, this car isn’t flashy, although it has a sporty little edge, and it isn’t the most fuel-efficient hybrid on the road, by far. But when it comes to carting kids or grandparents, the Camry hybrid excels thanks to its spaciousness for passengers and the ease of getting in and out of the back seat.

BEST SMALL SEDAN
Hyundai Elantra
EPA RATING: 29 MPG city, 40 highway
PRICE: MSRP from $14,830-$19,980
WHERE TO BUY: Available through all local Hyundai dealerships.

WHAT MAKES IT GREAT: Look quick and you might think that the Elantra is a Hyundai Sonata that got shrunk in the wash. Like its big sister, the Elantra is a car with an outstanding exterior design and a smooth ride. It also offers a spacious interior that makes it feel a little bigger than it actually is. The Elantra comes with a bucket full of technological options including a full navigation system with backup camera. And best of all, it’s fun to drive.

BEST STATION WAGON
Audi A3 TDI Diesel
EPA RATING: 30 MPG city, 42 highway
PRICE: MSRP from $30,250
WHERE TO BUY: Available at all South Florida Audi dealerships.

WHAT MAKES IT GREAT: Once upon a time, a car or truck running on diesel fuel was guaranteed to be noisy and smelly. Well, those days are over thanks to the invention of clean diesel. The Audi A3 TDI is a luxury hatchback that may help bring diesel into fashion. The car is roomy and versatile, and has quite a bit of power for a little car. And the best part? That durable diesel engine will probably be running long after the batteries on electric cars need to be replaced.

BEST LUXURY SEDAN
Lexus HS250h Hybrid
EPA RATING: 35 MPG city, 35 highway
PRICE: MSRP from $35,600
WHERE TO BUY: Available at Lexus dealerships throughout South Florida.

WHAT MAKES IT GREAT: One of the first Lexus hybrids designed primarily for fuel efficiency, the HS250h is first and foremost a Lexus with Lexus luxury. You’ll find many of the options you’d expect from Lexus — a navigation system with backup camera, and park assist — as well as an interior that is comfortable for four. A big plus for those who are cost-conscious is that the HS250h uses regular grade gasoline, not premium.

BEST SPORTS CAR
Tesla Roadster
EPA RATING: Fully electric
PRICE: $109,000 to $128,000
WHERE TO BUY: Tesla South Florida, 1949 Tigertail Blvd., Dania

WHAT MAKES IT GREAT: Yes, the Tesla Roadster never needs gas. But that’s not what makes it great. And sure, no matter where you go in this car, heads will turn. But that’s not what makes it great either. Nope, what makes it great is 0 to 60 in 4 seconds. Being in a Tesla when the accelerator is floored is like being in a jet that’s taking off. You’re pushed back in your seat and loving every minute of it.
Easter or Passover: A cheesecake for brunch or dinner

By Jan Norris

The spring holidays signal a switch to lighter meals. Just as chefs lighten up their menus to incorporate fresh vegetables, salads and such, the pastry chefs move from heavy bread puddings and rich dark chocolates to fruity and lighter desserts — soufflés, panna cottas and meringues.

Gianna Miles, owner of Palm Beach Pastry, a dessert and pastry catering company, makes a lighter version of a traditional cheesecake for customers this time of year.

“I use part ricotta cheese along with the cream cheese. The all-cream cheese type is too heavy for my tastes.”

Her brother, Marcello Fiorentino of Marcello’s La Sirena restaurant in West Palm Beach, makes his cheesecakes using all ricotta cheese.

“It’s a preference of mine to change things up a bit,” she said. “I’ve made them both ways — with part cream cheese and ricotta or all ricotta. But this one is my favorite.”

The ricotta, she said, along with sour cream, gives the cake its creaminess and adds another layer of flavor. A sprinkling of lemon zest in it adds the traditional tang.

To make the recipe kosher for Passover cooks, Miles used matzo crackers in place of graham cracker crumbs in the crust. An all-nut crust could be used, she said. (The substitutions are noted on the recipe.)

The cake bakes slowly in a water bath, a technique that keeps it from cracking and ensures that it bakes evenly. Miles warns cooks to add the boiling water carefully after the pan is in the oven, and to use care when removing it as well.

It’s not difficult to tackle and the cake, once cool, freezes well. She used blueberries and lemon for a topping, but any berries of choice could be substituted.

Springtime Lemon-Blueberry Cheesecake

For the crust:
¾ cup finely ground pecans
4 matzo crackers, unsalted (see note)
¼ teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon sugar
6 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
½ teaspoon cinnamon

For the filling:
8 ounces cream cheese, softened
8 ounces whole-milk ricotta cheese, at room temperature
3 eggs
3 tablespoons sugar
16 ounces (2 cups) sour cream,
at room temperature
Zest of 1 lemon
⅛ teaspoon pure vanilla extract, optional

Equipment:
8-inch springform pan
Roasting pan to hold springform for water bath
Heavy-duty aluminum foil
Preheat oven to 325 degrees.

Spray the bottom and sides of an 8-inch springform pan with nonstick spray. Place pan in the center of a large piece of heavy-duty aluminum foil.

Pour into prepared springform pan. Chill in the refrigerator while making the filling.

In a large bowl, using a hand mixer, beat cream cheese and ricotta together on low speed for 1 minute until smooth. Add eggs 1 at a time, mixing well after each addition.

Slowly add sugar while mixing, and blend until creamy. 1 to 2 minutes. Add sour cream, lemon zest and optional vanilla. Scrape bowl sides as needed. Do not overbeat the mixture. Pour into prepared springform pan.

Place pan into a roasting pan and add boiling water until it is about halfway up the sides of the springform pan. Bake for 45 to 55 minutes. When done, the cake will still “jiggle” in the center. Cool undisturbed on a cooling rack for 30 to 45 minutes.

Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight. Unmold cake and transfer to serving plate. Top with blueberry topping. Makes 10 servings.

Blueberry topping:
1 pint blueberries
2 tablespoons sugar
2 tablespoons vanilla extract, optional

In a medium saucepan, mix blueberries, lemon zest and sugar. Simmer over medium heat for 5 minutes, stirring. If a thicker sauce is desired, stir in 1 tablespoon cornstarch dissolved in 1 tablespoon water. Cook, stirring until thickened. Cool before spreading on cake with spatula.

This cake freezes well; wrap tightly in plastic wrap and cover in foil. Serve slightly frozen or well chilled to slice cleanly.

Recipe provided by Gianna Miles of Palm Beach Pastry. For information on Gianna Miles’ desserts or dessert parties, contact her at 561-315-6111, or by email at palmbeachpastry@comcast.net. Miles sells her pastries from a booth Saturdays through May at Lake Worth’s Oceanside Farmer’s Market.
Along the Coast

Lure of fiction called when real estate took a dive

By Steve Pike

You might say that A.C. Brooks has seen it all in his 20 years at the area’s watering holes, restaurants, fishing boats and boat docks. And what Brooks, a Luna Coast resident, hasn’t seen he’s made up in his first book, Foul Hooked.

Subtitled A Shagball and Tangles Adventure, the 631-page paperback tells the tale of a struggling TV fishing show host, Shagball, and his newfound friend, Tangles, as they help an elderly marina owner and her niece outwit a corrupt mayor, the incompetent son of a local restaurant mogul and a Jersey mobster.

Tangles, by the way, is a dwarf and a former Elvis impersonator whom Shagball “foul hooked” out of the ocean after Tangles threw himself over the side of a cruise ship. You’ll have to read the book to find out why Little E left the ship.

Brooks weaves Shagball and Tangles through a fast-paced story that features characters and locales familiar to almost anyone who has spent more than a few months eating and drinking between Lantana and Boynton Beach. For example, there’s the Water’s Edge marina set in between two waterside restaurant bars — the Habana Boat and Three Jacks in Boynton Beach — as well as the Ole House in Lantana.

Brooks, 49, based the Shagball character on his own time as a host of a locally produced TV fishing show called Real Adventures. "I was a co-host," Brooks said. "There were three of us. I did it for a year-and-half and then I quit."

And yes, Brooks briefly had a dwarf sidekick.

"In real life he was a chef, so the producers used him in the cooking segment of the show, helping our regular chef," Brooks said. "He did it for two or three episodes and then it just kind of blew up and went away."

Well, not entirely. Brooks took his original idea of having a first mate on the show and fleshed it out into the Tangles character. Some of the other characters in Foul Hooked, including Rudy the bartender, Hambone and Toodles, are based on Brooks’ friends and fishing buddies. But the story itself, Brooks emphasizes, is pure fiction.

"Hambone still charters out of the marina down there," said Brooks as he looked across the water from the upper level of the Old Key Lime House. "I got a call from Tooda the other day. He was out at a funeral and had someone there who wanted to ask me a question about the book. It was the daughter of the woman who owned the marina. I had no idea that it was owned by an old lady who sold it. I just made up that stuff."

With the Shagball and Tangles was a walk-on member of the Southern Methodist University golf team) and Tangles characters firmly implanted on his mind, Brooks took his motivation to write Foul Hooked from a newspaper story he read about British thriller author Lee Child. Child (whose real name is Jim Grant) had been fired from his job as a producer for Granada TV but wanted to stay in the media, so he pursued writing. His first novel, Killing Floor, was a commercial and critical success.

"I’ve read all his books," said Brooks. "I grew up on John D. MacDonald’s Travis McGee series (McGee lived on a 52-foot house boat in Fort Lauderdale) and have read a lot of early Carl Hiaasen.

With his Florida setting and fishing-themed backdrop, Foul Hooked reads somewhat like Hiaasen’s early books, particularly Double Whammy, which takes its title from the name of a fishing lure. Brooks book gets its title from the phrase ‘foul hooked,’ which basically means to hook a fish accidentally by some part of its body other than the mouth.

A commercial real estate broker by trade, Brooks found himself with a lot of time on his hands after the real estate crash, so, like Child, and at the urging of wife Penny, decided to pursue writing.

You might not really know where to begin when I started," Brooks said. "I had an idea of how I would start the book. I had no idea of the plot line or anything else, but I thought, ‘Let’s start it and take it from there.’"

Brooks began Foul Hooked on July 20, 2009. He remembers the date because it was the 40th anniversary of the first American moon landing. "I had a ball," Brooks said. "I wrote a couple chapters and my wife would read what I’d written and make a few tweaks. A couple times I got a little off track and she brought me back."

Brooks finished the manuscript in November 2009 and gave it to a few family and friends, each of whom encouraged him to find an agent to help publish it. Like most first-time writers, Brooks came away with rejection letters and dead ends. All the while he kept refining the manuscript and then found CreateSpace, a division of Amazon.com that helps authors self-publish their books.

The editors at Create Space laid out the book, formatted it and created the cover. He’s currently writing a sequel to Foul Hooked, which he again plans to self-publish, “unless something happens in the meantime. The goal is the get a real book deal.”

After he got his first shipment of Foul Hooked, Brooks took a copy to Old Key Lime House manager Kristine Sullivan.

“She loved it. She wouldn’t let the owner (Wayne Cordero) have her book, so they bought a copy on Amazon.”

The book sells for $16.99 on Amazon.com, but sells at the Old Key Lime House for $15. "I haven’t sold that many on Amazon. This is where I’ve sold the most of them," Brooks said.

Shagball would have it no other way.

Brooks will be signing his book from 6-9 p.m. on May 5 at Hand’s Stationers, 325 E. Atlantic Ave. in Delray Beach.
fun things to do (beyond the beach)

With Easter right around the corner and the grandkids en route, we’re always looking for entertaining activities beyond the beach. We are ardent seashore fans, but you can only hang out there so long without becoming restless and sunburned. Even if you’re not expecting visitors soon, there are some fun things you may want to do before you head north yourself. Here are 10 suggestions.

— Mary Thrurwacht

1. Surround yourself with butterflies 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. We love it when we discover a butterfly landing on our shoulders. Kiddos movements are many, so bring your camera. Besides 10,000-plus butterflies, Butterfly World has hummingbirds, a bug zoo, an 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.

2. See what’s new at the Palm Beach Zoo. We make a trip to the zoo an annual happening with our grandkids. This year, we’re especially anxious to see a pair of koalas whom zookeepers hope will mate. There’s so much to see and do at this 23-acre attraction. There are more than 1,400 animals including Malayan tigers, Jamaican fruit bats, river otters and monkeys; and a colorful carousel, an interactive water fountain, a kids-friendly restaurant with indoor and outdoor seating, and bird shows. An adult must accompany kids under 12 and pets need to stay at home.

3. Check out Lantana’s nature preserve. Looking for a short nature hike? Check out the Lantana Nature Preserve just west of the Carlisle retirement community and across the street from Plaza del Mar in Manalapan. The preserve is a re-creation of Florida’s coastal environment intended to serve as a living classroom for ecological education. Watch for details. A small hole in the ground may be the burrow of a land crab, while a smaller hole and adjacent pile of sand balls indicate a recent visit from the sand crabs. When you’ve made your way along the trails, walk across the street to the Ice Cream Club for a treat. Smoking, coolers, foods and pets are prohibited — but grandchildren are definitely welcome! Admission to the Preserve at 400 E. Ocean Ave., Lantana, is free.

4. Take a hike at Gumbo Limbo. This environmental complex with the a 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 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 with 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 go on one, you can see nesting females come ashore to lay their eggs. Admission is free, although there is a charge for turtle walks and donations are encouraged. Gumbo Limbo is at 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Call 338-1473. Online at www.gumbolimbo.org.

5. Take a sightseeing cruise on the Intracoastal Waterway. The 105-foot Lady Atlantic departs each day at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. from Veterans Park in Delray Beach. The two-hour narrated rides generally head south to Boca and back. Take a cruise past mansions, including homes owned by Jerry Seinfeld’s mom, Wayne Huntsziger’s daughter, and baseball Hall of Famer Carl Yastrzemski.

6. Surf off some energy at the batting cages. There are several places to do this, but we like Boomer’s, a 10-acre entertainment complex in Boca Raton. Grab a bat and whack away. Pitching machines can replicate speeds up to 70 miles per hour. You can get 20 pitches for $2.

7. Pick a bucket of strawberries. This good old-fashioned field trip has lots of benefits. Stroll around a strawberry patch, pick some, buy some, bring them home and eat them. At The Girls Strawberry U-pick, you don’t even have to bend or kneel if you don’t want to. The fruit is grown in hydroponic containers and the paths are easy to walk. Besides the strawberries, there are swans, fishponds, exotic birds, goats and a miniature donkey. Yee haw!

8. Find out what’s happening with our grandkids. This 23-acre attraction. There’s a party dance actually takes its moniker from its dominant tree. Sometimes called the tourist tree because the bark resembles 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 with 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 go on one, you can see nesting females come ashore to lay their eggs. Admission is free, although there is a charge for turtle walks and donations are encouraged. Gumbo Limbo is at 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Call 338-1473. Online at www.gumbolimbo.org.

9. Stroll through a Japanese garden. Spend some time strolling around the 16-acre Roji-en Japanese Gardens at the Morikami. Roji-en is really six gardens set along a mile long path that begins behind the museum. You walk through wooden doors and past gardens of bamboo, stone and water. This outing may suit you better than the kids, but a brisk walk may wear them out a bit, at least, and the museum itself is sure to interest everyone. Regular admission is $12 plus tax for adults, $7 for kids 6-18, $11 for seniors 65 and older.

10. Bike around Palm Beach. Oar, coxswain! 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 really nice place to ride bikes. Park your car near Publix (265 Sunset Ave.) and walk a block west to the Intracoastal. You can start pedaling the 5-mile trail there (or 8% if you add on two shorter trails). Expect to see Flagler’s first houses, the 1886 Golf Cottage, Whitchall (the Flagler Museum), gorgeous mansions and lush gardens. Don’t have bikes or inline skates? You can rent them at Palm Beach Bicycle Trail Shop, 233 Sunrise Ave. Palm Beach, Call 659-4853.
Summer Camps

**NOTICE:** All Summer Camps scheduled have been **postponed** check next month for more information. This list is **not** exhaustive. If your organization offers a camp we are not listed, please send your information to the information below.

CLOSE TO HOME

**Art-Sea Living Gallery & Studio:** 1628 E. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Ages 4-12. Ten-week summer art class session. 10:30 am-12:30 pm, M-Th, 6-7/12, 513-3041. Summer camp fee varies by student. Includes supplies. **Daycamps** 377-2607 Boynton Beach Boys & Girls Club: 45-60 Park Beach Pkwy, Delray Beach. Summer Camps: Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-3 pm. M-Th. 561-3380. Extended care available. 513-2940. **Delray Water Sports Surf Camp:** 6500 Gulf Stream Rd, Gulf Stream. School summer programs offer surfing for children Pre-K through 5th grade. 954-516-8266. **Hula Surf and Paddle Summer Camp:** Oceanfront Park, 6431 E. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. Hula Surf summer programs includes surfing for children Pre-K through 5th grade. 561-731-2825. **West Park Baptist Day Camp:** 6097 SW 18th Rd, Delray Beach. Ages 4-15. Junior Camp (ages 4-10) and Teen Camp (ages 10-14). Both camps daily schedule 9 am-3 pm. M-F. 6-7/29, 513-2500. Extended care available. 726-8458. **School Camps:**

- **Armidale School Summer Camp:** 1400 SW 4th St., Boynton Beach. Ages 4-12. Ocean Avenue. Princess Dance Camp (ages 4-10). 276-6388 ext. 23 or www.armidale.org. **Fairfield Florida Academy Summer Camp:** at the Deerfield Beach Playhouse, 510 SE 2nd St., Deerfield Beach. Boys and girls ages 4-12. 954-488-2001 or www.evertacademy.com. **Deerfield Beach Parks & Recreation Dept.** is holding a sandsculpting workshop 6/20-8/12. 6:30-9:00 pm, M-Th. 561-3383. Extended care available. 561-3380. **Peruvian Summer Camp:** 4004 W. Lake Ida Road, Delray Beach. Ages 5-15. Junior Camp (ages 4-7) and Teen Camp (ages 7-12). Daily schedule 8 am-3 pm. M-F, 6-7/10. 561-731-2672. **Teen Camp** (ages 13-15): 9 am-3 pm M-F, 6-7/29. Extended care available. **FAU TIPS Summer Arts Camps:** 777 Gables Road, Boca Raton. **FAU TIPS Summer Camps:** 777 Gables Road, Boca Raton. **FAU TOPS Summer Arts Camps:** 777 Gables Road, Boca Raton. **FAU TOPS Summer Camps:** 777 Gables Road, Boca Raton. **FAU TOPS Summer Camps:** 777 Gables Road, Boca Raton.

**School Camps:**

Summer Camps:

Palm Beach Atlantic University

Extended care available. 586-6410.

8/5. Performances: 8/3-5. $600/session.

Four-week camp. M-F. 9 am-3 pm. 7/11-

Sports & Recreation, 1100 S. Dixie Hwy.,
7/1; Summer Session 2:

M-F. 9 am-3 pm. Performances: 6/29-30 &
in a full-scale musical production. 6/6-7/1,
classes, cast rehearsals, and participation
Four-week camp includes performance
8-14. Summer Session 1:

713 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. Age
Camp:

Playhouse Summer Performance
Worth
Lake

Extended care registration fee. $15
and 3-day rates available
8/5. $135-$175/week. Daily

Nine
noon half-day. M-F.
9 am-4 pm full-day or 9 am-

drop off $25/week. Summer
6/13-8/5. $135/week. Early
Four one-week sessions
Age 3-5. 9 am-noon. M-F.

Arts Camp at Dreyfoos School of the

Arts:

501 S. Sapodilla Ave., West Palm
Beach. Age 6-11. Dance, music, theater,
communications and visual arts. 8 am-

ArtsCamp: Cohen Pavilions, Kraus Center,
9 am-4 pm, M-F /6-7/1. $550/9-week session. 651-4866.

Camp Exploration & Xtreme Summer:

JRF Medical Center (Quarter School), 4606
Dannis Road, Lake Worth. Age 6-13. Weekly
topics and adventures. Sports, field trips, crafts, cooking, swimming and more.
8 am-4 pm. M-F /6-6/17. 514-176/ week.
$45 registration fee. Extended care available 860-6104.

Flagler Museum Summer Camps:
One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. Grades 6-8.
4-6 pm. M-F. Crime Investigation During the Gilded Age. 6/13-17. Bring lunch &

snacks. $200-$225. Registration deadline
6/1. Extended care available. 655-2833.

FOTOcamp:

6/1. Extended care available. 655-2833.

Gold Coast Summer Gymnastics:

$550/3-week session. 651-4366.

ArtsCamp:

at noon-2 pm May 7. $65. 802-6029.

The Aristocats, Kids

HONK! Junior

Camp Explorations & Theatre Camps:

St. Viat, Coral Bay, 324 N. Oak Ave., West Palm
Beach. An introduction to musical theater.
Age 4-6 to 8th grade. 8:30 am-4 pm.
M-F. Four two-week sessions: 6/6-6/17, 6/20-7/2, 7/5-15, 7/22-27. $150/two week session.
50% registration. Extended care available.
$92-0448 or 602-0734.

The Salvation Army (West Palm
Beach): 600 N. Rosemary Ave., West Palm
Beach. Age 6-14. Sports, arts and crafts
and outdoor activities. 8:30 am-3 pm. M-F.
6/13-17, 6/27-7/1, 7/11-15, 8/1-5. $250-$275/week. $300-$325/2 weeks. 308-7954.

Progressive Arts & Theatre Camps:

HONK! Junior

Camp Explorations & Theatre Camps:

St. Viat, Coral Bay, 324 N. Oak Ave., West Palm
Beach. An introduction to musical theater.
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50% registration. Extended care available.
$92-0448 or 602-0734.
On its surface, “Texting God: Effective Short Prayers,” might sound like the latest high-tech way of connecting with the Creator. Instead, the March 7 workshop at the Spanish River Library in Boca Raton was a detailed primer for one and all on prayer, sprinkled with vignettes illustrating the healing power of such devotions, however brief.

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boca Raton, sponsored the hourlong program. The capacity audience of more than 150 on a Monday evening included several recognized healers from the congregation.

Guest speaker Elise Moore followed her prayerful intro with a short lesson on — what else? — how to text. She explained for the few novices in the room that, “Instead of talking, you type these teenie little keys and magically your phone delivers the message.”

Moore’s real message was well-received and much more substantive as she proceeded to examine prayer every which way. “If you really like long prayers, that’s OK,” she said. “But we’re going to talk about how to make your short prayers more effective.”

Prayers said aloud, vs. said silently? “When you’re praying out loud, for it really to be effective, keep it humble,” she said. “God knows what you need, and as long as you’re humble about it, out-loud prayers can be very effective.”

As for the silent prayers that she called “your private communion with God,” she said, “Remember that God is speaking to you, so remember to be still, and listen.”

Of some oft-used short prayers that can be effective, Moore cited three: “Help!” — The key to the “Help!” prayer, she said, “is to establish in one’s thoughts the conviction and confidence that God is good and there to help you,” per Genesis 1:27 and 31.

“Thanks.” — Moore said: “Don’t wait until the evidence is there. Don’t wait until the situation has changed. Give gratitude to God first. Jesus did that. Jesus thanked God — and fed 4,000 people.”

“No.” — The key here, she said, “is when you know that God is all-powerful, then what you’re doing is you’re saying ‘No’ to anything else.”

Moore also made frequent references to Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, the book by Mary Baker Eddy. Founded of the Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston in 1879, Eddy is noted for her groundbreaking ideas on spirituality and health.

Moore’s family came into Christian Science when her great-grandmother was healed of tuberculosis in Biloxi, Miss. Moore now lives in Nashville, Tenn., has been in Christian healing ministry for more than 25 years and has an international ministry (see elise@elisemoore.com).

Moore made excellent use of biblical verses, interspersed with cases of remarkable, prayerful healing, to underscore her program’s premise. Some favorite short prayers exchanged during an exercise with her audience included God is love; Trust God in everything; Fear not, pray only; Peace, be still; and “There is no spot where God is not.”

Concluding her talk as she began it, Moore encouraged everyone to know “that God is with them. God is loving them. God is caring for them. There is no one beyond God’s help. God is able to lift each one up.”

Frankly, this workshop wasn’t what this technophile and regular prayer was expecting. But I’m praying for more.


Elise Moore speaks to an audience member after one of her talks on texting God. Photo by C.B. Hanif
Don’t drive dogs into danger

My dogs, Chipper and Cleo, love to ride in the back of my Saturn SUV for long road trips and even for short errands. I created a “canine condo” in the back that includes a floor-to-ceiling metal gate to keep them from accessing the middle seats or, worse, trying to grab my steering wheel. I’ve equipped my vehicle with battery-operated fans, extra leashes and collars, a pet-first-aid kit, collapsible water bowls, a small bag of food and more canine amenities.

With them in the back, I am free from doggy distractions and able to focus on driving. Recently, we were in line waiting for the light to change from red to green. I looked into my rearview mirror and spotted a white Toyota Tundra 4-by-4 truck barreling our way. Bam! This giant white truck collided with the rear of my SUV, propelling it forward. Fortunately, there was enough of a gap that I did not hit the vehicles in front of me.

My first thought: my dogs. As I opened my door, I felt onto the pavement, picked myself up and hurried to the passenger side to open the door leading into the middle row of seats. “Chipper! Cleo! You OK?” I cried out.

As I opened the door, I saw my two dogs shaking violently, covering and lip licking. I then went to the back hatch that was miraculously able to open despite the more than $3,500 in damage done to the vehicle.

Chipper and Cleo know the “stay” command — which they heeded as I quickly put their leashes on and assessed them. They were clearly scared, but uninjured. Whew. The gate kept them from propelling forward in my car and, possibly, through the windshield.

I was not so lucky. A three-hour visit to urgent care later revealed I had whiplash, soft tissue damage to my neck and shoulders and a swollen left shin — not to mention a rattled state of mind.

As the driver of the truck and I began to exchange information at the scene, we spotted a police squad car. Naturally, the officer was a K-9 officer with his trained German shepherd, Ranger, in his squad car. Call it pet karma.

The driver readily took full responsibility for the collision. Chipper and Cleo were able to race back and forth in the middle seats with no harnesses or restraints.

I encourage you to get size-appropriate harnesses for pets who travel in the middle seats and to never allow your pet to ride in the front passenger seat due to driver distraction and airbag deployment injuries.

I learned a valuable lesson, too. Chipper and Cleo are now wearing harnesses with zip lines tethered to hooks in the back of my SUV so if an accident occurs and the back of my vehicle opens, they will not be able to panic, leap out and be struck by oncoming traffic.

I hope you check out the Bark Buckle Up campaign. Christina Selter, known as the “Pet Safety Lady,” is waging a war against distracted driving.

Arden Moore, founder of Four Legged Life.com, is an animal behavior consultant, editor, author and professional speaker. She happily shares her home with two dogs, Chipper and Cleo, two cats and one overworked vacuum cleaner. Tune in to her Oh Behave show on Pet Life Radio.com and learn more by visiting www.fourleggedlife.com.

Pet owners should have a dedicated space in their vehicle for their pets and are cuddled up next to me. Let’s be safe on the roads — for the sake of ourselves, others and our pets.

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Municipal Meetings


4/5 - Delray Beach - First & Third Tuesdays at Delray Beach City Hall, 101 N.W. 6th Ave. 7 pm. Agenda available at: www.mydelraybeach.com.

4/9 - Boynton Beach - Second Friday at the Gulf Stream Town Hall, 100 Sea Road. 9 am. Agenda available in clerk’s office.


4/28 - South Palm Beach - Fourth Thursday at the South Palm Beach Town Hall Council Chambers, 3375 S. Ocean Blvd. 7 pm. Agenda available at: www.southpalmbeach.com.

Centennial and the 70th Anniversary of the Palm Beach Round Table at The Beach Club, 55 S. County Road, Palm Beach. 7 pm. RSVP: 832-6418.

Florida Wind Symphony Chamber Players Concert: The Grand Partita at the Norman Park Cultural Arts Center, 201 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. Presented by FWS’s Department of Music. 7:30 pm. Free. 219-3810 or www.fws.org.

• • Jazz Jubilee is held at the Arts Garage, 180 NE First St., Delray Beach. Month- long series kicked off with opening ceremony hosted by Bid of VURG, a Jazz Fan!!! and collection of jazz memorabilia and live performances by South Florida musicians including the Melton Mustafa Quartet. 8 pm. Entertainment, food and wine. $20 suggested donation. Proceeds benefit future jazz programming by the Creative City Collaborative and Jazzusalem. 243-7129.

4/3 Sunday Breakfast is held each Sunday at VFW Post 535, 1500 N 22nd St., Boynton Beach. 8-11 am. $2.50-$5. All welcome. 792-1902.

4/3 Yoga with Live Music is held every Sunday at the Gables Club at 525 S. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. 9:30-11 am. 702-7123 or www.vegapha.com.

4/4 - 8th Annual Children’s & Parents Day: Going Green for Spring is held at Museum of Life & Lexus History, 801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Proceeds benefit Gumbo Limbo Nature Center’s Sea Turtle Re-habiliation Center. 100% goes to Gumbo and Spanish River Park. $25 pre-register, $30/day, $50/mile, $150 tuition under 10. 108.715, 1:5 mile Turtle Trot. 7:30 am. Registration in store at the Runners Edge, 3195 N. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. 4/7 & 25. Registration: 391-9110.

4/4 - 2nd Annual Green Turtle 10K Run at Spanish River Park, 2001 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Proceeds benefit Gumbo Limbo Nature Center’s Sea Turtle Rehabilitation Center. 10/24/16, 10:00 am. Registration: 391-9110.

2 pm. Free members, $4/ages 3 and up. 976-2000.

10:30-11:30 am. Free members, $4. 266-3950.

9:30 am. Registration: 742-6650.

Two shows: 2 pm & 4 pm. $3/members, $5/children under 12. 976-2000.

10:30 am-2 pm. $40/couvert and $10/canape. 11:15 am. Free. 659-3884.

3:15-5:30 pm. $30-$50. 266-9490.

4/4 - Stand up for Kids Comedy Show is held at the Schoolhouse Children’s Museum & Learning Center, 1291 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Michael Lucknow performs a high-energy show for kids ages 4-9 featuring laughs and teaching self-esteem and anti-bullying. Two shows: 2 pm & 4 pm, $5/ages 3, $5/members, $5/non-members. 472-6706.

• • Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra performs as part of the “Nissus in The Park” series at Mizner Park Amphitheatre, 95 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 4 pm. Free. 219-7027.

Monday – 4/4 - Colorful Creations for children ages 3-12 is held at the Boynton Beach Arts Center, 105 SE 2nd Ave. 9-9 am through 5-11, 7:30/155; 9/6-115. $10/5. 702-1902.

4/4 - The Rumi of Boulder Golden by Marjorie Gitteloff Wolfe is presented as part of the Author’s Series at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 1:30-3:30 pm. Free. 246-9490.

4/7 – Easter Musical Matinee Series featuring The Rob Prester Trio at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. 246-9490.

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3 pm. Free. 266-9490.

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4/2 - Inspirit 10th Anniversary Celebration is held at Cafe Centre, 3409 N. Lake Drive, West Palm Beach. Join celebrity encoder Frank Cerabona and enjoy an afternoon of stories, wine, beer, live music and awards ceremony. Interactive immersion is to bring the power of live music and the performing arts to those isolated members of our community who are living in hospitals, shelters, nursing homes, detention centers and other shut-ins in locations 4-6 pm. 502-670-4527.

• • Overtones: Diptychs and Proportions by Ralph Gibson exhibition opens at Palm Beach State College’s Preus Gallery. 415 Clematis St., West Palm Beach. Runs through 5/7. Opening reception held 6-8 pm. 305-292-4700.

4/2 – A Salute to America Gala Dinner Dance is held in honor of the Palm Beach - Greek Cultural Center. Gypsy rides 25, 50 or 100 miles around the shores of Lake Okeechobee. 100 km rides start at 6 am., 25 km, 50 km and 100 km rides start at 8 am. Lunch provided at the ferry boat launch. 9:30-11:30 am. 976-2000.

3 pm. Open to the public. 727-263-6324.

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4/4 - What happens when We Die (Adventures in the Afterlife) is presented by author IraEli Goldsmith Smith at the Boynton Beach City Library, 205 SE 2nd Ave., Boynton Beach. 1:30-3:30 pm. Free. 219-3884.

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at Boynton Beach Boat Park, 2010 N. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. Recommended for adults and teens.

4/6 - Eco-Watch: An Introduction to Creatures

4/6 - Bird of South Florida
is presented by Roberto L. Von Sohsten, M.D., Cardiologist, as part of the Community Foundation for Palm Beach, Martin and Stuart Counties, 700 S. Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach. Free. Held again 4/16 & 5/20. 2-3 pm. Free. 737-6415.

4/6 - French Film Festival
4/13, 20 & 27 . 5:30-7 pm. Free. 742-6390.

4/6 - 1st Annual Achievement Center VIP Wine & Gourmet Dinner
is held at The Seagate Hotel & Spa, 1001 Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach. Four course dinner paired with wine. Wine reception 6:30; dinner 7 pm. $752 of each ticket donated to the Achievement Center. RSVP at The Seagate Hotel: 665-4620. 5250. 266-3603.

4/6 - Adult Oil & Acrylic Painting
is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 S. Seacrest Blvd. Adults enhance their creativity and reduce stress. Wednesdays from 6:30-9 pm through 5/15. $560/residents, $750/non-residents. Registration: 742-6600.

4/6 - Birds of South Florida
is presented by nature photographer Claudine Lio, at the Community Foundation for Palm Beach, Martin and Stuart Counties, 700 S. Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach.

4/6 - Eco-Watch: An Introduction to Jellyfish and Other Stinging Ocean Creatures
is presented at Suntree Lagoon Nature Center, 1001 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Recommended for adults and teens. 3-8:30 pm. $5 suggested donation. Reservations: 561-3891.

4/6 - Going Green Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
for new outdoor athletic field is held at Pompey Park, 1190 NW 2nd St, Boynton Beach. 7.5 pm. Free: 243-3727.

4/6-10 - 23rd Annual Florida Open International Wheelchair Tennis Championships
at Patch Reef Tennis Center, Palm Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. The world’s largest wheelchair tournament. Free. 367-7000.

4/7 - Dance to Your Own Beat
is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Ages 1-5 engage in exercises and music. Thursdays 9:30-10:15. $28/residents, $35/non-residents. Registration: 742-6600.

4/7 - Lunch with Liz @ the Library
- Four-week class at The Delray Beach Public Library, 508 S. Seacrest Blvd. Learn about the nature center admission. 274-7263.

4/7 - 70th Anniversary Celebration of Open the Door, Richard (1945)
- Weekly discussion and Stella Kolb.

4/7 - Dance to Your Own Beat
is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Learn about the dos and don’ts, the top ten mistakes, how to write the perfect profile, and when and how to say no - and yes. 1-2 pm. Free: 243-6609.

4/7 - Eco-Film - Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day (2008 - PG13)

4/7 - New Approaches to the Treatment of Atrial Fibrillation
is presented by Robert S. Van Soefsten, M.D., Cardiologist, as part of the Community Lecture Series at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 1925 S. Seaboard Blvd., Boca Raton. 4:30 pm. Free: 731-2277.

4/7-10 - 23rd Annual Florida Open International Wheelchair Tennis Championships
at Patch Reef Tennis Center, Palm Reef Park, 2000 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. The world’s largest wheelchair tournament. Free. 367-7000.

4/7 - Young Explorers for ages 24-36 months is held at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 125 S. Seacrest Blvd. Free: 742-6390.

4/7 - Dance to Your Own Beat
is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Ages 1-5 engage in exercises and dance movements using scarves, musical instruments and a parachute. 10-11 am. Free: 731-2277.

The Ocean Ridge Garden Club Rummage Sale held March 12 at Town Hall brought in $1,227 profit for the club. Taking a late-in-the-day break are Garden Club members (l-r) Kim Hansion, Dottie Morrison, Ann Cody, Lynn Allison, Zoanne Hennigan, Julie Walker, Stephanie Kahlert and Stella Kulo. Photo by Mary Kate Leming

at Boynton Beach Boat Park, 2010 N. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. 8 pm. 4/5-6. $29-69. 832-7677.

Arts Auditorium (FAU), 777 Glades Road, West Palm Beach. 8 pm. $29-89. Held again 4/20 & 5/4. 2-3 pm. Free: 737-6415.

The Music of Billy Joel and More
is presented as part of the Sonnacasa Thinking Film Series at FAU’s Performing Arts Building, room 101, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. Free: 297-3370 or www.fau.edu.

Eidelson speaks on non-surgical, less invasive technologies in the treatment of invasive cancers in the eye. Held at Bethesda Heart Institute, 2815 S. Ocean Blvd., West Palm Beach. 7 pm. 510. 833-7669.

- New Approaches to the Treatment of Atrial Fibrillation
is presented by Robert S. Van Soefsten, M.D., Cardiologist, as part of the Community Lecture Series at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 1925 S. Seaboard Blvd., Boca Raton. 4:30 pm. Free: 731-2277.

- Eco-Watch: An Introduction to Jellyfish and Other Stinging Ocean Creatures
is presented at Suntree Lagoon Nature Center, 1001 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Recommended for adults and teens. 3-8:30 pm. $5 suggested donation. Reservations: 561-3891.

- Going Green Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
for new outdoor athletic field is held at Pompey Park, 1190 NW 2nd St, Boynton Beach. 7.5 pm. Free: 243-3727.

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4/7 - 7th Annual Men’s Night Out
Lecture Hall, 777 Glades Road. Vanderberg Lecture Series at FAU’s Office Depot Grand presented as part of the Executive Forum Spirituality series. 7 pm. Free. 395-8285.

4/7 - Surgical Weight Reduction
End Road. Henderson is Senior Counsel, Clay Henderson as part of the Manalapan provides exclusive meet and greet with $000 gift to Jewish Federation Campaign.

4/7 - A Sense of Place
is presented by Jane Orthwein (DBHS president); Tina Smith, Barbara Whittaker, Cocktails at The Colony Cabana Club

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100 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. Registration start: 9 am; Walk start: 10 am. Benefit the Alzheimer’s Research Foundation Greater Palm Beach County Chapter. 468-7011.

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11 am-4 pm. Artistic activities for residents. 742-6550.

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100 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. See fossils from sharks, rays, and locally grown fresh fruit and vegetable refreshments. 9-11 am. Free. 243-7138.

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Tuesday - 4/12 - Understanding Spondylo/Pre-Diabetes & Diabetes Through Better Nutrition is presented by Dr. Mark Stone as part of the Healthy Living Series at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or www.dealibrary.org

Wednesday - 4/13 - Jack Wild performs in the Coronet in the Park Series at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 200 N. Federal Hwy. at 10 am. $20. 791-2890 Ext. 1.

Thursday - 4/14 - Friends of the Playhouse presents the 24th Annual Fine Wine and Canines is held at the Royal Palm Place Monuments Piazza, 521 Atlantic Ave. 5 pm. 233-7277 or www.mydelraybeach.com.

Friday - 4/15 - Rick Gonzalez on Joseph Urban is presented as part of the Evening Book Group at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 6 pm. Free. 266-9490 or www.dealibrary.org

Saturday - 4/16 - Tots ‘n Tales Storytime is held at the Royal Palm Place, 521 Atlantic Ave. 10-10:45 am. Held again 4/22 & 28. 742-6390. Please call ahead to confirm attendance.

Sunday - 4/17 - Childbirth Education is held at the Royal Palm Place, 521 Atlantic Ave. 5-7 pm. Free. 266-9490.

APRIL 11

Monday - 4/11 - Generation to Generation: Jewelry Methods is presented as part of the Culture & Social History Series at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 5:30-7 pm. Free. 266-9490.

Tuesday - 4/12 - Knit ‘N Purl - Twice monthly class at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Held again 4/28. 3:30-7 pm. Free. 266-9490.

Wednesday - 4/13 - The Good Earth is presented as part of the Concert in the Park Series at the Veterans Park Gazebo, 802 NE 1st St., Delray Beach. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and parasols. 3-5 pm. Free. 243-7277 or www.mydelraybeach.com.

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Friday - 4/15 - Open House at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 5:30-7 pm. Free. 266-9490.

Saturday - 4/16 - The Rogue Aviator is presented by author Allen Morris at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Ages 3-6 (plus adults). 10:30 am. Free. 742-6390.

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Easter Sunrise Services

Our Savior Lutheran Easter Sunrise Service is held at 6:30 am at St. George's Church, 635 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. April 17 is invited to bring Easter Baskets and hunt for over 10,000 Easter Eggs filled with candy and special prizes. Includes a visit with the Easter Bunny. 8 am. Free. 241-7432 or www.our救orl unbay.org.

Easter Egg Hunt at the Henry Flagler Museum, One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. Children bring your own baskets and participate in art activities, special games and egg rolling. Egg rolling supplies are provided at the Beach Pavilion. Bring your own baskets with the Easter Bunny. Gates open 8 am. Egg hunt begins promptly at 10 am. $1/Adults; $5/Children.

Delray Beach Green Market Easter Bonnet Pet Parade begins registration on the Old School Square front lawn at 9 am. Parade at 10 am to Green Market for judging and prizes. $2/per registered dog, proceeds benefit Animal Rescue Force. 276-7351.

4/23 - 1st Annual Cow Pies for Education at Old School Square, 51 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. A field is marked and broken into 2’ x 2’ squares. Participants purchase a “plot” for $10. At 5 pm, the cow is led to his starting spot and permitted to roam. The first plot of land that the cow puts on is the $5,000 winner. Featuring live music, games, face painting. Presented by the Delray Beach Education Foundation and the Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce. 3-7 pm. $10 plot; free for spectators. 278-0424.

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

St. Jude Easter Sunrise Service is held at South Boca Inlet, 1298 S. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Your father Michael celebrates an Easter Sunrise Mass on the beach. People of all faiths and parishes gather for this event. 6:30 am. 392-8172 or 395-1244.

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Each month, The Coastal Star features a home for sale in our community. The House of the Month is presented as a service to our advertisers, yet provides readers with a peek inside one of our very special homes.

The pool and spa provide a tropical retreat from the cares of the day at this Ocean Ridge home, which also has a guest house.

Ocean Ridge home is all about the views

Sea vistas abound in this Ocean Ridge home.
The home, which has a 4,349 square feet of living space, offers an open flow to the living room and into the sun-filled dining room, creating an artfully designed space.

An epicurean kitchen with furniture-grade cabinetry and butler’s pantry extend to a family room that has a Maccassar ebony-finished wet bar and fireplace.
The home has four spacious bedroom suites. The master suite provides panoramic ocean views and opens to an adjacent sitting room complete with ancient handcrafted Indonesian doors and cypress built-in bookcases. Sumptuous his/hers baths finished in mother of pearl with recycled glass countertops and custom fitted dressing rooms.

Finished by the design firm of Kemble Interiors, details include hand-hewn walnut floors, exotic woods and custom cabinetry. Additionally, there is a temperature-controlled walk-in wine cellar, resort-styled courtyard pool and terraces that present the quintessential environment for entertaining.

The property also includes a separate guest house with bamboo floors, kitchenette and living room are set above a private detached three-car garage complete with workshop. There also is a state-of-the-art security system.

Rare plantings and lush landscaping surround the property to create a tropical haven.

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Who could ask for a better view from their paved patio overlooking the Atlantic Ocean?

ABOVE, LEFT: The kitchen has furniture-grade cabinetry and a butler’s pantry. The space opens on to the dining room and its ocean views beyond.

ABOVE, RIGHT: The master bedroom’s sweeping ocean views offer a serene space for rest and reinvigoration.

LEFT: Direct ocean views are sure to whet appetites in the dining room of this Ocean Ridge house.
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