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Coasting Along

Fun, unfurled

Cruise director Olena Markel unfurls the sails of the Palm Breeze at the catamaran heads into the Atlantic Ocean during a recent excursion cruise.

Behind the scenes at Bacchanal

By Deborah S. Hartz-Seeley

After the guests leave their cars with the parking valets, they meander past the blue Bentley, silver Rolls-Royce and shiny red MG parked in the driveway of Robert Campbell’s home in Boca Raton. Campbell is hosting one of six Vintner Dinners at his palatial residence in the Sun & Surf community. The dinner is part of the annual Boca Bacchanal weekend (this year it ran from March 18 to 20) for the benefit of the Historic Preservation and Heritage Education programs of the Boca Raton Historical Society.

Campbell is the only person to have sponsored a dinner for each of the event’s nine years.

Many attendees return to Campbell’s home year after year because, “They know they’ll get an unusual dinner and be nicely entertained,” says Campbell, who is chairman and founder of BBC International that designs and sources children’s and athletic shoes.

Although the Bacchanal weekend also features guest chefs preparing Saturday dinner at the Boca Raton Resort and Club and a tasting of local restaurants at Mizner Park on Sunday, it is these Friday Vintner Dinners that have become the hot ticket.

For each of the six dinners hosted in a private home, a celebrity chef is paired with a winemaker. The chef creates a six-course menu to complement the wines. The evening of the event, the chefs finish and present their unforgettable fare to a

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Highland Beach

Town inches toward clerk’s appeal review

By Steve Plunkett

More than 10 weeks after Town Clerk Beverly Brown appealed an unpaid one-month suspension for forwarding racist and off-color emails at work on her official computer, town commissioners told their attorney to hire someone to review the case.

Town Attorney Tom Sliney said he had spoken several times since the election with new Mayor Bernard Featherman about who should hear the appeal.

“Probably a retired judge, many of whom are in mediation, probably would be an ideal person to handle that,” Sliney said at the Town Commission’s March 29 workshop.

“I think that’s the right thing to do, and we should get it done promptly rather than leaving people hanging,” Featherman added.

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Editorial

This is a perfect time to spring into action

April is one of my favorite months and it’s not just because of April Fool’s Day and my penchant for practical jokes. It’s a love of spring with blooming flowers and trees and temperatures that are neither too shivery nor too muggy.

Oh, sure, the Portuguese man-of-war are still hanging around, but as long as I see them before I swim into them (or step on one on the beach), I can even appreciate their beauty.

Soon, the sea turtles will be traveling far at all. Take a look at The Coastal Star’s community calendar and you’ll see what I mean.

For starters, you could take a fast and fun catamaran ride out to sea, or a more sedate mansion-viewing cruise on the Intracoastal.

If you’re more of a landlubber, there are nature trails to conquer at inviting nearby spots like Gumbo Limbo and the Lantana Nature Preserve.

More energetic souls may prefer the batting cages, where swings can be perfected and calories burned.

For more suggestions, see “10 fun things to do” on Page 24. Check them out. Then get up off the sofa or poolside and lounge chair and go! Celebrate April.

— Mary Thurnwichter
Managing Editor

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Cliff Viner, at BankAtlantic Center in Sunrise, is a partner/majority owner of the Florida Panthers. He will be honored by Florence Fuller Child Development Centers. Photo by Tim Stepian

He’s all heart — and character, too!

By Linda Haase

When Cliff Viner interviews job applicants, he’s seeking three things: “Character, character and character.” That trait, contends the 62-year-old Boca Raton resident, is paramount.

“That is what counts, what defines us, what holds you in good stead in the long run,” said Viner, co-founder of Boca Raton-based AVM, L.P., a fixed income broker/dealer and III Associates, a fixed income derivatives money management firm and general partner/majority owner of the Florida Panthers hockey franchise.

Viner’s character will be lauded on April 28 when he is honored as this year’s “Biggest Heart” at the 10th Annual Men with Caring Hearts awards luncheon, sponsored by Florence Fuller Child Development Centers.

Viner is modest about the tribute, which is given to a philanthropic leader whose dedication has made life better for others.

He plans to make a pointed, short speech and get out of the limelight as quickly as possible. He isn’t shy, however, about extolling the virtues of helping Florence Fuller Child Development Centers. He and his daughters, Elyse, 27, and Amanda, 23, spent many hours there when the girls were younger.

“We would read to the kids, play games with them, take them to the playground and push them on the swings. I thought it was good for my girls to see kids who weren’t as fortunate as they are. I think my kids are nicely grounded because of experiences like that. They saw how appreciative the kids were when they were spending time with them. ... It opened their eyes seeing something out of their own environment.”

Viner and his wife, Jill, have been active in the community since moving here from Chicago in 1984. They are involved with many organizations, including Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service, where they established the Compassionate Care Program, which provides financial aid and social services to families undergoing crisis.

Jill Viner is a longtime member of Ruth Rales’ executive board, an executive board member of Kids Hear Now, which funds cochlear implants for young children who are born deaf, and has been active in juvenile diabetes organizations for more than 30 years.

Viner is active in B’nai Torah Congregation and has served as board member, chair of budget and finance, president of the B’nai Torah Foundation and president of B’nai Torah Congregation. He also is involved with the Florida Panthers Foundation, which focuses on pediatric oncology causes, but also offers many other community outreach programs, including food and toy drives.

Boca Raton has been a dream destination, says Viner, who was born in Brooklyn and has a bachelor’s in economics from the University of Pennsylvania and a master’s from the university’s Wharton School.

“I like Boca because it is a true community in the deepest sense. People here care about the institutions and are dedicated and loyal and very community oriented. It has heart and soul,” he said.

A longtime sports fan who swims for 35 to 50 minutes five or six days a week, Viner is thrilled to be part of the Panthers organization. “We have changed the culture to a true professional, well-run organization that will bear fruit over time,” he said.

And, he maintains, it’s brimming with character.
**By Margie Plunkett**

Boca Raton will not back off cutting back the sea grapes on A1A near Spanish River Boulevard, vowing to submit a plan to the state Department of Environmental Protection to trim the plants in four coastal view corridors. The City Council reached a consensus after learning that in February the state had requested Boca Raton only cut back one corridor of sea grapes, expressing fears that cutting all four could increase lighting on the beach and hurt the procession of sea turtles that nest in the area.

Cutting on one of the corridors was one of three options the state gave Boca. A second would be a compromise that would allow the city to cut back two corridors and then monitor for a year before possibly proceeding with more sea grape trimming. The third option: Go for all four corridors and, if the state denied the plan, continue to an administrative hearing on the matter.

The light the department is concerned with is from sky glow rather than street or other lighting in the area. Council member Susan Haynie, however, questioned how the state justifies that both municipalities to the north and south of Boca Raton have open beachfronts. Jennifer Bistyga of Municipal Services said that regulations tightened up after Delray Beach cut its sea grapes due to “impacts that may have happened there. They’re making it a tougher project.”

Tallahassee is, however, amenable to doing the two corridors, Bistyga said. Mayor Susan Wheelchel protested that the state had already reeled in a more expansive program to trim the sea grapes and had agreed to the four remaining corridors. “But lo and behold, it’s changed on a whim,” she said.

“We backed down from the original,” Whelchel said. “Whatever we submit, it’s never quite right.” Council members and the public debated whether the turtle population was negatively impacted by issues such as sky glow, noting recent reports that the hatchling population was flourishing and had grown. But others clarified that the one year of increasing number of hatchlings followed several years that saw the population decline.

Council member Anthony Majhess supported trimming the sea grapes, explaining it allowed A1A motorists to see the road and the beach at the same time. “It’s astounding to me,” said Jack Fox, president of the Beach Condo Association. “We were told it was reasonable and we’d like to have it.

“I’m an environmentalist, a fisherman. There’s nobody more concerned about the preservation of the species,” he said, adding that the question is that in front of Spanish River Park, the “beauty of that turquoise water shouldn’t be blocked.”
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personnel rules, any employee suspended without pay for more than one day may request a hearing by an impartial hearing officer and receive “a prompt, public, evidentiary hearing.”
Sliney said he and Featherman also discussed the town’s contract with Dale Sugerman, the town manager who proposed suspending Brown and ended up being suspended himself, though with pay, for five months. “We would like to have authorization to hire a labor attorney to give us a look at various aspects of the contract,” Sliney said. “While I don’t want to get specific on that, we’re going to ask you to approve an authorization next week to allow us to go out and hire an attorney and then report back to the commission.”

Beyond that, the theme of the workshop session was resurrecting the town’s volunteer boards. Featherman, who made the topic a campaign issue, had a proposed ordinance to revive the Code Enforcement Board put on the agenda. That board was dissolved in 2009 in favor of having a special magistrate hear code disputes, but the language was left intact in case town officials decided to reestablish it, Sliney said. “Likewise, if this ordinance passes, the language would basically remain the same in case the town decides to go back to a special magistrate at some time in the future,” Sliney said.

“We have a lot of great people in our community, experienced, who are willing to serve. And I think it depends on who we have on that board to make it work,” Featherman said. “It is something that is important to our people here, and I would like to see it given back to the people too.”

Sliney said a survey done when the code enforcement ordinance was changed showed the trend is to have magistrates. “But it’s really a policy matter,” he said.

During the mayor and commissioner reports, Featherman repeated his call for citizen boards. Several town boards that have been closed down, including the Financial Advisory Board and the Cultural Advisory Board.

“We don’t want people from the outside being paid that are not in our community that are going to make decisions for us because it has to be flexible,” Featherman said at the end of the workshop. “We have an unbelievable group of people that are our residents, in our community, both in the houses and the condominiums. We want to reach out to everybody.”

Featherman, who beat incumbent Jim Newill 440-419 for the mayor’s post, was sworn in March 11, as was new Commissioner Dennis Sheridan, who had no opponent. Commissioner John Sorrelli chose not to run.

The mayor’s first “Coffee With Mayor Featherman” will be at 9:30 a.m. April 11 at Town Hall.

The emails in Brown’s computer archive include one alluding to President Obama and using the N-word and another that praises Canadians for not being politically correct atop a collection of non-PC billboards.

Sugerman planned to suspend Brown without pay, but town commissioners ordered him to put a reprimand in her personnel file instead. When he said he had to wait until Brown’s appeal of the suspension was heard, commissioners suspended Sugerman, though with pay, until his contract ends June 30.

Two weeks later they sent a registered letter telling Sugerman they would not extend his contract. The next week they sent Sugerman his annual evaluation as required by his contract. 

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The big moon was gone, but plenty of strata shone brightly the night of March 25 at the Palm Beach International Film Festival’s Silver Screen Splash at the Boca Raton Resort & Club.

Filmmakers mingled with fans and festival supporters. Soap star Tristan Rogers emceed. Local boy Dennis Lambert, himself the subject of a festival documentary, sang a few of the many hits he wrote, including Rhinestone Cowboy and Ain’t No Woman. (He’s going out on tour!) And Richard Jenkins, modern cinema’s “everyman,” accepted the festival’s Golden Palm award.

In the past decade, the veteran actor has appeared in more than 50 films. Most don’t see that many roles in a lifetime. “He’s good because he’s so real, so down to earth,” festival Executive Director Randi Emerman said, “even when he plays a bad guy.”

Perhaps that’s because Jenkins, who was accompanied by his wife, Sharon, isn’t the typical Hollywood type. Far from it: They have homes in Rhode Island and in Naples — Florida, not Italy. “If it wasn’t for festivals like this,” he said, “independent films wouldn’t exist, it’s an honor for me to say thank you.”

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 the silver screen.

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 said.

The event will benefit Planet Hope, founded by the Stones to help homeless children and their mothers. The five-title optional party will include food from local restaurants, silent and live auction, a casino and entertainment by 4th 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.pbwiff.com 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 YMCA’s 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.
Boca Raton

Master plan for Ocean Strand due in six months

By Steve Plunkett

The Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District expects to have a master plan for some kind of park at its comfort station and parcel within six months. Curtis + Rogers Design Studio Inc., the firm hired to solicit public input and develop a design, began work on March 21 and should be finished in September, said Art Koski, the beach and park district’s attorney.

But that may be too late to meet the ordinance targeting the coastal site. The Boca Raton City Council told its attorney to open settlement talks with Keep Your Boca Beaches Public, a grassroots group that seeks to outlaw “development for private use” (including members-only beach clubs) at Ocean Strand and other public land east of the Intracoastal.

You can put a rental for your kayaks there, you can sell hot dogs from a stand, and you can do other aspects of Palmo Park Road — this is something that we’re against,” said Martin Siml, a member of the group. “We’re just against putting a big restaurant there or a beach club. Whether it’s public or private we don’t want that there.”

City Attorney Diana Grub Frieser had told the city not to count 1,522 signatures the group collected because the petition cited both Boca Raton and the beach and park district, an independent body. But a judge sided with the petitioners. The ruling does not become official until it is signed, however.

Grub Frieser said the petitioners’ attorney told her he could agree to clarifications that the ordinance would not, for example, prevent renting a pavilion for a private party “as long as private, members-only beach clubs are prohibited.” He said the group would drop its petition once the ordinance is enacted.

Grub Frieser also said the beach and park district wants to intervene in the court case because its side has not been presented to the judge.

“A lot of people have better than the greater beach and park district that has a greater interest in the outcome of the hearing.” Mayor Susan Wheeler said before the council voted unanimously to have Grub Frieser ask the judge to reconsider.

The city attorney said she would not seek an expedited hearing until once the order is signed.

“Neither party in this action has sought an expedited hearing,” she said.

“In fact, if the judge should set it, we could also seek some delay to ensure that some settlement discussion can occur.”

Under its contract, Curtis + Rogers will analyze “opportunities and constraints” at Ocean Strand and attend four beach and park district meetings to evaluate and consider public input.

The firm will be paid just over $80,000 for the master plan, more if extra meetings are necessary. The Boca Raton City Council in late January ordered its city manager to begin changing Ocean Strand’s land-use designation from residential, rather than wait for the beach and park district to request it. That process could be completed by August.

The Beach and Park District bought the Ocean Strand property in 1994 for $11.9 million but let it sit idle. In late 2009, Penn-Florida Companies proposed a private cabana club there to complement a luxury hotel in Via Mizner, a $1 billion redevelopment project planned for downtown Boca Raton.

Neighbors were surprised to discover the city’s comprehensive plan labels the parcel residential instead of recreational.

Highland Beach

Yom HaShoah program set for library

Staff Report

Journalist Marlene Roberts will read a memoir and an interview concerning the Shoah, both of which were published in Hadassah magazine, during Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, at the Highland Beach Library.

The program begins at 5 p.m. on May 2.

“... the36: The Presence of Absence, ...” is a 12-year-old Jewish boy caught in the web of France’s infamous Vel D’Hiv roundup. He escapes, but his mother is caught and perishes in Auschwitz. The memoir starts during the same period of history as Sarah i Key, a work of fiction. There are two differences in the fiction and nonfiction stories: One boy dies, the other lives. One story is resolved in 1942, the other is resolved in 2008.

George Banet, who lives in Highland Beach. Although Banet will not speak about what happened to his parents before they perished in Auschwitz or own his life during the Holocaust — he allows his writer/wife to accompany him on journeys into the past. He also offers her access to documents taken from his Paris apartment and saved by his Aunt Edmee.

George Banet came to the United States in 1948 to live with an uncle in Philadelphia. After a career with a financial investment company, in 1990 he moved to Highland Beach. In 1996 Banet began volunteering at Florida Atlantic University’s Yiskah book collection. Arthur Jaffe at the time was setting up the Arthur and Mata Jaffe Center for the Book Arts and hired George away.

G. Banet

Today Banet selects and sets up art exhibits as a volunteer at the Highland Beach Library.

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small group of people at each host’s home. Attendees pay $300 each to take part.

Tonight the team at the Campbell home includes chef Robin Haas and Blair Fox of Fess Parker Vineyards in Santa Barbara, Calif. This year’s Baccanalian features members of the Mango Gang, the group of young chefs including Haas, who put South Florida on the culinary map in the 1980s.

For the chefs involved in the Vintner Dinners, the work begins when they team up with the wineries. Haas asked for copious tasting notes from Fox so that he could plan his menu. By studying the wines, he knew to make his entrée — seared, dry-aged sirloin steak — pairing nicely with the Rodney’s Vineyard Syrah 2007. “The dishes have to match the wines. This isn’t the time for me to show how creative I can be,” Haas says.

Chefs orders Getting exactly what the chefs order isn’t always easy for the resort’s executive sous chef Donald Young. For example, Mark Militello, a consulting chef from Pomp & Circumstance and a founding member of the Mango Gang, wanted Laughing Bird shrimp. It’s farm-raised in Belize with no chemicals so it’s very sweet. But the fish farm was closed for the season. Others had to be substituted.

By Wednesday, Campbell is having the pool and ping pong tables removed from his game room and put in storage. He needs to make room for the seven large round dining tables that will fill the area.

He also has arranged for a caterer to help serve the meal, flowers, a singer and a rental company to deliver tables, chairs, linen and cooking equipment. Because the host of each of the Vintner Dinners sponsors the party this other home, all proceeds go to charity. And, of course, the chefs donate their time and skills.

The work really begins around 5 p.m. on Friday when Haas, wearing his signature red shirt, black pants, butcher apron and white hat, walks his staff through lessons showing them how the wines pair with the menu.

Meanwhile, the catering staff has finished transforming three bays of the five-car garage into a catering area. There’s a six-burner propane stove, convection oven and five 8-foot work tables brought in by Atilus Party and Event Rental of Boca Raton. The garage doors are open to provide air and light.

Haas and the staff create something on the spot.

Then the chefs take inventory to see what is ready and what needs to be chopped, minced, grated or mixed. Their work develops a rhythm and soon it is time to start assembling the hors d’oeuvres for the catering staff to pass around to guests.

Haas picks some palm fronds and purple bougainvilleas from the garden to decorate the wooden serving plates.

Meanwhile, the catering staff that has finished transforming the game room into a dining room changes into stiff white shirts, black pants, butcher aprons and ties.

Before they begin service, Haas offers a short pep talk. “Keep the service expedited. I want us out of here early,” he says. There’s appreciative laughter.

The wait staff picks up the hors d’oeuvres platters and the party begins.

The kitchen staff immediately sets to work browning $700 worth of sea salt, slicing them and fanning them onto 60 square plates. Working like an assembly line, they add a bit of apple and Asian pear slow flavored with yuzu winegarrette. Then Karl Larson, owner of Silver Sac Caterers, steps up to wipe the rim of each plate before her wait staff whisk them to the now seated guests.

The waiters work in teams of four, each carrying two plates, so that when they arrived at the table, everyone around it is served at the same time. They work with military precision.

Trouble shooting A little wave of tension runs through the “kitchen” when a waiter returns with the news that three diners are shellfish. The chefs have to be creative and work with military precision. The chefs have to be creative and work with military precision.

At a restaurant, this would not be a problem. But here, they don’t have many ingredients or much equipment available to create something on the spot.

Haas saves the day with a potato salad made from garnishes and ingredients he brought to use on other dishes.

The staff works through the evening with each course taking shape on the plates and then being offered to the guests. The only signal that the party is going well is that plates return to the now seated guests.

As the guests say goodnight around 11 p.m., the dessert course is on its way and the staff can take a much deserved break. Haas steps outside under a full moon to enjoy a Marlboro and a glass of vodka on ice. The wait staff is treated to a taste of the wines poured throughout the evening.

Haas joins them to offer an impromptu wine tasting lesson showing them how the Rodney’s Syrah 2007 leaves legs in the glass. As the guests say goodnight to their host and retrieve their cars from the valets, the catering staff finishes packing up and then takes time to have Haas autograph copies of the evening’s menu.

Guests mingle at the Boca Baccanale dinner hosted at the house of Robert Campbell. Photo by Tim Stepien
### Boca Raton

**Safety Council lauds 3 Boca public servants for heroism**

By Paula Detwiller

In an age when the word “hero” is used to describe sports figures, celebrities and various unremarkable achievers, the stories of real heroes — people who put themselves at risk to save others — become more meaningful.

Consider the stories of Boca Raton Police Officer Jimmy Jalil, Police Sgt. Shannon Wendlick and park maintenance supervisor David Hill. Their acts of spontaneous bravery in the face of personal risk won them Heroism Awards from the Safety Council of Palm Beach County. The council honored the three and others at its 14th Annual Safety Awards luncheon March 10.

#### Pulled to safety

When Boca Raton police officer Jimmy Jalil arrived at the scene of an accident on I-95 last December, two men were trying to extricate a woman from a crushed car. The woman was trapped in the front seat, pinned by wreckage, and the front of the car was on fire. After trying in vain to break a rear window with his police baton, Jalil grabbed his weapon and fired two rounds into the window at a downward angle away from the passenger. With flames climbing higher, he cleared the broken glass away with his baton, and then pulled the woman up over the front seat and out the rear window to safety.

“I tried to work as fast as possible. It only took a minute, but it seemed like forever,” Jalil said.

He credits the SWAT team training he received last year for enabling him to take quick, decisive action.

#### A close call

Police Sergeant Shannon Wendlick was on routine patrol in the Boca Rivierra neighborhood one night last July. She watched as a neighborhood one night patrol in the Boca Riviera neighborhood one night last July. She watched as a suspicious car pulled into a home’s driveway.

When the car was on fire, the fugitive driver crashed into a tree and fled on foot. The driver took the car’s two other occupants into custody while advising police dispatchers about the incident and the fugitive driver.

“That was the closest call I’ve ever had,” said Wendlick, a 17-year veteran of the Boca police force. “Afterward, when I thought about the severity of what could have happened, it was pretty frightening.”

Her two captives later confessed they were planning a home invasion robbery.

But that’s not the end of the story.

Palm Beach County Sheriff’s investigators subsequently tied the weapons, ammunition and masks found inside the car to a double murder at a West Palm Beach Circle K and to the murder of a 17-year-old girl outside a nightclub in Lake Worth.

Wendlick’s police work ultimately helped Sheriff’s investigators arrest an eight-man crime ring (including the three she encountered) in early January in connection with a violent South Florida rampage that included other attempted killings and home invasion robberies.

#### Horror crash

Boca Raton park maintenance supervisor David Hill was walking toward a Boca Raton wildlife preserve when he oversaw just north of Dixie Highway last May when he was jolted by the horrified sight and sound of a triple-rollover car crash. He’d never used the emergency button on his two-way radio before, but he did then, informing the 911 dispatcher of the accident as he raced to the scene.

“I thought for sure when I got over there, I’d see dead bodies,” Hill said.

Instead, he found a hysterical grandmother and her 2-year-old granddaughter, still strapped into their seats and dangling sideways in a damaged, overturned van. Assisted by another bystander, Hill crawled through the back of the van over broken glass and debris to un-trap the toddler from her car seat. Then he cut the woman’s seat belt and got her out, too. He comforted the pair until police and fire-rescue personnel arrived.

Does Hill consider himself a hero? “Not at all,” he said. “There were two other people who helped out. Besides, I hope anybody would do the same for me in a similar situation.

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**Boca Raton election results**

Mayor Susan Whelchel defeated challenger Linda Spurling Gruneisen in the only race on the March 8 Boca Raton ballot. Whelchel won with 85.37 percent of the vote. The mayor is paid $750 a month plus $350 a month in car expenses for a three-year term.
Dos and don’ts for turtle 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. 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.

Additionally, all of the hotel’s windows are tinted to an approved shade level. While they are permitted to clean and hand rake the restricted part of the beach, mother sea turtles that leave the beach is permitted in certain areas only after the beach has been inspected and nests are clearly marked.

Rusenko applauds the cooperation he sees among beachfront property owners.

“Ninety nine percent of the time, once (people) what know the right thing to do is, they do it,” he said.

Seasonal towns grapple with off-the-mark census counts

By Tim O’Meilia

The towns of the Highland Beach and South Palm Beach have more registered voters than they have actual flesh-and-blood residents.

Briny Breezes suddenly has more homes than residents, the U.S. Census says. The town has barely 800 not-so-mobile voters than they have actual flesh-and-blood residents.

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

If a town believes its census figures are off, it can appeal no matter how obvious the appeal seems. The numbers don’t work,” said interim Town Manager Mark Pagliaro, who figures the year-round population is about 4,300. The town has 100 housing units in the past 10 years. “We’ve had some homes demolished, but they were all single family homes,” he said. The town has barely 800 registered voters than they have actual flesh-and-blood residents.

Some residents complained to town officials that they didn’t receive census forms.

“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.

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Cruise director Olena Markel (center) celebrates her birthday with Irina Samsonenko (left) on the Palm Breeze as Capt. Charlie Mounts looks on. Samsonenko, holding Markel so she wouldn’t slip as she looked at the cabin below, flew in from Ukraine to help Markel celebrate. Photos by Tim Stepien

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

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dolphins splashing alongside the boat. 

Nestled between the hulls of the Palm Breeze, guests find ample room to sunbathe or sip a cool drink while listening to steel drum music. Behind the bar is cruise director Olena Markel, whose wide smile and cheery demeanor help ensure everyone has a good time.

“I grew up in the Ukraine,” Markel says. “I dreamed of living by the ocean. Then one day I was in Jacksonville and I realized my dream had come true.”

Markel, who lives in Boca Raton, even makes the safety talk fun. “There are life jackets. If you see me wearing one, you should, too,” she advises before she cranks up the island music to put everyone in a “don’t worry, be happy” state of mind.

While Markel chit-chats with the folks on board, in this case a mix of European tourists and locals, mate Greg Steck scurries about helping to raise the sails and occasionally relieves Capt. Charlie at the wheel.

On this day, the Palm Breeze departs from the Boca Raton Resort & Club. Capt. Charlie cranks up the engine to get out of the inlet and then raises the sails full speed ahead into the Atlantic.

It’s a very green operation. Solar panels charge the batteries and wind powers the boat through the open waters. Cruisers discover how quietly and quickly the catamaran glides across the waves.

“We broke our speed record recently,” Capt. Charlie reveals. “After a Coast Guard inspection in Fort Pierce, Olena and I came back at 20 knots (about 25 miles per hour). That’s high performance for a charter boat. We went 100 miles in five hours with no engine.”

Even on a regular sightseeing cruise like the one we took recently, the catamaran moved along at 10-15 miles per hour as it sailed south by the Hillsboro Inlet.

Once inside the inlet, the Palm Breeze sailed back to the Boca Raton Resort & Club, the crew pointning out some of the mansions along the way. Perhaps because the catamaran is so wide and Capt. Charlie is such an accomplished sailor, or maybe because the winds weren’t brutal, no one appears to have a problem with seasickness.

While you might not think about sailing boats as fishing vessels, Capt. Charlie says the Palm Breeze has an impressive fishing history. Large sailfish, wahoo and mahi mahi are reeled in fairly frequently, he says, much to the delight of guests.

The day we sailed, a 10- to 15-pound mahi mahi took the bait and jumped out of the water three times before escaping with a chunk of ballyhoo in its mouth.

While sailing may be in his blood, Capt. Charlie says he likes the people side of the business as much as anything. “I enjoy meeting people with diverse personalities and being outdoors,” he says.

Capt. Charlie and his partner, Holly Sauer, established Palm Breeze Charters in 1987 with a sailing yacht. They currently have two 55-foot catamarans, a 48-foot motor yacht for Intracoastal cruises and a racing boat.

The boats, which depart from various locations, including the Boca Raton Resort & Club and Deck 84 in Delray Beach, are available for charters but individuals can board as well.

Debra Accquila, who worked for the Boca Raton Historical Society where she set up the historical trolley tours and currently works in sales and marketing for the charter company, said history cruises are popular outings. Volunteers from the Historical Society board to share their knowledge and talk about Boca Raton’s history and how Addison Mizner influenced the city’s architecture.

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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, pastry chefs move from heavy bread puddings and rich dark chocolates to fruity and lighter desserts — souffles, 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. To make it kasher for Passover, Miles substituted matzo crackers for graham crackers in the crust. An all-nut crust could be used, she said.

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 could be substituted.

Springtime Lemon-Blueberry Cheesecake

For the crust:
- ¾ cup finely ground pecans
- 4 matzo crackers, unsalted (see note)
- ¼ teaspoon salt

For the filling:
- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 8 ounces whole-milk ricotta cheese, at room temperature
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 16 ounces (2 cups) sour cream, at room temperature
- Zest of 1 lemon
- ¼ teaspoon pure vanilla extract, optional

Equipment:
- 8-inch springform pan
- Roasting pan to hold springform pan 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 foil and wrap up the sides, creating a seal for the water bath. (Do not wrap foil into interior of pan; fold it down or try or Line bottom of the pan with foil and place sheet on top of the rim.) Set aside.

In a food processor, combine pecans and matzo crackers, pulsing until fine crumbs result. Add sugar, salt, cinnamon, and pulse 2 to 3 times to combine. With processor running, drizzle in melted butter. Spoon mixture into prepared springform pan and press crumbs into its base. Chill pan in the refrigerator while making the filling.

In a large bowl, using a hand mixer, beat cream cheese and ricotta together on low or medium-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
- Zest of 1 lemon
- 2 tablespoons sugar

In a medium sauce pan, mix berries, 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.

Cake frosts well; wrap in plastic wrap and cover in foil. Serve slightly frozen or well chilled.

Recipe provided by Gianna Miles, of Palm Beach Pastry. For information on her desserts or dessert parties, contact her at 351-6111 or at palmbeachpastry@comcast.net. Miles sells her pastries from a booth Saturdays through July on Lantana’s Oceanside Farmer’s Market.
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Fuel efficiency catching on with car manufacturers
By Rich Pollack

With gas prices soaring, a lot of drivers are looking for ways to save money at the pump. One answer is to drive more efficiently — avoiding jackrabbit starts and slowing down on the interstate — but for others the answer may be to ditch the gas-guzzler for a more efficient car or SUV.

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 YOU CAN GET ONE: 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 SUV
Ford Escape Hybrid
- EPA RATING: 34 MPG city, 31 highway
- PRICE: MSRP from $30,000
- WHERE YOU CAN GET ONE: Available at all South Florida Ford dealerships.
- WHAT MAKES IT GREAT: The Escape was one of the first hybrid SUVs, debuting 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 SMALL SEDAN
Hyundai Elantra
- EPA RATING: 29 MPG city, 40 highway
- PRICE: MSRP from $14,800-$19,980
- WHERE YOU CAN GET ONE: 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 FAMILY SEDAN
Toyota Camry Hybrid
- EPA RATING: 31 MPG city, 35 highway
- PRICE: MSRP from $26,400
- WHERE YOU CAN GET ONE: The Camry Hybrid is available at Toyota dealers everywhere.
- 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 STATION WAGON
Audi A3 TDI Diesel
- EPA RATING: 30 MPG city, 42 highway
- PRICE: MSRP from $27,270
- WHERE YOU CAN GET ONE: 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 SMALL TWO-SEATER
Smart ForTwo
EPA RATING: 33 MPG city, 41 highway
PRICE: MSRP starting at $12,490
WHERE YOU CAN GET ONE: Available at 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 LUXURY SEDAN
Lexus HS250h Hybrid
EPA RATING: 35 MPG city, 35 highway
PRICE: MSRP from $35,600
WHERE YOU CAN GET ONE: Available at Lexus 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.

BEST SPORTS CAR
Tesla Roadster
EPA RATING: Fully Electric
PRICE: $109,000 to $128,000
WHERE YOU CAN GET ONE: 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.

BEST SMALL SUBCOMPACT
Chevrolet Cruze Eco
EPA RATING: 38 MPG city, 42 highway
PRICE: MSRP from $16,995
WHERE YOU CAN GET ONE: Available at Chevrolet 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 styling and 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.

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Society Spotlight

Bethesda Ball, ‘Evening at the Oscars’
At The Breakers, Palm Beach

Bethesda Hospital Foundation Executive Director Kay Harvey (left) with Lady Sheila Germain and Foundation Board Chairman Mary Morrell at the Bethesda Ball, which raised more than $400,000. Lady Sheila, of Highland Beach, was a major sponsor of the ball. Photo provided

East Boca Comerica Grand Opening
Comerica Florida, Boca Raton

Comerica Florida President Randy Nobles celebrated the recent grand opening of a new East Boca banking center with Sarah Flynn (left) and Mary Csar of the Boca Raton Historical Society. The bank made a donation on behalf of each guest to the Boca Raton Historical Society and presented a check to the charity as part of the festivities. Photo provided

Savor the Avenue
On Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach

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. Photo by Jerry Lower

Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County’s annual ingathering
At The Polo Club, Boca Raton

Four hundred people attended the Jewish Federation’s annual ingathering. Nancy Lublin, CEO of DoSomething.com and founder of Dress for Success, was the keynote speaker. Pictured are Meryl Gallatin, Women’s Philanthropy chair (left); deputy consul general from Israel Paul Hirschson; Toby Weinman Palchik; Irv Geffen, federation CEO; Marleen Forkas; Cindy Orbach Nimhauser, federation chair; Ellen R. Sarnoff. Photo provided

The Heart Truth Red Dress Tour
At Town Center, Boca Raton

Robert Primeau (left), charity namesake Christine Lynn, John Gallo, Annie Green and Lou Green at The Red Stiletto Stroll and South Florida debut of The Heart Truth Red Dress Tour. Presented by Town Center at Boca Raton, the event raised about $3,000 for the Christine E. Lynn Heart & Vascular Institute at Boca Raton Regional Hospital.

JWF’s 2011 grant awards reception
At Boca Rio Country Club

Nearly 175 women celebrated as the Jewish Women’s Foundation of South Palm Beach County announced that a total of $135,000 was granted to projects that benefit women and girls in the local community, Israel and central Russia. Pictured are Rose Singer, event co-chair; Marlene Silver, JWF co-chair; Naomi Wolf, featured speaker; Linda Melcer, Oppenheimer, JWF sponsor; Cindy White, event co-chair; and Ann Kelman, JWF co-chair. Photo provided

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Boca Raton Symphonia Pre-Concert Gathering
At the home of Marta and Jim Batmasian

Jim and Marta Batmasian (left), Steve Pomeranz and conductor Philippe Entremont. Photo provided
Judi Getch Brodman is an engineer who took up painting about 20 years ago. There is an exhibition of her watercolors at the Highland Beach Library. Photo by Tim Stepien

They have a place in Stowe, Vt., where they spend time in the summer and they also spend time in their childhood summer place, Wellfleet on Cape Cod — the town she writes about in her novel.

She and her husband bought their Highland Beach condo nine years ago at the recommendation of Steve’s mother, who tipped them off to “a gorgeous condo for sale facing the ocean.” The Bodmans bought the condo without having seen it, based on Steve’s mother’s glowing report, and have wintered there ever since.

The couple takes three-mile walks every day in addition to regular beach strolls. She hunts for seashells and they chat with passers-by.

— Mary Thunwarth

Q. Where did you go to school?

A. I attended a private Catholic high school, Archbishop Williams, graduated from a Catholic women’s college on the Fens in Boston, Emmanuel College, with a degree in Mathematics. I received a master’s in computer engineering from Boston University College of Engineering.

Q. What are some highlights of your professional life?

A. Early in my career, I worked in the space program. As a mathematician, I analyzed the performance of the GE fuel cells powering the Gemini spacecrafts. After that, I worked for a number of companies as a software programmer, a corporate software divisional manager, and in new business acquisition. When I reached the top of the corporate hierarchy, I started my own consulting company and co-founded another, specializing in software process improvement. I traveled extensively, speaking at conferences all over the U.S. and abroad. My most memorable work place was in the Marshall Islands. To make my way there, I flew to Hawaii, then on to the ultra-secret Johnston Island for a refueling stop. I flew from Kwajalein every day in a retrofitted DC-3 to my office on Ros-Namur, a secure U.S. radar installation, at the other end of the atoll. It’s a place and time I’ll never forget. I wouldn’t change one thing in my corporate life — no regrets.

Q. Were you always a good painter or writer?

A. I wrote for my college newspaper. The nuns asked me to be an English major. I declined — math was my field. I wrote and published constantly in my professional life; papers, presentations, articles and a book. During the years, my personal writing consisted only in keeping journals when I traveled. My only early art memory is standing in a storefront with classmates, drawing in charcoal. I tried my hand at oils when I was in college. My mother and older sister commented that my rocks looked like eggs. That finished it. I found my painting career finished after 20 years ago, when I took watercolor lessons.

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

A. Highland Beach has a small town feel about it. It found it easy to involve myself in different activities to meet people. I write the newsletters for the cultural committee; I joined the writers group at the library; I have a painting group at our complex. Little by little, it begins to feel like home. My absolute favorite part being on the ocean, walking the beach every day; watching the changes in the ocean, the clouds, and the light on the water — hour by hour and minute by minute. Some days we see fish, sharks, and other strange creatures.

Q. What is your new book about?

A. My novel, Secrets of Lemon Pie Cottage — the Gift, is a mystery romance about a young woman, Suzanne James, whose inheritance, a cottage at the outer reaches of Cape Cod, thrusts her into threatening situations she isn’t prepared to handle. As she sorts through her Aunt Patrice’s life in Wellfleet, Suzanne finds herself face to face to the town’s handsome police chief, Jack Hereford, unraveling unsolved mysteries, investigating local murders, running from an unknown stalker and uncovering family secrets maybe best left buried.

Q. If someone made a movie of your life, who would you like to play you and why?

A. I needed a little help with answering this so I took a poll. The results: for my early years, Doris Day — sweet and lively; later years, Lauren Bacall — independent, strong opinions, tall and stately, lived a long, distinguished life; Linda Evans — similar looks, soft-spoken. My thought was maybe I could be played by Meryl Streep — a woman who loves life and lives it to the fullest.

Q. What do people not know about you that you wish they knew?

A. I’m really a shy person — uncomfortable in unfamiliar situations — but very good at camouflageing it. I also work very hard at everything I do, be it writing or painting; I’m not satisfied until I’m the best that I can be. I’m dogged, I guess.

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

A. I always seem to return to the quotes of my father: “Don’t sleep your life away; you will sleep a long time when you’re dead.”

“Don’t wish your life away.”

“Have no regrets — no I should have, no I could have.” I think this one taught me to go for it, make conscious decisions in life, have no regrets. I mean … and most importantly, don’t look back at missed opportunities because there are no do-overs or second chances.

Q. Have you had mentors in your life?

A. I learned most of my life lessons from my parents. They worked hard as first generation Americans, providing a secure safe environment for their children. They moved over the blue line, out of the city where they grew up, to the country hoping to give their three “girls” more than they had. They encouraged us to do and see everything we wanted. They valued education. My sisters and I were the first in the family to attend college. My uncle advised my father about sending his daughters to college: “They will only get married and the education will be wasted.” But my father needed to know that we could take care of ourselves, and wouldn’t be dependent on anyone or anything. He and my mother taught us to work hard to obtain what we want, never take anything we didn’t earn. My mother was our fashion adviser, cook, canner of my father’s garden and shopper extraordinaire for us.

Q. Who or what makes you laugh?

A. Physical comedy makes me laugh: Abbott and Costello, Jerry Lewis and Lucille Ball reruns; old SNL skits with Steve Martin, Dan Aykroyd, John Belushi, Chevy Chase, Jane Curtin and Gilda Radner — they were a cast to be reckoned with. Weddings, babies … happy occasions, good jokes bring a smile or laugh.
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 devotionals, 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. Founder 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.

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 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 vehicle in front of me. My first thought: my dogs. As I opened my door, I fell 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! Are you OK?” I cried out.

As I opened the door, I saw my two dogs shaking violently, cowering 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 unharmed. Whew.

The gate kept them from propelling forward in my car and, possibly, through the back of the vehicle. 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. Call it a personal trial.

The driver readily took full responsibility for the collision. Chipper and Cleo were able to walk on leashes with no signs of injury. Each wears collars with their names and my phone number embroidered on them. They also have microchip IDs. My cell phone identifies three people on my “in case of emergency” list and all three know my pets, my veterinarian’s information and have access to my house.

Accidents can happen to anyone at any time. I share this as a reminder of keeping our pets safe as possible when they ride with us in our vehicles. It saddens — and frustrates — me when I see little dogs riding on the laps of drivers with their heads and sometimes, front legs dangling out the car window. Or big dogs racing loose in the back of truck beds. Or dogs racing back and forth in the middle seats with no harnesses or restraints.

Seriously, folks — show how much you really love your dogs — and other traveling pets — by keeping them safe when you drive.

Christina Sifter, known as the “Pet Safety Lady,” is waging the Bark Buckle Up campaign. She shares these facts:

• A 60-pound pet becomes a 2,700-pound projectile, at just 35 miles per hour.
• Pet travel has increased 300 percent since 2005.

• Unrestrained pets delay emergency workers’ access to human occupants. Injured pets may bite first responders and rescue workers.
• Pets escaping post-accident pose many dangers, including catching the loose pet. They may escape through a window or open door and cause a second accident.
• Driver distraction is common when unrestrained pets are rambunctious.

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 site (www.barkbuckleup.com) for more helpful info, including how to obtain a pet safety kit you can keep in your vehicle.

As I type this, I am wearing a neck brace and taking medication to relieve the pain in my neck and back muscles. I am extremely grateful that Chipper and Cleo escaped physical harm and are cuddled up next to me. Let’s be safe on the roads — for the sake of ourselves, others and our pets.

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

By Liz Best

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More than 2,000 people attended the third annual Boating and Beach Bash for Disabilities. The city-sanctioned event was orchestrated this year by members of Royal Palm Yacht and Country Club. A highlight was a half-hour ride on the Intracoastal Waterway on one of 25 private boats donated for the day by their owners, members of Royal Palm Yacht Club. The day also featured a complimentary barbecue lunch with hot dogs, hamburgers, pulled pork sandwiches, seafood, ice cream and cotton candy. Photos provided by art of Palm, 501 SE Cocoa Blvd. This family program features art workshops or live performances by talented artists, music, crafts, and food. Admission for performance only: $30-250.


Boating and Beach Bash Spanish River Park, Boca Raton

South Florida River Park, Boca Raton
Municipal meetings

4/5 & 5/3 - Highland Beach - First Thursday of each month at Highland Beach Town Hall, 400 E. Ocean Blvd. 7:30 p.m. 396-7986.
4/12 & 4/26 - Boca Raton - Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month at Boca Raton Library, 200 N. Palmetto Road. 6 p.m. 396-7800 at www.boca-raton.fl.us.

Club at the Boca Raton Public Library, 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. For ages 13-17. Registration begins 3/8. Receive a free copy of the book at the time of required registration. 6:10 p.m. 391-7968.
4/12 - Concert: Jimmy Cavallo Ensemble at Royal Palm Place Performance Arts Center, 2400 Yamato Road, Boca Raton. Featuring saxophonist Jimmy Cavallo Ensemble. Presented by the Swing and Jazz Preservation Society. 6 p.m. $10 members, $12 non-members. 499-9976 or www.sjspreservation.org.
4/15 - Flossy Keesely's Gala Concert and Pathway to the Stars Young Performers - presented as part of "The Music In The Park" series at Mizner Park Amphitheatre. 7 p.m. 395-7987 or www.myboca.org.
4/16 - Native American Inspirational - Art exhibit and presentation at the Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. An opportunity to preview a show before it goes into full production. During a presentation, the artist will introduce the present and actors may still be on script. 4:30-7:30 pm. Sat. & Sun. 3 p.m.
4/18 - 7th Annual Delray Festival of the Arts - at Royal Palm Place, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd. Royal Palm Place is located at the intersection of S. Military Trail and N. Ocean Blvd. For ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. 10 am - 5 pm. Free admission. 242-3946 or www.delaart.com.
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**Easter Sunrise Services**

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- **4/20 - Noon** - **Easter Sunrise at South Boca Inlet**, 9195 S Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Each year Father Michael celebrates an Easter Sunrise Mass on the beach. People of all faiths and genders gather for this event. 6:30 am. 928-6122 or www.stjacques.net.
- **4/20 - Easter Sunrise Community Worship Service** - Presented by the Boynton Beach Ministerial Association at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd, Ocean Ridge. Bring a folding chair so we will be taken to be blessed by the Boynton Beach Community Center. Open to the public. 6:30 am. Free. 733-3772.

**APRIL 23-24**

- **4/22 - Easter Sunrise-Sunday Services at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach**, 33 Granada St., Delray Beach. Open to the public. 9 am. 276-6359.
- **4/23 - Annual Easter in the Park** - Service and Butterfly Release at First United Methodist Church of Boca Raton, 625 NE Mizner Blvd. 9 am. Free. 295-2444 or 4/24 - **Easter Egg Hunt** - at the Children’s Science Center. 25 SW Fifth Ave. Three hunts will be offered for various age groups. Bring your own basket. Begins 9:30 am sharp. 392-9525.
- **Monday - 4/20 - Antonio Sace: I Dream of Cubas** - Planet Story: Tales and Secrets around the Cuban Storyteller at the Caldwell Theatre, County Playhouse, 801 S. Federal Hwy., Boca Raton. 2 pm & 7 pm. 520-225; full-time students with ID 54-1432.
- **4/21 - THE Boca Club and Park** - Discussion panel presented by the Friends of the Boca Raton Public Library. 200 NW Boca Raton Blvd. Each month. 10:30 am. Free. 393-7968.
- **Wednesday - 4/22-25** - **Underground Rep** at the University of Miami’s Program in the Performing Arts. Boca Raton. For 10-14 years old. Held every Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm. Free admission for students. The performance takes place in the Parkland Theatre, 200 Dixie Hwy, Boca Raton.

**MAY 1-7**

- **5/7 - Nature Craft for Mom** - is presented as part of the ARTRail Adventure Sunday series at The Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 Plaza Real. This family program features activities workshops and demonstrations. The program is free. 2 pm. Free admission for all. 2 pm. 427-6500.
- **5/7 - Summer Reading Program** - Held the first Friday of every month from 11 am-1 pm for 3-5 yr-olds, 5/7-children 6-12, Free children under 5 to staff at Boca Raton Library. Community center: 535-7866 Ext. 100.
- **5/7 - Flying Fish Kites** - Presented by the Boynton Beach Ministerial Association at Oceanfront Park, 6415 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. Bring a folding chair so we will be taken to be blessed by the Boynton Beach Community Center. Open to the public. 6:30 am. Free. 733-3772.

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- **200 - Easter Sunrise Services**
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Surround yourself with butterflies and hummingbirds at Butterfly World. Thousands of butterflies and hummingbirds await 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. Kodak moments 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.

Butterfly World is in Tradewinds Park, 3600 W. Sample Road, Coconut Creek. Call 954-977-4400. Check out the Web site, www.butterflyworld.com. It’s beautiful!

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 koolas 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 kid-friendly restaurant with indoor and outdoor seating, and bird shows. An adult must accompany kids under 12 and pets need to stay at home. The zoo is at 1300 Summit Blvd., West Palm Beach. Admission is $16.95 for adults, $14.95 for seniors, $11.95 for kids 3-12 and free for ankle biters (under 3). Call 547-9453. www.palmbeachzoo.org.

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 coconut 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 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.

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, food and pets are prohibited — but grandchildren are definitely welcome! Admission to the Preserve at 400 E. Ocean Ave., Lantano, is free.

With Easter right around the corner and our 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 aren’t expecting visitors soon, there are some fun things you may want to do before you head north yourself.

Here are 10 suggestions.

— Mary Thurwachter

Pick a bucket of strawberries. This good old-fashioned field trip has many 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 negotiate. Besides the strawberries, there are swans, fishponds, exotic birds, goats and a miniature donkey. Yee haw! Before you go, check out the gourmet country store. Picking season is this month.

The store and garden is at 14466 S. Military Trail, Delray Beach. Call 496-0188.

Find out what Atlantic reef fish, nurse sharks and Florida spiny lobster eat for breakfast. At the Sandoway House Nature Center guided tours and coral reef shark feedings are held every Tuesday through Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. But you can go anytime to see displays of sea creatures, exotic birds, turtles and shells. Learn about local history in the Old Florida Room and get a magnified look on sea life in the microscope lab.

The center is at 142 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. Admission is $4. Call 274-7263. www.sandowayhouse.org.

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 kiddy land — the 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.

The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens is in suburban Delray Beach at 4000 Morikami Park Road, just off Jog Road. Call 495-0231. See www.morikami.org.

Bike around Palm Beach. Oil baron Henry Flagler built the Lake Trail so his hotel guests would have a place for strolling. It’s still a fine place for walking, skating or pushing a baby buggy, but it’s also a 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 8½, if you add on two shorter trails). Expect to see Flagler’s first house, the Sea Gull Cottage, Whitehall (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 659-4583.
NOTE: Not all Summer Camp schedules have been provided. Please check next month for additional information as it becomes available. If your organization offers a Summer Camp, please inform us at thecastorcalendar@gmail.com.

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Boca Raton Theatre Summer Workshop: 7630 N.W. 6th, Boca Raton. Acceptance determined by audition. Open to Grade K-6. Weekly Monday through Friday workshops or weekly sessions available. Performing workshop 6/2-7/21 (pre-pointe & pointe). Mon. 10-6 pm, $112/week. Weekly Performing workshop 6/2-7/21 (both sessions). Mon. 10-6 pm, $525/week; Workshop 6/6-19. For anyone currently enrolled in an in-school or arts camp. M-F 10 am-3 pm, $550. Weekly Workshop 6/6-12, 12-18; Weekly workshop: Wed. 6/6-24, 10 am-3 pm, $275/week; Summer Workshop 6/6-12, 12-18. (per-course & pointe required). For anyone currently enrolled in Lewish 2a and M-F 10 am-3 pm. 6/20-24. Workshop 6/6-7/24, 10 am-3 pm; Summer Workshop 6/6-12, 12-18. (per-course & pointe required). For anyone currently enrolled in Lewish 2a and M-F 10 am-3 pm. 6/20-24. Workshop 6/6-7/24, 10 am-3 pm; Summer Workshop 6/6-12, 12-18.

Boca Raton Theatre Summer Program: 3000 St. Lucie Ave., Boca Raton. Grades K-12. Learn about the use of the digital technology, including photography, Video-Art and television production. 6-6/5, M-F 9 am-3 pm. $525/week registration fee. 236-9615 or www.digicamp.com.


Evert Tennis Academy Summer Camps: 3000 St. Lucie Ave., Boca Raton. Grades K-12. Improve their game at any level. 8-9 am & 3-5 pm. $50 registration fee. 236-9615 or www.ShowtimeBoca.com.

Extended care is offered 9 am-4:30 pm. 6/6-8/5. M-F 9 am-3 pm. $165/week; M-F 9 am-4:30 pm. $210/week. Free am & pm extended care until 5:30 pm is $35/week. 447-7630 N.W. 6th Ave., Boca Raton. Ages 5-12. M-F, 9 am-4 pm. 6/6-7/2. No


Vacation Bible School: 269 N.W. 14th St., Coconut Grove. M-F, 9 am-12:15 pm. $35/child. 395-1244 or 395-8548 Ext. 152 or www.oldschool.org.

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American Heritage Summer Day Camp: 6200 Linton Blvd., Delray Beach. Ages 3-13. 3 Sports and musical theater academies. Four two-week sessions 6/6-7/2 and one one-week session 6/27-7/3. $950/week. Each four week program (age 384) from 9 am-1:30 pm. There will be no camp on July 4. Extended care available. 5896/two-week session, 544/two-week session, 570/one-week session. Tuition includes meals. Payment for full in all sessions is due on or before March 1. 637-2440 or at www.ahschool.org.

Bucky doll's Baseball School: 460 Dotted Road, Delray Beach. Ages 7-18. 1-9 am, M-F. Baseball games, batting practice, pitching. Sessions start 6/6/757, week discounts available. Rookie Camp: Age 5-7, 9 am-12:30 pm; All Stars Camp: Age 8-11. 9 am-1:30 pm. Includes lunch. 570/week. Camp runs through 8/5-2620 or www.buckydollbaseballschool.com.

Knick’s Arts Camp: Crest Theatre, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Age 6-13. A variety of visual, performing and literary arts activities will be available in keeping with each week’s theme, and visiting artists and mentors will enhance the program. 9 am-2 pm. M-F. Three one-week sessions: 7/11-7/25, 7/29-8/12 plus $26/wk materials fee. 26-7922, ext. 137 or www.knickarts.org.

The Delray Beach Playhouse Acting Summer Camp: 950 N.W. Sixth St., Delray Beach. Age 6-18. Offering two sessions: Sessional Jr. 6/6-7/3; Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat 7/7-8/31. Sunday rehearsal held 8/11, 10:15 & 2 pm with regular camp beginning 6/6-1. M-F, 1-6 pm, per care available 9 am-1 pm $110. $600 per session, 272-3211 Ext. 4 or www.deidaleplayhouse.com.

Delray Beach Summer Camp: Delray Beach Park & Recreation Dept. A currently holding registration for two camp sites (Community Center and Pumper Park). Parents should bring completed registration application, a headshot of the children’s & a copy of the child’s birth certificate. Camp will be held 6/13-6/35. M-F, 7:30-9:30 pm. Eight-week program $500/residents; $525/non-residents. Fee includes five t-shirts, camp bag, lunch, snacks and field trips. 243-7249 or www.dnbpc.com.


Florida Fishing Academy Summer Camp: 637 A1A, Delray Beach. Ages 5-12. M-F, 9 am-4 pm. 6/6-7/2. No

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Gulf Stream School Summer Camp: Gulf Stream School, 3600 Gulf Stream Road, Gulf Stream. School offers summer programs for children Pre-K through 5th grade. 6/13-8/16. Lower School camp combines a variety of both on-campus and off-campus activities. A camp for Pre-Kinder Garten students provides educational play. 276-5225 or www.gulfstreamschool.org.


Seacrest Christian School: 270 N. Seacrest Blvd., Delray Beach. Age 2-8. Arts, crafts, and science. Sessions offered as half day (8:30-11:30 am) or full day (8:30 am-3:30 pm) with free morning care 7:45-8:30 am. After care 3:30-5:30 pm for $15/week. M- F from 7:45 am to 3:30 pm. Free before care at 7:30 am and after care until 5:30 pm. 276-5552 or www.seacrestchurch.com.

SUNFUN Summer Camp & Sports Camps at Trinity Lutheran School: 400 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. SUNFUN: Age 3-11. Christian environment with field trips. 8 am-3:30 pm (aftercare until 5:30 pm.) M- F, 6/6-7/29. $150/week. $20/aftercare. SPORTS CAMPS: Age 7-14. 8 am-3:15 pm (aftercare until 5:30 pm.) M- F, 6/6-8/12. $150/week (Sibling discount). $20/aftercare. 276-6458 or www.trinitydelray.org.

Vacation Bible School: St. Paul’s Episcopal Church: 188 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Children will participate in arts & crafts and recreational activities. For age 4-10. 8:45 am-Noon. 6/6-10. About $35/child. 276-4541 or www.stpaulsdelray.org.


Summer Sail Camp: Palm Beach Sailing Club, 4600 N. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach. Age 7-15. Water safety, boat handling, teamwork, sportsmanship and sailing basics. Classes by age, weight, and skill level. Class size is limited. Basic swimming skills required. Half days 8 am-12 pm, or full day 9 am-4 pm. M-F, 6/6-8/19. Half Day camp $95. Full Day camp $155. $30 registration fee. Early drop-off (7:30-7:59 am) and late pick-up (4-5:30 pm) available at $2/15 minutes. Discounts available for multiple children. 881-0809 or www.pbsail.org.
House of the Month

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.

An idyllic location in Highland Beach, Casa Vaso del Sol, provides an unprecedented Mediterranean style with timeless architectural elements. An unobstructed vista of the Atlantic is the backdrop for the east side of this spectacular residence.

The east walls of glass open to allow the home complete access to the outdoor entertainment area with an 850-square-foot covered loggia and an imported marble deck that leads to the pool and waterfront spa beyond…and just a bit further east, the dunes, beach and ocean.

Every amenity has been incorporated into this six-bedroom, weather-protected and energy-efficient home, which incorporates innovative construction techniques including impact resistant glass and specially treated external hardware. But the heart of the design is the state-of-the-art gourmet kitchen with butler’s pantry, built-in cappuccino machine, along with a wine cellar that boasts bulk storage.

The second story master wing is another masterpiece with 2,200 square feet of opulence.

Wake up to ocean views in the 28- by 27-foot master bedroom with its sweeping walls of windows.

Picture the oceanfront bedroom, marble baths (his and hers), fireplace, wet bar and kitchenette, hot tub, in-bed theater and best of all: an ocean view, air-conditioned atrium with sliding glass walls that pocket back to create a covered balcony open to the unparalleled tropical breezes.

Offered at $8.995 million. Including furnishings.

Contact Joyce Schneider, Castles by the Beach Realty: (561) 212-4403.
www.joyceschneider.com

Walk down to the ocean or soak the day away in your own pool and spa. The stone patio offers plenty of space for entertaining.
For the second year in a row HealthGrades®, the leading independent healthcare ratings organization, has ranked Boca Raton Regional Hospital #1 for cardiac surgery in the state of Florida in 2010 and 2011. According to their study, patients having bypass or valve surgery at Boca Regional have a lower risk for adverse clinical outcomes relative to all other hospitals. They've also ranked the Hospital #1 for overall cardiac services and #1 for the treatment of stroke.

The National Cardiac Database rates Boca Regional in the top 9% of open-heart programs in the country. Over 90% of these procedures are performed off-pump. That means a reduced risk of stroke, kidney failure and infection for patients. Plus, a faster recovery.

If you or a loved one is in need of advanced, specialized cardiac care, talk to your doctor about Boca Raton Regional Hospital. Call us at 561.955.HEART (955.4327).