Along the Coast

Intracoastal manatee warning signs months away

By Nirvi Shah

New signs that warn boaters of speed limits and note the possible presence of manatees in the Intracoastal Waterway could be months away from being installed.

The Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission has plans for several new signs throughout Palm Beach County’s portion of the waterway — including some in areas not currently marked — based on a 2006 study of Intracoastal boat traffic. But FWC waterway unit planner Shaun Davis said a variety of problems are keeping the signs from being erected.

“We’re trying as hard as we can to get it going,” Davis said. The $100,000 project needs permits from the Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Coast Guard to proceed, and then the signs must be ordered.

The delay worries Ronnie Svenstrup of Highland Beach. As it is, she said, many boaters ignore the existing signs and go far too fast. Their speed creates wakes that endanger people in the water and deteriorates mangroves — the pods of which provide one of manatees’ favorite foods — and causes property damage.

“We need more patrol in this area, more enforcement of the laws that they have,” said Svenstrup, whose condo overlooks the waterway.

Svenstrup, who is chairman of the Highland Beach Beaches and Shores Advisory Committee, is a boater herself. Her concerns, she said, have nothing to do with curtailting boaters from using the Lake Worth Lagoon. “I don’t want to stop anybody from having fun,” she said.

She’d like to see a restriction on wave height in addition to the speed limits and for others on the water to report speeding boaters. “If we had more people...”

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The State of the Arts

Cultural organizations voice cautious optimism about prospects

By Hap Erstein

Upbeat, but not without concern.

That is the way professional arts institutions describe their view of the season ahead, which they certainly hope will be the last for a while that is riddled with economic challenges.

“The verbal reports that I’m getting from our arts organizations are very optimistic, both with subscription sales and attendance at our museums,” says Rena Blades, president and chief executive officer of the Palm Beach County Cultural Council, the prime support agency for the area’s arts nonprofits. “It’s optimism with some caution over what the economy has thrown at us, mostly in terms of private donations.”

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South County’s life-savers

Meet two of the county’s 215 lifeguards, whose job is to prevent tragedy on the beach.

By Mary Jane Fine

Patrick McGlamery wasn’t nicknamed Squid for nothing. A water-baby who learned to swim at three months, he surprised no one when he dived into life guarding just out of high school. He joined Boca Raton’s Ocean Rescue Department two decades ago and rose to lieutenant after a dozen years.

Midday on July 18, waves ramped up a rip current that pulled Nicholas Donev under, in front of Lifeguard Tower 17, a usually quiet stretch of beach just south of Spanish River Park. Squid McGlamery, just returned from lunch, was manning that tower.

One of the 215 men and women who guard Palm Beach County’s 47 miles of shoreline — and the lives of those who enjoy them — McGlamery knows the stereotype of his profession: sun-bronzed hunks who collect a paycheck for eight fun-in-the-sun hours of sunbather admiration. He’s quick to define his job with the tongue-in-cheek one-liner: “a job that’s boring, punctuated by incredible bursts of activity.”

His more serious assessment: “Every day is different, unlike a desk job. The tides are always different. The wind is always different. It’s almost a matter of finding your Zen, just relaxing and enjoying what’s around you.”

On this day, what was different was Donev, a football player at Olympic Heights High School, out celebrating his 16th birthday with friends. A yellow caution flag was flying, but the moderate risk it signaled couldn’t predict the sudden waves that caught Donev and his buddy, Michael Maldonado, just on the far side of the sandbar, intensifying the until-then modest rip current.

McGlamery had kept his eye on the teens. When he spotted one “apparently going after” the other, he radioed a rescue, then launched himself into action. Within seconds, he was shoving a floating device to Maldonado. But Donev had vanished.

Statistics on drowning deaths vary, depending on the source, but according to B.J. Fisher, director of Health and Safety for the Virginia-based American Lifeguard...
Beach County has it all.

Arts Paper

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s Season Preview

— Scott Simmons,

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Betty Grinnan volunteers with the Friends of the Boca Raton Library and the Florence Fuller Child Development Center. Photo by Scott Simmons

An advocate for reading, library

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Editorial

Looking ahead to our cultural future

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Board, Grinnan helped prod

the City Council into agreeing

to build a larger library a few

blocks north of the current

location on Boca Raton

Boulevard.

The City Council agreed

on Sept. 13 to go forward with

the 35,000- to 40,000-square-

foot project, after more than a
dozens citizens spoke in favor of

the $9.8 million project, to be

built at Fourth Street and

Boca Raton Boulevard.

It is a move that would

allow the existing library

to remain open during

construction.

Grinnan was there, with

a large chart, and asked, “Why

are we here?”

She drew applause from

the audience for her presentation,

and Mayor Susan Wheelchel

jokingly admonished the
crowd by saying, “Do not

give that woman any more

encouragement,” and later

said, “Betty knows I’m teasing

her because we’ve known each

other for about 40 years.”

But Grinnan is modest,

and insists that she is just

one of about 120 people who

volunteer with the Friends of

the Library.

The Friends’ store

on the library’s second floor

is packed with books, CDs

and DVDs. Annual sales are

upward of $40,000, said Janet

Klingler, president of the

Friends.

The group receives upward

of $70,000 in requests each

year from the library staff,

and money it raises through

book sales helps provide

lectures and music programs.

“They really are incredible,”

Grinnan says of the Friends,

who she says also donate more

than 1,500 books monthly

cannot be sold in the

book shop to area nursing

homes, hospitals and senior

centers.

Grinnan comes by her

library activities naturally.

She and her husband,

Tucker, who live in coastal

Boca Raton, moved to the

area in 1977, with their four

children. Tucker Grinnan,

a business consultant, had

accepted a job in Lauderdale-

by-the-Sea.

Grinnan had a graduate
degree in English, and had

planned to teach, but one of

her children’s schools

offered her the job of school

librarian. She accepted the

job and worked for 24 years

as librarian for the North

Broward School, now called

North Broward Preparatory

School. She later got a degree

in library/information science

from the University of South

Florida.

“My main goal in that

job was to get kids to love


am passionate about that,

especially in today’s digital

world.”

And she still is passionate

about getting kids to read.

After her retirement,

Grinnan became a volunteer

librarian for the Florence Fuller

Child Development Center.

“It is a wonderful

venue for me to help

children love books, and to

encourage parents and teachers to read to them,”

she says of the Florence Fuller

center, where she reads to the

children.

Grinnan’s love of books

extends to her 10 grandchildren

and two granddaughters

— three live in Hong Kong

— who come to visit their

grandparents in Boca Raton.

The children tend to enjoy

reading such fantasy material

as the Harry Potter series and

books by C.S. Lewis.

As for Grinnan, she reads

The New York Times

and biographies of people both

temporary and contemporary,

but concedes that she loves

Jane Austen: “I am one of those

Pride and Prejudice

nuts.”

Well, one of those Pride

and Prejudice nuts who sees

the library as a gathering

place for the community.

“Every time I go in the

library I see people working

at the computer, possibly

researching jobs. I see

mothers and kids with bags

of books. I see retirees sitting

in chairs reading. I see young

people using the computers

for research,” she wrote in an

e-mail. “We have to keep the

library open. The library is

an essential service.”

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By Scott Simmons

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Boca votes to build library north of current location

By Margie Plunkett

The direction Boca Raton council gave its city manager on where to locate the new library: Two blocks north from the current building at the former Causeway Lumber site.

The council favored the new site 3-1, and made its wishes known after a Sept. 13 public hearing and years after voters approved a new library. A one-story Library Commons facility won after the public and commissioners contemplated one- and two-story buildings as well as if the Florida East Coast railway would use the old library as a train station in the event the new passenger rail plan ultimately succeeds.

The selection was made over several options offered up by PGAL Architects, including renovating the old library in stages so that it could remain open throughout construction. The library is at 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd.

Seven years ago, according to Betty Grinnan, chairman of the Committee to Support a New Downtown Library, residents voted to build a new 52,500-square-foot library.

“There is no question the Causeway property — Library Commons — is supported by the library community,” Grinnan said.

The largest facility option offered by the architect was 12,000-square-feet smaller than the size voters gave thumbs up to, said Bob Keltie, chairman of Boca Raton’s Library Advisory Board. He favored the Library Commons plan for several reasons, including that the one-story building under consideration would mean lower operating costs and 14 percent less construction time and would make management of library events easier.

Dissenting council member Anthony Majhess questioned a campaign of unsigned emails from Library Commons supporters, calling it “dishonest” and wondering “if the lobbyists are registered with the city as required.”

His concerns about the new location included whether Boca Raton would end up financially supporting the old library as an unused “mothball” building.

“If it’s not fit for library patrons, I would imagine it would not be fit for others,” Majhess said.

The corner property with a two-story building would be more attractive, he said, noting concern that the parking lot, which could be shared with the possible train station, would be more of a hazard for children and others visiting the library.

Construction on a new library could begin in July 2011 on the Causeway site and take about a year and a half, with completion between August 2012 and March 2013, according to PGAL Architects’ anticipated schedule.
The Arts

Classic film, theater options expanding in Boca Raton

By Hap Erstein

Despite economic challenges, there are two new venues on Boca Raton's arts scene. A completely new art film complex is opening at the end of the month at Florida Atlantic University, and Lynn University’s new theater continues to expand its programming in its first full season.

At a ticket price expected to be $9, $6 for seniors and students, "this is really a premium experience at a bargain price," he adds. The ever-buoyant Jan McArt, director of theater program development at Lynn University, concedes that "all arts organizations are feeling a strain and stress."

Still, she is in the early stages of booking the new 750-seat, $14.3 million Wold Performing Arts Center, open on campus since March, and is busy "keeping prices very, very reasonable and improving the quality and the popularity of my attractions."

She may be in academia, but she has the instincts of a commercial producer. "I think nonprofit, but I know that the bottom line has to be met."

Run without public grants, the facility relies completely on ticket sales for one- and two-night concert events and on private donors.

"I've been very fortunate in getting some very loyal sponsors who have been with me since the very first show that I did here," says McArt, the former dinner theater producer turned academic. "There is definitely an atmosphere of the arts out there that is at least holding its own."

Dr. Craig Bolge, executive director of the Boca Raton Museum of Art at Mizner Park, is closed for $400,000 in renovations, but is expected to reopen Oct. 12. "I think that the arts really represent the great advancements of mankind. And at a time like this, a certain amount of pride in what you've accomplished kind of offsets the weighty-down feeling you get with the economy."

Now, says Bolge, "You would think it might be difficult for us in a monetary way, but people are flocking more and more to museums."

When the museum opens its doors, it will feature a lineup of blockbuster exhibitions ranging from Pablo Picasso to California Impressionism to Costumes from the Cinema. How can it afford such shows in this economy?

"Guys like me, we call in a lot of favors," Bolge explains. "This year we can get those spectacular shows, but not at the kind of cost of a retail version."

"The floor carpet I have to replace, the better I feel," says Bolge. [Also being updated is the museum's security system, which became antiquated over time.]

Not compromising

Arts organizations may be watching their pennies, but they are not compromising on the quality of work they are presenting. "I haven't seen our organizations sort of dumb down at all," reports Blades. "I'm certainly not seeing it from our theaters."

"You can't, you just can't" cut corners on quality, insists Clive Cholerton, who has completed his first full year as artistic director of Boca's Caldwell Theatre Company. "Every dollar you save doing that results in two dollars less in revenue. People see it, they smell it. It's the path to destruction."

Like most organizations that depends on subscriptions or memberships, the Caldwell has seen a drop in those numbers. "I think that's the area that gets hit the most, and it is not just the economy," notes Cholerton. "People are less willing to commit to all four shows. They will still come out, but they're going to be more selective."

Adding to the challenges that arts institutions face today are the difficulties of fundraising, particularly from the public sector.

"The grants, of course, are disastrous," says Bolge candidly. "The state and the county constantly cut the granting monies back."

He mentions that seven years ago, Florida awarded $30 million to its resident arts groups. This year, that figure will be $7,000, putting the state 49th in support of the arts.

No wonder the performing arts groups and museums are looking elsewhere for so-called "unearned income."

The Caldwell has had some breakthroughs in that regard through the bolstering of its board of trustees. Now people from the business world are approaching me, because they're looking for opportunities to meet other people and develop business for themselves," says Cholerton.

"So now we have the ability to go to their businesses and say, 'Hey, can you do a sponsorship of a production?' "

Library bequest

The already busy arts program at the Highland Beach Library had received a major boost, a bequest from patron Sanford H. Goldstein, who left the facility $100,000 upon his death in July 2009.

Library director Mari Suarez put the money into renovations of its multiuse community room, now renamed for Goldstein.

"We put in a new wooden floor, a new state-of-the-art sound and light system," says Suarez with pride. "It is now a first-class state-of-the-art facility. I don't think any library has this."

Harder is figuring out is a way to increase the number of concerts and art exhibits in the room. "My goodness, that room is occupied almost every single day of the week, but you can always increase by juggling the times," she adds.

Ask Joe Gillie, longtime executive director of Delray Beach’s Crest Theatre, about his outlook for the season and he responds quickly with one word, “Excellent.” He adds, "We are just trying to hang on and provide the services that we're known for, plus an increase in the arts complex's educational component, like its new expanded photography classes. "People in this community are being more cautious with their dollars, but the arts are important to them."

Even the Caldwell Theatre Company, which struggled this summer with two new plays that were sparsely attended, is increasing its programming and reaching out to new audiences.

“We created Club Caldwell, a cabaret in our beautiful lobby, and starting it off with (local songstress) Avery Sommers for a night," says Cholerton. “The hope is to attract the people who are not necessarily traditional theatergoers that we can convert into that. If you are more creative with the way you do things, you can get by in times like these."

Perhaps Cholerton sums the situation up best.

“When you get into tough times, if you look at it from a different way, you can see a way around it. Sometimes it doesn’t feel like it when you’re in the middle of it, but there is light at the end of the tunnel."
They came. They relaxed. And then they headed out to sea from the same beach their ancestors have used for thousands of years. The Gumbo Limbo Nature Center helped more than 50 baby loggerhead and leatherback sea turtles on their journey to the ocean during a recent hatchling release.

The release, which took place at Red Reef Park, was a successful one, by all counts, with all but nine of the baby turtles — who were 3 days old or less — making their way into the surf to swim off to the floating grass beds of the Sargasso Sea, southwest of Bermuda, where they will feed and grow — or make a tasty snack for sea predators. Because of the extreme heat, the hatchlings have been slower moving this season, said marine preservationist Kirt Rusenko. Of the nine who didn’t make it that night, one died. The others were returned to the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center’s Sept. 10 hatchling release.

— Scott Simmons

Photos by Jaime Kujala

A loggerhead hatchling, less than 3 days old, weighs somewhere between an ounce and an ounce and a half. It can grow to more than 250 pounds.

One of more than 50 baby sea turtles makes its way into the surf at Red Reef Park. From there, it will attempt to swim to the Sargasso Sea grass beds, where it will feed and grow.
Highland Beach

Town to vote on whether to replace aging fire truck

By Steve Plunkett

It’s in the shop a lot, and repair bills are mounting. It’s not easy to drive in tight places. And every time it gets called out, it takes a while to unplug that apparatus and restore it to its position in a compartment that is really quite packed,” James said. “It’s not designed to carry all the equipment.”

The chief recommends that Highland Beach buy a lighter-weight, more maneuverable Pierce Manufacturing aerial truck with a 75-foot ladder. If the town borrowed money from its reserves, then paid it back, the owner of a $500,000 home might pay $32.71 for seven years or $77.27 for three years, Town Manager Dale Suppiger said. Exact financing would be determined next year while the new truck is being built.

The town has about 60 high-rise buildings. Mayor Jim Newill wondered how many stories up the shorter ladder would reach. “I have a personal reason for asking that. I live on the ninth floor,” he said. Firefighters said the smaller truck would get closer to buildings, offsetting its shorter reach.

Assistant Chief Russ Accardi said the truck is used not only for fighting fires and providing emergency medical services, but also for special operations. He recalled a rescue the truck assisted in at the Toscana condos when a thunderstorm trapped two workers on scaffolding.

“This storm came out of the south I believe, very rapidly, very high winds,” Accardi said. “Suddenly before they can get down or secure their scaffolding, the scaffolding ropes and cables got wrapped around some palm trees and it moved the scaffolding out of position and they were not able to lower to the ground.”

Firefighters climbed the truck’s ladder and untangled the scaffolding. Under the contract, Highland Beach owns the fire station just north of Town Hall, the ladder truck, a rescue truck and related equipment. Delray Beach supplies five personnel for each 24-hour shift, with three shifts rotating every third day.

The proposal to replace the aerial truck had an instant fan on the Town Commission: Vice Mayor Miriam Zwick, who lives in a 16th-floor condo. A recent fall in her apartment left her helpless to move. “Every bone in one side of the neck was broken and the spinal cord was being pinched,” she said.

Zwick praised the emergency medical technicians, firefighters and police who responded to Delray Trauma Center.

“I take this very personally,” she said. “And without looking into it deeper, according to the finances et cetera, I would stand up and say, ‘All right, let’s do it please!’”

Police to use volunteers in office

HIGHLAND BEACH — Town commissioners decided using a free volunteer instead of a paid administrative assistant was OK in the Police Department but not in the Town Hall lobby.

Chief Craig Hartmann assured them other towns use volunteers as a receptionist and first point of contact for residents seeking police help.

“They become the best ambassadors for your department,” he said. Plus the town would save up to $75,000 a year in salary and benefits by not hiring a permanent employee, he said.

But commissioners insisted nothing but paid help would do in the lobby.

“Put a part-timer in there and let him or her be seen,” said Commissioner Doris Trinley, who served as town clerk for 16 years.

— Steve Plunkett

2010-11 Tax Rates

The final tax rate per $1,000 of assessed property value as approved by the county, school district and municipalities.

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Association, the U.S. records about 3,800 drowning deaths annually, including both ocean and pools.
Danger is nowhere evident on a recent mid-September morning in Delray Beach, illustrating the other end of the life-saving spectrum, a classic green-flag (low-hazard) day:
air temperature 79 degrees at 7 a.m., water temperature 84, a gentle 5- to 10-mph breeze from the east, just the slightest ruffle of wavelets. This is the slow season, those lazy, hazy, less-than-crazy days of late summer after the kids return to school and before the snowbirds descend.

At Tower 5, lifeguard supervisor Bob Black scans the water, where one woman bobs close to shore, and a kayaker paddles out, but not too far. “As you can see, it’s really calm out this morning. There are no sea pests, no jellyfish or nothing,” says the genial Black. “Today, I think we’re gonna be sittin’ and swimmint.”

“This is not a complaint. "Whenever I think about being bored," says Black, "I think that in a couple of months I won’t be.”
The county’s beaches are guarded 365 sometimes-boring-sometimes-not days a year, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. But a lifeguard’s day begins even earlier, says Bob Taylor, Delray’s Ocean Rescue superintendent.

Supervisors start at 7, everyone else at 8. They assess the day’s weather and water conditions; get rescue equipment ready — the watercraft and ATVs, the foam-filled and hard-plastic rescue buoys, the paddleboards and backboards and first-aid gear. They must be EMT-qualified within a year of hire.

And hiring, Taylor says, got easier when the economy got tougher, making better-qualified candidates easier when the economy.

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When McGlamery pulled Nick Donev from under the water, he detected a faint pulse. Seconds later, on shore, he felt for a pulse again. There was none. Other lifeguards arrived. They did CPR. They did chest compressions. They turned him on his side to let water spill from his mouth. He began to breathe on his own.

Within two to three minutes, fire department параметры were there with a bag-valve mask that gave Donev 99 percent oxygen with each breath. The paramedics transported him to the hospital, where he made a full recovery. McGlamery recovered, too. During the rescue, he had little time to think. That night was different. "Every muscle in my body was tense," he recalls. "I couldn’t eat. I was freezing cold. I had to turn the a/c up to 83.”

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Palm Beach County: Includes Gulfstream Park, Ocean Inlet Park and South Inlet, Boca Raton.

Lifeguard staff of 60 year-round and 20 seasonal guards oversees 13 ocean and inlet parks from Tequesta to Boca Raton. Most are covered from 9 a.m.-5:20 p.m.

“It was the first time in 20 years of lifeguarding I knew for sure that, without my intervention, this person would have lost his life.”

Two months later, when the Olympic Heights football team played Spanish River High, Donev had a special fan in the stands: Lt. Patrick “Squid” McGlamery.

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Around Town


Lots of Dolphins alums live in the area. Hall of Fame center Dwight Stephenson recently competed in Boca’s Ballroom Battle dance contest. Former running back Keith Byars coaches at Boca High. But the relationship to Boca is nearly half a century in the making. Way back in 1966, when Joe Robbie put the team together to play in the American Football League, where did the Dolphins practice? At St. Andrew’s School, which also is where the movie Paper Lion was filmed in 1967, thanks to Dolphins and former Detroit Lions Coach George Wilson. (Also take note that Paper Lion proved the springboard to fame for three future stars: Alan Alda, Lauren Hutton and Alex Karas (who actually came close to becoming a Dolphin).

Times have changed. Pro football may have been big money back then, but now the stakes are huge, both inside and outside of the stadiums. Boca’s mantra: When the Dolphins are away, the Dol-Fans will play … at Mizner Park.

Admission is free; so is parking. Special guests will include Dolphins alumni, some conducting clinics for youngsters, the Dolphins cheerleaders and the T.D. Fins Force. Large-screen TVs will be set up around the park so fans can watch the game; games and bounce houses are set up for the kids while adults can compete for memorabilia, game tickets and travel packages; area restaurants offer game specials. For details, go to www.downtownboca.org.

Boca has another Dolphin link — Howard Schnellenberger. Now head coach of the Florida Atlantic University Owls, Howard first came to South Florida as the Dolphins’ offensive coordinator when the team went 17-0 in 1972. He later led the University of Miami to its first national championship and built Louisville into a national power.

The Owls are slowly working their way up the ranks. With its bid to the New Orleans Bowl in 2007, FAU became the youngest program to play a bowl game in NCAA history. Now playing their 10th season under Schnellenberger, the Owls have just attained another major goal, not on the field, but in the offices of the state’s Board of Governors. On Sept. 16, the board approved FAU’s plan to finance a $70 million, 30,000-seat stadium complex with 20 luxury suites plus student housing and a retail area.

The groundbreaking ceremony is set for 4 p.m. Oct. 16, with a tailgating party to follow. University officials hope the stadium will be ready next fall. "The stadium will provide a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a community, building traditions and enhancing the university experience," Schnellenberger said.

Soon, however, the school administration will have to make another big decision: a name for the stadium. Schools name buildings for donors, mascots, famous graduates, noted Americans. De Hoernle is everywhere in Boca; so is Mizner; Lynn, too!

It shouldn’t be called the Owls Nest because the original residents of FAU dig holes. Save “The Burrow” for a See TOWN on page 9
Autumn high tides may cause flooding

By Steve Plunkett

Fall has come and, with it, the season of higher-than-usual tides.

In the Intracoastal Waterway behind Highland Beach, a two-mile expanse, the tide crested at 3.5 feet above mean low water levels in September. They’ll hit 3.6 feet with the new moon Oct. 7-9 and 3.5 feet again Nov. 3-4. In March, April and May, by comparison, the tides maxed out at 2.9 feet.

Tides peak twice each month, when the moon and full phases of the moon, said Robert Molleda, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

“They occur when the Earth, sun and moon all line up in a line,” Molleda said. And they’re generally higher around the fall and spring equinoxes.

Town Manager William H. Thrasher said Gulf Stream had major problems with flooded roads about 10 years ago but had since invested in extra drainpipes and additional pumps.

Still, water can accumulate especially when tides are high and accompanied by rain.

“High tide is one thing, but high high tide is another,” Thrasher said.

Even though Highland Beach is low-lying, Town Manager David Thrasher said the town doesn’t get tidal water on State Road A1A but rain can back up if tides are high.

“If you have a high tide and a heavy rain it just takes that much longer to dissipate,” Supergan said.
What’s cooking in downtown Boca?

Mizner Park and Royal Palm Place are home to new restaurants and new concepts

By Jan Norris

No matter what the economic climate, diners still must eat. Restauranters may be scaling back, lowering menu prices or offering less unfamiliar foods, but many are still willing to take the plunge into the hospitality industry.

In the two east Boca Raton plazas, Mizner Park and Royal Palm Place, new restaurants have opened, expanding the offerings with American gastropub fare, tapas, Italian cuisine, cheeses and spices and teas.

In Mizner Park, Gary Rack, a steel-building magnate, is behind the new Rack’s Downtown Eatery + Tavern. Envisioning a “neighborhood gathering and eating place,” where regulars would show up to dine on simple, updated comfort fare, he’s designed a contemporary, space in the old Pranzo location.

Rack had a few models in mind when creating it. “I like the feel of the Buckhead Diner,” he said, of the Atlanta landmark casual eatery that’s set a bar for new American comfort food. He’s also owner of Miami and Lauderdale Italian restaurants, and wanted to try a new concept.

Whimsical touches abound in the décor: rope chandeliers, light fixtures made of silverware, and specially made tiles that emulate bubbling brown cheese on pizzas. Diners can watch the pizza makers, or sit in the booths or at high-top tables, and choose from foods such as lobster mac n’ cheese, Greek salad, cheese and artichoke-stuffed squash blossoms, tuna steak “Oscar,” and Yesterday’s onion soup, named for a favorite restaurant Rack visited as a teen in Fort Lauderdale. Daily specials as well as fresh fish selections round out the menu.

Happy hour here draws bar patrons for signature cocktails and half-price appetizers. The restaurant swings after dark, when the indoor-outdoor bar sees the action, and the music is ramped up for a club-oriented crowd.

It’s quieter over at The Cheese Course, and though not exactly new, it’s still yet to be discovered by some diners.

The small shop features hundreds of cheeses from around the world for sale, including some by the pound, as well as all serving platters and utensils for cheese service, and the wines to accompany them.

Diners, however, are missing half the shop if they don’t check out the bistro menu. A number of café tables lines the room and patio, and cheese and wine lovers can mix and match tastings, based on the country of origin (Spain, for example, has tetilla, manchego and garrotxa — a goat’s milk cheese from Catalonia) or cheese flavors (mild, strong, medium), served with go-withs like Marcona almonds and quince preserves or sundried tomato pesto, homemade cranberry raspberry relish or a specialty meat. Bistro sandwiches include an Italian Caprese, Albacore white tuna melt with Gruyere, roast turkey breast with smoked cheddar, a sopressata salami with provolone, and a grilled pastrami with Swiss Emmental. A number of salads, with options for meat add-ons are available — all at reasonable prices.

Shoppers will find the staff friendly and knowledgeable, and willing to help pair foods and wines and even offer samples.

At the Spice and Tea Exchange of Boca Raton, the aroma is a best-seller — the shop’s heady spices, displayed in old-fashioned apothecary jars, perfume the air. With more than 170 internationally sourced spices, herbs and teas, along with custom blends, specialty rices, flavored sugars and a variety of salts, are sold alongside the best seller — a blend called Florida Sunshine, made in house and “with love,” according to owner Paulette Callender. It has citrus zests, sea salt, ginger, peppercorns and rose petals in the mixture. Other blends are for special applications — popcorn blends, chili blends and seafood rubs, to name a few.

“We have flavored sugars, for example the espresso sugar — I used it as a steak rub, and when it was grilled, it caramelized and had that great flavor,” she said.

Chefs who are frustrated at having to buy a large jar of spice for a recipe that calls for a mere one-eighth teaspoon of the stuff will appreciate the by-the-ounce availability of most herbs and spices. They’ll also like the cook’s tools — mortar and pestle sets and grinders, salt cellars, infusers and a variety of teapots for the perfect brew.

“We also sell the Himalayan salt platters. Heat them in the oven and then serve steak pieces or scallops — and they cook right in front of you, and have the salt infused in the flavor. Or chill them, and serve cheeses and meats on them,” Callender said.

While prepared foods aren’t sold here, it’s a food lover’s exotic supply store, with recipes for using the products the staff. Check for cooking demos and classes at the store, with recipes and suggestions for using the products.

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Over at the Royal Palm Place, new restaurants include Italian, tapas and a bar-lounge, boosting the restaurant count at the plaza to more than 20. A number of international eateries fill this plaza — from French to Indian and Thai.

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IF YOU GO

**Mizner Park**

Rack’s Downtown Eatery + Tavern
402 Plaza Real, Mizner Park, Boca Raton
561-395-1662; grrestaurant.com
Open for lunch and dinner daily

The Cheese Course
305 Plaza Real, Mizner Park, Boca Raton
561-395-4354; thecheesecourse.com
Open for lunch and dinner daily

The Spice and Tea Exchange
426 Plaza Real, Mizner Park, Boca Raton
561-910-1289; spiceandtea.com
Open Sunday, noon to 6 p.m.; Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

ZED451
201 Plaza Real, Mizner Park, Boca Raton
561-393-3451; www.zed451.com
Open for dinner daily, and brunch on Sundays

**Royal Palm Place**

Table 42
399 S.E. Mizner Blvd., Royal Palm Place, Boca Raton
561-826-2625
Open for lunch and dinner daily

La Bodega Tapas Y Tintos
100 H Plaza Real South, Royal Palm Place, Boca Raton
561-395-1217; labodegatapasytintos.com
Open Tuesday-Saturday for dinner; closed Sunday and Monday

Caruso Ristorante
187 S.E. Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton
561-367-7488
Open for lunch and dinner, Monday-Saturday; dinner only Saturday-Sunday

Club 303
303 S.E. Mizner Blvd., Royal Palm Place, Boca Raton
561-395-2929
Open daily from 7 p.m.
by Jan Norris

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Restaurants:

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Decor, and a popular burger night. The eatery offers patio and indoor dining, with a bar where diners can watch pizza makers twist the coal-fired pies.

The place jumps on Wednesdays for the $5 build-your-own burger event — guests wait in line to put in their custom burger orders and a late-night crowd likes it, too.

Part wine store, part bodega, La Bodega Tapas Y Tintos offers hot and cold tapas and Spanish and domestic wines.

The small-plates menu includes traditional tapas such as potatoes with homemade tomato sauce, baby belling in vinegar, oil and parsley; jumbo shrimp wrapped in Serrano ham with melon, shrimp in garlic and a Spanish omelet. A nod to modern tapas include the grilled wild salmon with a fresh mango salsa. It’s a place to meet up for a glass of port and plate of pata negra — cured Iberian ham made from the black pig, or to share a bowl of paella.

Caruso Ristorante is another nearly new restaurant, a family-owned Italian with classic dishes married to modern. Housemade lobster ravioli, gnocchi, or bucatini Amatriciana, with guanciale — an Italian bacon brought in from New York, are a few of the signature dishes.

The owners revamped the interior to add romantic lighting, and have dressed the adjoining Rouge Bar (Caruso’s is in the former Cafe Joley spot), with outdoor seating around it as well. The new Club 303 is a dance lounge with cool drinks on tap for the club set.

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Along the Coast

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And Fleitas is especially proud that she has helped to start ¡Cantemos!, a capella ensemble that will perform music of the Iberian peninsula (Spain and Portugal) and Latin America. "I even have a Russian in the group," she says. "It's all about talent and desire." Fleitas' mother lived with her five years until her death last February, but Fleitas, who has no children of her own, is close to her late brother's children. And there then are all of those students. "I have a lot of surrogate grandchildren," she says. Fleitas laughs. "I am full with children and young adults." — Scott Simmons

Q. Where did you grow up and go to school? How do you think that has influenced you? A. Well, I grew up in different places. My birthplace is Havana, Cuba. In 1962, my parents decided to save my mother and me from the communist regime that Fidel Castro had implemented in 1959. So, my early years were in Havana and my memories of those years are wonderful and beautiful ones. I was in a Catholic school, Merici Academy, so when we moved to Miami, I was not as lost as my mother did not know a word of English yet. At Shenaandoah Junior High School, since I could not continue my piano lessons due to the lack of funds, I decided to sign up for orchestra and play the violin. It was through that experience in the eighth grade that I decided that some day I would be a music teacher like Mrs. Naruns, my inspiration to become a music teacher. Since my parents' ritual was to listen to 'classical' music before they retired to bed, my involvement with this manner of music was inevitable. I had music back in my life and I had part of them back in my life as well; my letters to them were rich with information about the orchestra's activities and repertoire, Mrs. Naruns' assignments, and, of course, learning to play the violin.

Unfortunately, the next stage did not involve music. When they came to the U.S., Dad had to study for his foreign exam in medicine so that he could practice here. That year actually bought Tony and me some time before we had to face another move. This one was in some ways more difficult for me. We moved to a small town in Texas — Marlin. Because I was a sophomore and did not play a wind or percussion instrument, I was not allowed to be in band. But since I spent all summers at my aunt's in Miami all through my high school years, I was able to take violin lessons in Miami. In December 1969, Dad went into private practice with a group in Bryan, Texas. Bryan has been our home since then. However, when I graduated from high school and decided that I wanted to major in music education, Texas A&M University did not offer any degrees in music. After many discussions at home, I was allowed to attend Barry University in Miami. My brother stayed in Bryan and raised his family there while I was in and out of town for a few years until I came to work at Florida Atlantic University in 1992.

Q. What are some of the highlights of your career? A. I have thoroughly enjoyed my entire career. The real highlights have been the incredible students I have met and had the privilege to teach; a very humbling experience and an incredible reward! Having said this, some of the most important lessons I have learned are the international tours I have experienced with student ensembles, the numerous performances we share on an annual basis, and the opportunities I have had to conduct as guest conductor or clinician. Most recently, however, was the honor of conducting the FAU Symphony Chorus and the Palm Beach Symphony in a performance of Haydn's Nelson Mass and Bruckner's Te Deum last spring. That was the third time that I had the honor of working with such fine players. In previous years I have conducted the same ensembles in Mozart's Requiem, Beethoven's Missa in C minor, and the Gloria from his Missa di Gloria. All of these experiences and so many others have enriched my life. Simply said, every opportunity has the potential of becoming a highlight so that is rather motivating.

Q. What works are you most looking forward to performing in the coming season? A. We have all kinds of music programmed for this year and I have not even completed the plans for the spring semester. We will be performing at our new president's Inaugural events the week of Oct. 25. The Department of Music will present a concert in her honor on Oct. 24 at 5 p.m. in the Carole and Barry Kaye Auditorium on the Boca campus. At that concert, I will be conducting the FAU Chamber Singers in what I believe will be a very effective program and a positive way to introduce our students to Dr. Mary Jane Saunders (FAU's new president). For her inauguration on Oct. 29, we will be performing with the FAU Wind Ensemble a setting of two Emily Dickinson poems for chorus and wind ensemble along with a new composition by our faculty composers and former chair of the department, Dr. Stuart Glazer. Also, all the choral ensembles at FAU will be performing with the FAU Symphony Orchestra a piece titled Kaddish. Although this performance will be under the baton of Dr. Laura Joella on Nov. 6, I am certainly looking forward to wear the hat of chorus master.

Q. How did you choose to make your home in Highland Beach? A. In all honesty, it was accidental, but a very fortunate accident.

Q. What is your favorite part about living in Highland Beach? A. The view of the ocean, the fact that it is quiet, where I live which is at Ambassador South, and that it is so close to campus.

Q. What book are you reading now? A. Well, the last month has not allowed me to do too much reading. I bought a couple of books and was also given a couple by friends but the beginning of the academic year is pretty hectic in any department of music, I assure you. This weekend I will be real happy if I get to read a PhD proposal from one of our students and hopefully some of the materials I brought home from my research trip to Colombia this past August.

Q. Do you have a favorite quote that inspires your decisions? A. I love to read quotes so I really find inspiration in many. I have a common issue with quotes and jokes. I don't seem to recall them when needed. I have one by me right now that says, "The song that we hear with our ears is only the song that is sung in our hearts."
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10/2 - Let Food Be Your Pet’s First
Medicine - Learn how the right foods
can improve your pet’s health and vitality.
Whole Foods, 1400 Glades Road, Boca
Raton. Instructor: Andrew Turkell, DVM,
DVM, CERT, from Calusa Veterinary Center.
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The COASTAL STAR

Boca Raton Police Chief Dan Alexander competes in the 24th annual Police Labor Day Challenge along Delray’s Municipal Beach. Officers from the Boca Raton, Delray Beach and Boynton Beach police departments competed in volleyball, basketball and other activities. Photo by Jerry Lower

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### October 16-23

**Monday - 10/18 - Flying Fish Kites**
- Learn a few fishy facts helpful in identifying our aquatic foods at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. Ages 5 & under: $5. Reservations and pre-payment required: 393-8110.

**Tuesday - 10/19 - Boca Beachcombing**
- Meet for an introductory talk about seashells. Most beneficial for those between 2 and 4 pm at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton. $5 for Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Adult attendees with child held. 10:30 am-12:30 pm. Free. 393-8110.

**Wednesday - 10/20 - Mangrove Tour**
- Enjoy a naturalist-guided tour of the boardwalk from Rafterfield Park, 600 Northwest 2nd St., Boca Raton. Presented by the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center. Following the tour, paddle through the mangrove trails and back along the shorelines of the Intracoastal. Experience is necessary. Wear clothes and shoes that can get wet anddirty. Sun protection, water and bug spray are recommended. Preregistration: Rascular. 9 a.m. 393-8110.

- Join us for an afternoon of fun and excitement! Join Junior Achievement while supporting your local Junior Achievement programs at the Boca Raton Regional Hospital Golf Tournament. For ages 13 & under. $25-30. Shriek Week hours: 10/21 and28 10-11 am, 12-2 pm and 3-5 pm. 393-8111.

**Friday - 10/22 - Frank Ochoa’s Comedy Show**
- Travel back in time with Historical Cork Factory Museum and Studio 6, Studio 6 at the Royal Palm Place Monument Piazza, 101 Plaza Real South, Boca Raton. 7:30 pm. $10. 237-9000.

**Saturday - 10/23 - 7th Annual Making Strides Fundraiser**
- Benefits Boca Raton Regional Hospital’s Breast Cancer Foundation. Registration 10:30 am-noon, shotgun start 12:15 pm. $75-$95; children, $25. Shriek Week hours: 10/21 and 28. 9 am-1 pm. 393-8110.

**Sunday - 10/24 - Friends of the Library Luncheon**
- Celebrate Antigone, the King of Tragedies by Sophocles. Open to public. 10:30-noon. Free. 393-8110.

**October 20-24**

**10/20 - Concerts Competition Final Round**
- Finalists perform before a panel of guest judges at the Amazunk-Goldstein Concert Hall, de Sede Performing Arts Center, Lynn University, 3601 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton. The jury includes guest artists Caroline Wines (Violin), Robert Landers (Clarinet), Ashley Tomchuck (Clarinet), Greg Murray (Piano). Winners selected will perform as soloists with the Lynn Philharmonia at the annual Concours Concerto in December. For ages 14 & under. $5. 7-9 pm. 237-9000.

**20/21 - 10th Annual Boca Raton Regional Hospital Golf Tournament**
- Funds development, research, and medical care for Boca Raton Regional Hospital. For ages 17 & older. $25-$50. Shriek Week hours: 10/21 and 28, 8 am-1 pm. 393-8110.

**25/26 - Tuesday Book Club - Antigone**
- The classic, 20th-century Greek tragedy by Sophocles. Registration required. 10:30 am-noon. Free. 393-8110.

### October 24-30

**Saturday - 10/23 - Delray Beach Club**
- Opens its 15th season in the break of SE 4th Ave. between Atlantic Ave. and SE 1st St. Outdoor venue offers fresh local produce, baked goods, gourmet food items, plants, live music and children’s activities every Sunday from 9:30-11 am. 8 a.m. - 1 pm. 276-7511 or www.delraybeachclub.com.

**Sunday - 10/24 - GreenMarkets**
- Shop opening ceremony takes place at 10:30 am and the traditional “pepper pledge” cutting by local officials through 4/30/2011. 7-9 am. 393-7502 or www.pompanohistory.com/phc/market.

### GreenMarkets

10/9 - Boca Raton Greenmarket is held each Saturday, October 9-21. 9:30 am-12:30 pm. Located at the Royal Palm Plaza Shopping Center 16430 S. US. Hwy. 1, Boca Raton. Free admission and no pre-registration required.

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### October 25-31

**Monday - 10/25 - Studio 6 - Art Exhibit at Sugar & Spice**
- Showcasing the Sweet Works of the Artist & Friends.” Presented by the Friends of the Library. 10:30 am-5 pm. 237-9000.

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Acts of kindness contrast with divisive rhetoric

“For those of us who experienced 9/11 in America, our hearts were heavy in two respects. One, because of the senseless loss of innocent life. But then there was a double blow to us, because in the process, the religion of Al-Islam was blemished, by the conduct of people who called themselves doing something in the name of Islam.”

Those thoughts come from David Shaeed, Superior Court Judge in Indianapolis, Ind. He’s also an assistant imam, chairman of the Interfaith Alliance and one of the founding members of the Coalition for Good Government.

He’s a sign of the long-time positive participation of Muslims in American life — and as such, someone of whom the Rev. Terry Jones of Gainesville might find it hard to conceive.

Shaeed’s comments, from a speech at Yale, underscore Jones’ mistake at the foundation of much of the angst of recent days: the failure to distinguish between the overwhelming majority of Muslims — good people killing alongside those of other faiths — and the comparatively few but murderous extremists. Even when the former are labeled “moderate Muslims,” they wrongly get blamed for the latter.

It’s that conflation of blame that had Jones threatening to burn copies of the Quran on the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks against America — and Islam. That, in turn, brought him the condemnation even of folks who admittedly knew little about Muslims, but who recognize the contradiction of a purported man of faith burning other people’s religious texts.

With the reverend having backed off, the focus shifted back to the Islamic cultural center in Lower Manhattan that has been misidentified as “the mosque at ground zero.”

Again the same misperceptions persist. The proposed equivalent of a YMCA or Jewish Community Center not only would serve the hundreds of thousands of New York City’s Muslims — policemen, firemen, teachers, lawyers, accountants, cab drivers, etc., its very concept serves notice to the extremists that Muslim Americans in particular are not with their program — and that perhaps they should take a look at America’s pluralistic expression of Islam.

Unfortunately, the rhetoric of Jones and others has encouraged verbal and physical attacks against innocent Americans already twice victimized by 9/11.

In contrast, countless other individuals and organizations made plans to pray, read the Quran or otherwise support their Muslim neighbors, co-workers and fellow citizens in the face of the reverend’s spiritual assault.

Joe Bernadel (left) is joined by Imam Yahya Islam, who delivered Haiti relief items from his congregation. Photo by C.B. Hanif

Local acts of kindness

Members of the Delray Beach Interfaith Clergy Association, on a recent Ramadan evening, joined a fast-breaking dinner at the Islamic Center of Boca Raton.

And at the clergy’s September meeting, their speaker, retired Army Maj. Joseph Bernadel — also founder of the Toussaint L’Overture High School in Boynton Beach, and representative of the Haitian Diaspora — gave a warm nod to Imam Yahya Islam of Columbus, Ga., who had delivered to the school a U-Haul truckload of spontaneously collected Haiti relief items from his congregation.

That was just a routine act of kindness among good people, as when Heartsong Methodist Church opened its doors for the congregation across the street when that Memphis Islamic Center’s renovations weren’t completed in time for worship services during Ramadan.

It also was a reminder of the increasing awareness that the unity of humanity is our ace in the race against insanity. Said one woman of the church’s example of “What Would Jesus Do” — as opposed to Jones’ misguided plan:

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Along the Coast

Amendment 4 puts rules for future land use on the ballot

By Steve Plunkett

On one side is Florida Hometown Democracy, the sponsor of Amendment 4, supported by what it calls a “grass-roots group of committed volunteers” as well as the Palm Beach County Environmental Coalition, the Florida Public Interest Research Group and the Audubon Society of the Everglades, among others.

On the other side is Citizens for Lower Taxes and a Stronger Economy, which says its “grass-roots army” includes the Associated Builders and Contractors; the Chambers of Commerce for Greater Boca Raton, Greater Delray Beach Greater Boynton Beach; and the Real- tor Association of the Palm Beaches.

Stuck in the middle on the amendment, which would put land-use changes to a refer-endum vote, are two groups more accustomed to being advocates: the Delray Beach-based Florida Coalition for Preservation and the 1000 Friends of Florida.

“It’s frustrating not to take a position,” said Bob Ganger, the coalition’s president. “We determined if we did, we might just do ourselves more harm than good.”

Ganger said Amendment 4 could turn out the same way the constitutional amendment on classroom reduction did.

“Now the school system runs out of money because they can’t build enough school rooms or hire enough teachers,” Ganger said. “Well, the same thing is likely going to happen here.”

Another fear, he said, is that legislators might do away with the Department of Community Affairs, which monitors land use plans, by saying it’s no longer needed if the amendment passes. Managing growth without the DCA would be like a baseball game with no umpire, Ganger said.

“We’ll play the game without an umpire, and let the fans decide if it’s a ball or a strike,” he said.

The 1000 Friends of Florida, a nonprofit growth management watchdog group, at first opposed the measure but in mid-September shifted to a neutral stance.

“The current position is voters should educate themselves and make a conscious decision,” said Joanna Davis, community planner with the group’s Palm Beach County Green Initiative.

Dave said if the amend-ment becomes law there would be no sudden stop in development. There are enough plans in the complex to keep everyone busy for six years, he said.

“That’s a lot of develop-ment, and it’s already been approved,” Davis said.

But Highland Beach Town Manager Dale Sugerman said site plan approvals would become more time-consuming and expensive.

“If Amendment 4 passes it will have a very definite, very serious effect on the town,” Sugerman said.

In Gulf Stream, Town Manager William Thresher said Amendment 4 could cost the town from $3,600 to $5,000 to land use decisions.

“Our town is very fragile, very cost-sensitive. They’re just generally against growing government,” he said.

In the County Pocket, residents who are unhappy about a county decision to boost density at the Sea Horse complex may vote in favor of the amendment to make a statement,” Ganger said.

He said amendment sup-porters could get a 10- to 20-percentage point bounce from the electorate’s mood this year to “throw the bums out” on ballots across the country.

Davis said there was another motivation. “A lot of people feel truly disenfran-chised,” she said. “There’s a good shot this thing is going to pass because of people’s anger.”

Ganger said Amendment 4 supporters are very effective at using Facebook, Twitter and other social media, while opponents are likely to use more traditional media to get their message out in the com- ing month.

“I don’t think there’s much chance of voters coming in uninformed,” he said.

“What’s the right way to vote on Nov. 2? ’It’s a very tough call,’ Davis said. ’I’m going to say how I’m going to vote because I might get in trouble on either end.”

Paws Up for Pets

You’re never too young to make a difference. Just ask 12-year-old Monica Plumb of Powhatan, Va. After reading in her local newspaper about firefighters using a pet oxygen mask to save the life of a dog in a house fire two years ago, the then-10-year-old did some research and was dismayed to discover that most fire departments across the country lack pet oxygen masks.

With the help of her parents, Monica founded the www.petmask.com website and started to raise money to buy pet oxygen masks for fire stations. Thanks to her efforts, more than 320 fire stations from Maine to Alaska — plus some in Canada — now carry these specially designed oxygen masks, including three departments in Florida.

“I am an animal lover and care a whole lot about all animals,” says Monica. “At the time, I was too young to be able to volunteer at my local animal shelter. I wanted to do something to help animals and that’s when I realized I could raise money and awareness about pet oxygen masks.”

Her proud father, William, adds, “Monica surprised my wife, Wendy, and me by taking this to heart. We thought she was just being nosy about this locally for about a month and stop, but she told us she wanted to do more to help pets all over the country. We’re happy to help her.”

I called several fire departments in Palm Beach County to see if their trucks were equipped with pet oxygen masks. Kevin Green, a spokesperson for the West Palm Beach Fire Department, said, ‘I’ve heard about the pet oxygen masks, but we do not have them. We wish I had.’

Same answer from the Lantana Fire Department.

However, Steve Lewis, spokesman for the Boynton Beach Fire Department, confirmed that they have pet oxygen masks, thanks to a fundraiser organized by the Boca Raton Dog Club.

“We’re on a mission to help animals,” says Diane Wagner, president of the Boca Raton Dog Club. “We want our county prepared and we believe strongly that no one — and no pet — should die from smoke inhalation.”

As for other pets, it’s very much part of families. A couple years ago, we had a house fire that had a cat stuck inside a closed room. Luckily, the fire was contained, but the cat was unconscious. We were able to provide that cat oxygen using a pet mask. The cat was revived, taken to a local veterinary clinic and made a complete recovery.”

Pets, especially cats, are often more vulnerable to smoke inhalation in house fires because they hide. In addition, human oxygen masks don’t fit properly on their faces.

Originally developed for use by veterinarians, this cone-shaped, plastic pet mask forms a seal around an animal’s muzzle to allow firefighters to deliver the right amount of oxygen.

The mask also protects firefighters from an injured pet who may try to bite out of fear. Dave Bailey, battalion chief of the Chesterfield Fire Department in Chesterfield, Va., has been a firefighter for 33 years. His department was among the first to receive pet oxygen masks thanks to the efforts of Monica Plumb.

“We responded to a house fire last year on Christmas Day and were able to revive a large Labrador from one of the pet oxygen masks,” says Bailey.

“There are a lot of deadly toxins present during a structure fire and having the right oxygen mask for family pets is crucial to saving their lives.”

The US Fire Administration estimates that nearly 100,000 animals die each year in fires, mostly due to inhaling poisonous gases. This year, a cat suffered from smoke inhalation after an apartment fire in Winnipeg, Canada, was revived after receiving a dose of pure oxygen from one of Monica’s donated pet masks.

In Bonner Springs, Kan., a cat was rescued from a house fire and resuscitated with one of the donated pet masks.

Each pet oxygen mask kit costs about $70 and includes three sizes. Each set can help revive cats, dogs, rabbits, ferrets, guinea pigs and other small animals.

Monica’s goals include becoming a veterinarian, but she is picking up skills in marketing and sales.

To make a donation and/or sponsor a fire station, contact Monica at sponsorship@ petmask.com.

As Monica says, “Every penny counts! I hope to provide pet oxygen masks to every fire station that needs them.”

Monica’s efforts have earned her the 2009 ASPCA ‘Tommy Monahan’ Kit of the Year Award and 2009 United Animals’ Animal Choice Award.

Not bad for a kid who is still a year away from becoming a teenager.

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