Along the Coast

Mayors seek ways to work together

Study proposed for coastal area

By Steve Plunkett, Tim O’Meilia and Margie Plunkett

Cooperation was at the top of the menu for the first luncheon of mayors from South Palm Beach to Gulf Stream. Mayor Ken Kaleel of Ocean Ridge organized the meeting at Callaro’s Prime Steak and Seafood shortly before the restaurant left Manalapan, mostly so coastal leaders could get to know each other better. By the end of the meal they decided hiring a consultant might be the best way to consolidate services and save tax dollars.

The consultant could view the towns as a blank slate, consider the best way to operate and make recommendations, Kaleel told his commissioners afterward. Kaleel envisioned the consultant’s looking at the personalities of each town and asking, “In what ways can we make it better for our communities?”

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Boyon Inlet spruced up and spritzing sand

Sand transfer plant was the first of its kind in 1937

By Tim O’Meilia

Thirty-odd years ago, a barely teen-aged Geoff Pugh and his brother would climb down to the rocks at the bottom of the north jetty of the Boynton Inlet and spear fish until a Palm Beach County Sheriff’s deputy shooed them away. Other days they would cast nets for sheepshead or whatever was running that time of year, always keeping an eye out for the deputy.

“But the next time he came out in a boat through the inlet,” said an all-grown-up Pugh, now a town commissioner in Ocean Ridge. The deputy didn’t take them to any juvenile detention center. “It was a different time. He took us to the north end of Lantana and made us walk home.”

That same grown-up Geoff Pugh and officials from nearby coastal towns, along with Palm Beach County Commissioner Steven Abrams, clipped a red ribbon with golden scissors June 16 to officially christen the latest incarnation of the first fixed sand transfer plant built in the world (in 1937).

Never mind that for 18 months the new plant has already been spritzing sand slurped from a pit on the north side of the inlet — officially known as the South Lake Worth Inlet — and spitting it out 700 feet south of the inlet.

What’s important to fishermen and beach-goers is that the refurbished north and south jetties — now outfitted with breakaway deck panels in case of a ferocious hurricane — are sporting new concrete decks and guardrails and 200 new concrete piles to support the north jetty. The jetties opened in May.

All of which earned a puzzled look from the suntanned and shirtless 10-year-old who padded barefoot through the ceremony — fishing pole in hand — to his favorite casting spot on the north jetty.

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Along the Coast

Brown pelicans to fly off threatened list

By Ron Hayes

On June 8, the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission voted unanimously to remove the brown pelican from its list of threatened species for the first time in nearly 40 years. The stately, shore-dwelling bird — a real coastal star in these parts — was among 16 species recommended for removal from the list, along with the Florida black bear and snowy egret.

“No changes will happen right away,” says Dr. Elsa Haubold, leader of the commission’s Threatened Species Management System. “The pelican, along with the 15 others, will remain on the list until we get a management plan in place to prevent them from having to be threatened.”

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Plastic litter a lethal ingredient in ocean life

When the tide is low and the sand is damp and made for walking, there’s nothing I love more than taking a long, long stroll along the shore.

I've lived near the beach for more than 25 years so my house is a testament to my love of the shore: seashells and beach glass fill jars and windowsills.

I've found curious items during my walk — some printed with foreign languages, some seemingly tossed overboard and a few obviously of an illegal nature.

But it seems that these days, the thing I find the most is plastic: sheets of Visqueen, wrappers from bags of ice, plastic: sheets of Visqueen, water and soda bottles, lengths of rope (all sizes) and lots and lots of straws.

As I walk along this time of year and count the turtle tracks, all I can think is how these items must appear floating in the ocean. No doubt, they look a lot like jellyfish and other favorite turtle food. How many endangered turtles succumb to these deadly items must appear overboard and a few obviously of an illegal nature.

And maybe on my morning walk I'll find the signature waterfall of tiny hitchhiking tracks heading back into the sea.

— Mary Kate Leming, Editor

Officer honored for impact in SPB community

**By Tim O’Melia**

The first driving-under-the-influence arrest South Palm Beach Police Officer Jason LaForte ever made was almost his last.

The suspect was a Palm Beach resident — but let’s not stereotype here — weaving through the town’s five-eighths of a mile of two-lane A1A. After the driver failed the roadside sobriety test and was handcuffed “he went ballistic,” LaForte explained.

“He was in the patrol car, he tried to kick out the window. He was belligerent all the way to (the Palm Beach County) jail,” he said.

The driver kicked at the bars in the holding cell and told deputies he was having a heart attack. Paramedics were called to check him out. While his heart was fine, he explained that his foot was injured kicking the bars. He wanted more medical treatment.

“After that, I didn’t know if I ever wanted to do that again,” LaForte said with a smile, years after the incident. “It was one of those long nights and it was my first DUI.”

LaForte persevered. He had 11-plus years of nights on patrol, but few as troublesome as that one. Last year, he made four DUI arrests (with a 100 percent conviction rate) and wrote 125 traffic citations on his 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. shift.

For that, he was recognized with one of the Palm Beach County Safety Council’s Distinguished Service Awards for Enforcement. He was one of 30 people honored during the council’s 26th annual traffic safety award luncheon at the Airport Hilton last month.

Honorees came in categories ranging from crossing guards to police officers to ordinary citizens heroes to the Dory Sloshberg Foundation that sponsors several “In the Click” seat belt compliance contests for students across the state.

“We’re not just out to give awards to officers who write a lot of tickets. We want people who engage the public and make a lot of effort outside just ticket-writing,” said Donna Bryant, marketing director for the Safety Council.

South Palm Beach isn’t known as a speed-trap, ticketing writing hot spot. LaForte issues plenty of warnings and makes an attempt to hear out the driver.

“I don’t go out looking for stats,” said LaForte, 39. “But I am looking for people drinking and driving. They need to be stopped so they don’t kill someone.”

Never has a DUI suspect whom LaForte has detained passed the breathalyzer at the jail.

And your child better be in a child restraint, said LaForte, who has daughters 7 and 8 years old. “There’s no excuse for that one.”

Ring up a $166 ticket. He hears parents complain that little Johnny doesn’t like the restraints. They make him cry. “I say, ‘Who’s the parent, you or him?’ They don’t seem to realize what can happen if they’re not restrained.”

Most of LaForte’s traffic stops earn a $139 ticket for going up to 10 miles over the 35 mph speed limit in town. More than 10 miles over the limit earns a $206 ticket. Unbuckled seat belt equals $16.

“It’s a straight run through town. No traffic lights. A lot of people think the speed limit’s 45,” he said. Most drivers are just passing through. “You’d be surprised how many people prefer A1A rather than I-95,” LaForte said.

Although born on Staten Island, N.Y., LaForte grew up west of Lake Worth and graduated from Santalucia High School. He earned an associate degree at then-Boca Raton Junior College and is a few credits short of his degree in criminal justice from Florida Atlantic University.

He worked briefly at the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office but enjoys the small-town atmosphere of the community of mostly retirees.

The town has an eight-man force with five of them on road patrol like LaForte. The town is small enough that LaForte knows many people.
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Palm Beach County Commissioner Steven Abrams (center) cuts the ribbon as Manalapan Commissioner Louis DeStefano, South Palm Beach Mayor Donald Clayman, Boynton Beach Mayor Jose Rodriguez, Manalapan Mayor Basil Diamond, South Palm Beach Councilwomen Bonnie Fischer and Stella Jordan, Ocean Ridge Mayor Ken Kaleel, Ocean Ridge Commissioner Geoff Pugh and Lantana Mayor David Stewart assist. Storm doors behind them are designed to protect the plant during hurricanes.

Anglers fish from the south jetty, which sports new railings and a new deck, as the transfer station pumps sand to the shore beyond. Photos by Jerry Lower

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County officials had hoped to keep one of the jetties open for fishing while the other was under construction but delays forced both to be closed most of last year. Beach access remained open although parking was reduced as well.

12 years in the works

Aside from the new plant, duded up with a Mizneresque barrel tile roof and a Palm Beach sand-colored hue, the nearly $8 million project includes the updates of the two jetties and a new 200-foot seawall for Beer Can Island — now known by the more upscale appellation of Bird Island — on the Lake Worth Lagoon side of the inlet. Included are native plantings along the north jetty and along the Bird Island seawall.

“It’s important for navigation, for improving the jetties and for a better quality of life for our residents,” said Abrams, whose district includes the inlet and Ocean Inlet Park.

The project, in the works for 12 years, was needed because the transfer plant was more than 40 years old and no longer repairable, the jetties needed work and the Bird Island seawall was failing, said Tracy Logue, the county’s project manager.

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The new deck and railings of the north jetty lead to the redesigned sand transfer plant, which sports 18-inch-thick concrete walls, hurricane-impact windows, submarine-style doors and a Mizneresque barrel tile roof.
Coming off the threatened list
In addition to the brown pelican, 15 other species are approved for removal from the state’s list of threatened birds and animals:
- Alligator snapping turtle
- Florida black bear
- Florida manatee
- Florida tree snail
- Gopher frog
- Lake Eustis pupfish
- Limpricht's mud turtle
- Pine barrens treefrog
- Rivulus
- Snowy egret
- Suwannee cooter
- White ibis
- Panama roseate spoonbill
- Red kite
- Striped mud turtle

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along Palm Beach County shores.

We find it encouraging that the state has determined brown pelicans appear to be rebounding to the extent that they no longer meet the criteria for listing as a threatened species,” said Sherry Schlueter, the nonprofit organization’s executive director. But, she adds, while the FWC is developing its own management plan, the average citizen has an ongoing part to play.

Brown pelicans spy fish while flying over the water, then dive to catch them in their throat pouches — the only pelican that uses this feeding technique. Sometimes they swallow more dangerous fare.

“Floridians can do much to keep this magnificent neighbor safer by acting responsibly about disposal of fishing hooks, monofilament line, plastic trash and other debris,” Schlueter says.

Kenny Brown agrees. The founder of Brown’s Trapping & Wildlife Rescue estimates he’s brought about 300 brown pelicans to the Wildlife Care & Rescue Organization’s Wildlife Center in Hypoluxo Island.

“We haven’t set a timetable,” says Haubold. “We’re working on 62 plans at once.” But the management plan will be comprehensive, she promises, with input from FWC staff, independent scientists, developers and nonprofit stakeholders such as the South Florida Wildlife Care Center in Fort Lauderdale, which saves many of the injured birds rescued.
Along the Avenues

Marking the life of Elwood’s founder

Just like old times … with one big exception. No Elwood.

Michael Elwood

Gochenour had left this world a couple of weeks earlier, but on the night of June 15, which would have been his 60th birthday, his spirit was alive and, as friends who gathered in tribute noted, he no doubt was enjoying the moment.

Tonight and tonight only, good evening, Elwood’s, Delray Mayor Woodie McDuffie declared as he opened the celebration at Johnny Brown’s, which had been Elwood’s until Gochenour sold it two years ago.

Gochenour died at home, alone, May 30. The East Hampton Star in East Hampton, N.Y., one of his former haunts, reported it was a ruptured esophagus and that he had been ill for some time. A friend at the memorial gathering said oxycontin was involved. At press time, the county Medical Examiner’s Office had not yet released the cause of death.

But the crowd that turned up at Johnny Brown’s was there to celebrate a life, not mourn a death.

Jim Jackson, former news anchor at WPBF-Channel 25, was a radio disc jockey when he first met Gochenour in the 70s in Richmond, Va. He lived in a turn-of-the-century row house that had been converted to a duplex.

“The ceilings were really high, and really narrow stairs led to the second floor,” Jackson recalled. “It was really a long climb up those stairs. At the top, I walk into the living room, and right in the middle is Mike’s Harley. ‘He’d rile it up the stairs every night because he didn’t want it to get wet or dirty. We became fast friends.’

In Richmond, Elwood was known as ‘Oakie.’ He was a photographer and a good one, Jackson said, who’d built quite a reputation among the Long Island social elite.

He’d also been a magazine art director and owned a used car business in Richmond, then tended bar and ran a barbecue restaurant in Amagansett, N.Y., where his curly blond locks earned him the nickname ‘Frampton.’

On June 19, old Long Island friends gathered to pay tribute at Stephen Talkhouse, his old haunt in Amagansett.

The resurrection of the gas station that became Elwood’s in 1993 cost Gochenour $100,000 and the city Community Redevelopment Agency chipped in $25,000 for the historic preservation.

“He’s very creative. He delivers an incredibly high quality product,” then CRA Director Chris Brown said. “We encouraged him to come downtown because we needed more food establishments.”

That creativity dailed a wakeup call for sleepy Delray.

“He really changed the avenue,” friend Jay Chavez said. “He brought it to life.”

He opened without a liquor license, Elwood’s brother Dave said, “so he gave away the beer and sold the chips.”

Bikers and beach types, old and young, came for barbecue, beer, rock’n’roll and Elvis tributes.

Two years ago, Elwood sold the joint for a reported $2 million to Pittsburgh-based Primanti Bros, which reopened it as Johnnie Brown’s, as in Addison Mizner’s pet monkey. But Michael couldn’t stay away. A few months ago he announced he was bringing Elwood’s back at 301 NE Third Ave., once occupied by The Annex and Two Thirds Tavern. It was a noble effort that departed quietly just days after Michael.

He left thousands of grieving friends who knew they’d lost someone special. “He never met a stranger,” brother Dave said with a grin, and then added, “We have to move on.”

While the second Elwood’s is history, the Back Room Blues Bar is into its fourth incarnation. John Yurt got the bug in 1992, opening on Dixie Highway in north Boca.

That ended last November, but Yurt prefers singing the blues, not crying them, so he jumped at a vacancy in Congress Square on the southwest corner of Congress and Atlantic.

It’s the farthest west that Yurt has pitched his tent, but he has more space, food and lots of music. JP Soars and the Red Hots (mostly Tuesdays) and Junior Drinkwater and the Westside Blues Band (Wednesdays) are the house bands. Savannah-See AVENUES on page 7.
Boca Raton singer Chloe Dolandis joins South Florida jazz legend Ira Sullivan in serenading Delray Beach birthday boy Brian Rosen during Sullivan’s sold-out June 11 concert at the ArtsGarden in Pineapple Grove. Photo by Jerry Lower

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born Eric Culbertson comes in July 2, and on July 30 Turt’s grand opening party will have 10 bands going from 2 p.m. to 2 a.m., $5 cover. (860-4679).

Imagine the legendary Ira Sullivan playing in a garage. Well, not actually where cars park, but in an area with 130 seats — it’s air-conditioned — in the parking garage by Old School Square. Sullivan’s June 11 show sold out and the sponsoring Creative City Collaborative expects vocalist Dana Paul (July 9), saxmen Ed Calle (July 23) and Turk Mauro (Aug. 13) and Brazilian vocalist Rose Max (Aug. 27) to do the same. Advance tickets are $20, reserved tables for six, $150. (860-4679).

Four decades ago, the builders of The Bridge Hotel, just inside Boca Inlet, had ambitious plans that included a casino. Slots, roulette and other games of chance still aren’t legal in hotels, so the present owners have put much of the hotel’s $2 million renovation into entertainment.

In addition to the great view, Carmen’s restaurant on the top floor offers a supper club for dining and dancing. Wednesdays are set aside for Jazz, Bossa & Blues. For just a $10 cover, South Florida’s best singers and musicians perform, while you eat, drink, dance, talk — or listen. Recent acts included Nicole Henry and Anthony Corrado.

Latin jazz guitarist Jorge Garcia and Grammy-winning violist Federico Britos perform July 8, and a week later, it’s two shows for the price of one with sax man Michael Kennedy and pianist-vocalist Hal Roland. (368-9500).

Lake Worth now has The Hideaway (129 N. Federal Highway), offering live and recorded jazz and dancing in a century-old building every day but Monday from “Swing Time Happy Hour” at 4 p.m. until close. It’s the musical love child of Ada Litt and her partner, Reggie B. (540-4411).

The announcement in 2003 by legendary restaurateur Daniel Boulud that he was bringing a restaurant to Palm Beach was met with more than a little skepticism. After all, big names chefs had failed before, most notably Charlie Palmer’s Aquaterra.

Now, it seems everyone loves Café Boulud, even the naysayers. Credit goes not only to Boulud, who demands the best, but to the people who work for him, such as Zach Bell, the executive chef in Palm Beach from the start.

On June 15, Boulud announced that Bell is leaving and will be replaced by another veteran, Jim Leiken. Both were at his side and surrounded by staff.

Unlike so many restaurant changes in South Florida, this one is amicable. Bell, who grew up in citrus country west of Orlando, will become executive chef at Addison Reserve, a 700-home country club development west of Delray Beach. He confessed he and wife, Jennifer Reed, former Boulud pastry chef who runs The Sugar Monkey in West Palm Beach, want more family time.

Down the road in Lantana, the pot continues to boil. We reported last month that Leo Balesstrieri was putting his upscale Italian concept Apicius to rest, turning over the Ocean Avenue boîte to new managers who would open Bar Italia.

Now for the rest of the story. . . Balesstrieri has brought in new investors from New York. He’ll retain some control, but will turn his attention to a new restaurant — possibly called Harry’s American Bar — in Palm Beach, just north of Tiffany.

But there’s more . . . A partner in Bar Italia is Mark Miilietto. An original member of the Mango Gang, which created a culinary identity for South Florida, he cut his relationship with David Manero at The Office in Delray in the spring of 2010, headed south to Trina on Lauderdale Beach and then was going to create Cabo Blue, a grill and tequila bar in the new Wyndham Deerfield Beach Resort.

But, as of mid-June, it’s Bar Italia. Modified menu, he says, that will feature lower prices. Can’t wait till Miilietto and Balesstrieri disagree. Think Vesuvius.

Down in Boca, another new restaurant, Philippe Chow, takes over the old III Forks spot on East Palmetto Park Road. Chow has made quite a name for himself with his Philippe eateries in New York and Miami Beach and has some high-profile followers, including Oprah Winfrey and Paris Hilton.

One of his South Beach investors — who also is taking a stake in the Boca venture — is former Miami Heat star Alonzo Mourning.

Another familiar name is that of Philippe Restaurant Group CEO Stratis Morfogen is the younger brother of 32 Executive Chef Nick Morfogen. Some were already plenty “the Morfogen the better.”

Head Football Coach Howard Schnellenberger says construction of FAU’s football stadium is ahead of schedule and under budget. Paying for it just became a little easier, thanks to a gift of $2 million from Richard and Barbara Schmidt through the Schmidt Family Foundation. They’ll get an acknowledgement on the scoreboard.

The university will kick off its 50th anniversary celebration with a “50 on the 50” fundraising gala in the stadium on Oct. 29. The $250 tickets will go to scholarships.

Although FAU didn’t enroll students until 1964, the Florida Legislature approved it in 1961, so school officials are tying in that year with the stadium’s opening. Alumni are asked to share their experiences at fau.edu/50th.

Steve Weagle’s annual Red Cross bike ride is over, but the money’s still coming in.

“The last figure I heard was $30,000,” said channel 5 weather anchor said of his 11th annual trek that starts in Sebastian and wraps in Boca.

Weagle modified his tour this year to stop for the first time in Delray Beach at Old School Square. The ride was so effortless, helped by favorable winds and temperatures, that Weagle and his four cycling mates arrived more than an hour early and refreshed with a beer at Brûl’s Room.

A surprise this year was a visit during Weagle’s stop at CityPlace by American Idol’s Taylor Hicks, a big Red Cross supporter who helped with tornado relief in Alabama.

Said! And considering the real estate market, both the anonymous buyer and the seller, boxing promoter Don King, got good deals. Sales price: $15.95 million for two homes on adjacent lots on 300 feet of beach in Manalapan. King was asking $19.95 million, down from a 2009 price of $27.5 million, but considering King — actually his late wife, Henrietta — bought it for $14.2 million in 1999, an 11 percent return is better than a short sale.

Jack Elkins of Engel & VOlkers handled the sale. All parties agreed not to identify the buyer, but local real estate sources say the new owner is not someone with ties to the Palm Beaches.

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Jan Norris contributed to this report.
Lake Worth

Changes on the menu for city restaurant scene

By Jan Norris

Though John G’s move from the Lake Worth Casino to Manalapan’s Plaza del Mar is a fait accompli, several other Lake Worth restaurants have changes in the works.

Brogue’s, the Irish pub that opened in 2002 at the corner of Lake Avenue and R Street, has been sold.

Emily Regan, owner of the Bees Knees in Lake Worth, bought it, and with her husband, Rob, and daughter, Tania, will convert it to Brogue’s Down Under.

“We’ve decided to change it to an Australian bar and restaurant,” she said. “We used to own a deli and restaurant in Australia.”

They’re changing the food first. “We’re going to have nice food like different salad dishes, fish dishes, quische, and Australian and New Zealand wines.”

She and Rob are from New Zealand, but moved soon after they were married to Australia, where they reared their family.

“We’re citizens of Australia, and our children were born there,” she said.

As for traditional foods, they’ll be, too. “Bacon and egg sandwiches, sausage rolls, chicken pie—that sort of thing. We won’t have Vegemite till Christmas when our grandson is bringing it over from Australia.”

They’ll have music for the bar, to be renamed the Aussie Boomerang Bar. “I don’t know if we can find someone to blow the didgeridoo for the opening, but I’m going to try. If you know of anyone who plays the didgeridoo, let me know.”

While they officially take over at the end of June, they’ll ease into the re-do of the restaurant over the summer, she said.

Saffe, the Thai restaurant on the west end of Lake Avenue near Dixie, also has sold. New owner Nok Kruasan is familiar to many diners. She owned Thai Garden near Public in the Boynton Plaza in Boynton Beach. “I lost my lease when Publix expanded,” she said. Saffe, at 817 Lake Ave, became available, and she moved in. The menu won’t change much yet, she said. “We do specials, you get more for your money now. Instead of just an entree — Chilean sea bass, we do it for the same price, $25, with choice of sides — you can have basil, garlic or ginger — and with soup or salad and green tea ice cream. It’s a dream for dinner.”

She’ll wait till fall to implement other favorite dishes when the weather cools and heartier foods are on diners’ minds, she said. “In fall, we’ll do beef short ribs. They were very popular at my other restaurant,” Kruasan said. “Beef short ribs with basil sauce, or sesame sauce with curry — and I make that with noodles sometimes, too.”

Matthew Lamstein, a bread baker, moved from New England, had partnered with Jacqueline Moore to open the J Street Bakery in the old Dolce Vita wine shop location at 9 N. J. St. Lamstein handles the bread side of the bakery. For the last three years, he’s sold his Common Bread to residents and restaurants in the area. He now brings artisan breads, such as challah, Brooklyn rye, M Stone sourdough on onion yeast and some fruit and raisin breads to his customers.

Moore handles the sweet shop side, called Sweets 412 — focused on diabetic and gluten-free cakes, cupcakes and cookies. All natural ingredients like whole grains and natural sweeteners are used in her products. Carrot cake, Chocolate Bliss cake, oatmeal cakes and cookies are some of her offerings.

Dolce Vita wines, moved from its downtown quarters on J Street to the old Soma Center at 609 Lake Ave., and set up shop as a wine and tapas bar. It will be open “till Christmas,” Asher White, one of the co-owners with his parents, said, “We’re thinking about opening the back room Wednesday to Saturday night as a lounge. We’re just kicking around ideas in the summer.”

The room seats 20 to 25. Right now, it’s where tastings are held every Friday night from 8 to 10 with food pairings. Saturday night, Sexy Jazz is the group. They’re drawing in a lot of people. They’re so amazing.”

An expanded menu also is in the works, White said, but they’ll stick to the current list of small tapas plates for the summer.

Rum Shack has closed; the sign on its door indicates it will become the Tin Roof BBQ and Oyster Bar.

Renovations are planned, possibly to include moving the bar and opening the two rooms into one, our sources say. The “barbecue” sign indicates a new concept is also planned for the main Dr. LA. It is expected to open sometime in September.

Along the Coast

Townes rejoice: Ocean Avenue bridge to remain open much of next winter

By Tim O’Meilia

The closing of the East Ocean Avenue Bridge to begin construction for replacement has been pushed back to March, giving ocean-side residents and avenue merchants an extra winter without detours.

“That will be wonderful. At least we can get through the season,” said South Palm Beach, May 13, said Assistant County Engineer Dave Mayman.

“It will be a two-year disaster as it is.” Palm Beach County engineers said they don’t want the start of demolition on the deteriorating 61-year-old bridge to conflict with repainting of the Lake Worth bridge — the closest detour north — by the state Department of Transportation.

“We’re trying to minimize the inconvenience as much as we can,” said Deputy County Engineer Todd Deusa.

“We don’t want two bridges to be closed at the same time.”

The $3.2 million project, which includes a $500,000 fishing pier beneath the west end, still will begin in late November or early December, as the construction firm begins staging equipment for the work. The bridge will have to negotiate to find a location for its equipment and begin preliminary construction before actual demolition begins.

Bids for the work are being accepted until July 12 and the contract will be awarded Sept. 13, according to the present schedule. The notice to proceed from the county will not occur until December. said Assistant County Engineer Steve Carver.

The later start of construction won’t affect the bid opening date, which remains October 2013.

“It’s a great thing, whatever the reason,” said Lantana Town Manager Michael Bornstein.

“The bottom line is there’s less traffic for the bridge to be out of service.”

The new span will be more than 11 feet taller at the center of the river, for a $500,000,000 3-foot-wide section of the current 3-foot width. The 800-foot fishing pier is meant to discourage fishermen from using the new, taller bridge.

said. “You’re always going to see the police cars.”

Residents get the police plenty of extra eyes. Beachgoers are protective of turtle eggs laid on the beach and don’t hesitate to call the police. Night strollers too close to condors can expect a patrol car to stop by. The police even get thanks from unlikely places.

A man whom LaForte had arrested on a DUI charge stopped by the Police Department during his shift. “He thanked us for being professional and thanked me for the arrest. He made it realize he had a problem and was getting help for it,” he said.

“I was shocked. I never would have thought that would happen in a million years,” LaForte said.

It must be those small-town cops.

The Greater Lantana Chamber of Commerce has already postponed its demolition street party until May.

Merchants are hoping to create a series of festivals, fishing derbies and other events to lure barrier island tourists in South Palm Beach and Manalapan. Coastal residents will be forced to drive six miles to Bridge Road to reach the south to the reach 30 or so shops on the street.

Knights of Columbus at 3920 S. Dixie Highway Basil Diamond was skeptical that this would be the last schedule change. “This new date represents the fourth or fifth change. They haven’t finalized anything yet. The construction contract hasn’t been signed.”

Diamond has had discussions with officials from other barrier island towns to try to post when the bridge is out. “We’re going to need some intergovernmental cooperation,” he said.

“It’s the best news this winter season,” Diamond said.

“The Ocean Avenue bridge in Boynton was finished early. Maybe we’ll be as lucky.”
Lantana
Town afloat in history as it reaches 90th

By Liz Best

When the red carpet rolls out July 2 at the town of Lantana's 90th birthday bash, residents will celebrate knowing that they have bragging rights to a pretty sizable chunk of Palm Beach County history.

Lantana was home to some of Palm Beach County's earliest settlers. They populated the areas now known as Hypoluxo Island, Lantana and Manalapan.

The first settlers began arriving in 1842, after Congress passed the Armed Occupation Act at the end of the Seminole Wars. In 1887, the Lyman family — considered to be Lantana's founding family — arrived and built a home on what then became Lyman Point. This home is now the location of the Old Key Lime House restaurant. The family patriarch, Morris B. Lyman, later opened a store called the Indian Trading Post and a post office in 1889 where he became the postmaster.

No history of Lantana would be complete without mention of the Barefoot Mailmen, who delivered mail from Palm Beach to Miami, on foot and by boat. The walking distance was a 66-mile route along the shore.

According to a 1959 Miami Herald article by Theodore Pratt, it took three days for the mailmen to make the often dangerous trek.

Lantana Town Manager Mike Bornstein has walked the route of the Barefoot Mailmen, and says it's a daunting experience — but fun, at the same time.

"You just get a sense for what it was like," he said.

The first school was built in 1890 at the east end of Lantana and Osborne roads, and moved by June 1903. After the 1928 hurricane, which blew the roof off the school, it was again moved in 1929 to where it stands today, on the property of the current Lantana Elementary School. The building now serves as a center for migrant workers and as a museum.

The old school was what sparked Rosemary Mouring's interest in joining the Lantana Historical Society when it was established in 2003.

Now — with Mouring as the current president — the Historical Society is working to refurbish the Evergreen Cemetery, which has 18 marked graves dating from 1892 to 1939. Among those graves are sailors killed in the shipwreck of the S.S. Inchulva in the 1880s, as well as an unknown black family, believed to have been killed in the 1928 hurricane.

Money, of course, is an issue.

"We are trying to raise $27,000 to fix the fence at the cemetery," said Mouring. She adds that Evergreen Cemetery is listed among the National Cemetery Archives.

Trying to save A.G. Holley Hospital, built in 1909 as the state tuberculosis sanitarium, also is a priority for the historical society.

The 100-bed state-run tuberculosis hospital, which is currently funded for 50 patients, is on land owned by the state of Florida and there is talk of demolishing the building.

Mouring does not want to see that happen.

"If it weren't for A.G. Holley, Lantana would not be populated, let me tell you," she said. "That is what brought 90 percent of the people to Lantana."

Mouring would like to see the hospital building, with its original Art Deco design, preserved and used as a center for Homeland Security, or a Veterans Administration hospital or even a research hospital.

"I want to see it last forever because I see so much potential," she said.

Bornstein disagrees.

"I’d like to see it torn down, at this point," he said. A self-described history buff, Bornstein approaches his job as Lantana town manager with an eye on both the past and the future.

"It’s like being in a boat. There’s a lot of drift and you have to adjust accordingly," he said.

The town of Lantana was incorporated in 1921, with 22 residents voting in the first election. At the time of incorporation, the area of the town was 1 square mile with a population of 100 residents.

Another milestone in Lantana's history came when National Enquirer publisher Generoso Pope moved his supermarket tabloid's headquarters to Lantana in 1971. For the next almost 20 years, the Enquirer placed what it called "the world's largest Christmas tree" at its Lantana offices each year, attracting thousands of visitors. The tradition died when Pope himself died in 1988. The newspaper later moved from Lantana to Boca Raton in 2000.

The Lantana Historical Society and the Lantana Chamber of Commerce contributed to this story. For more information on the historical society, visit www.lantanahistoricalsociety.org or email LHS_Society@bellsouth.net.

Historic sites in Lantana

Lynah-Chalfin House, 122 S. Lake Drive, built in 1887; it is the oldest house located on its original site in Palm Beach County.

M.B. Lyman House, 302 E. Ocean Ave., built in 1889. Now is the Old Key Lime House Restaurant.

William A. Hall House, 228 E. Ocean Ave., built in 1914.

Lakeshore Cottage, 210 N. Lake Drive, built in 1915.

Nellie King House, 127 S. Oak St., built in 1925.

Single-story house, 202 N. Lake Drive, built in 1925.

Single-story house, 318 S. Lake Drive, built in 1925.

The Usas Piper House, 306 Atlantic Drive SW, built in 1925.

Ye Tower Restaurant, 916 S. Dixie Highway, opened in 1925.

Mary B. Lyman House, 209 S. Lake Drive, built in 1927.

Casa Contenta, 314 N. Lake Drive, built in 1929.

Single-story house, 814 S. Lake Drive, built in 1939.

Clockwise from left: Mary Augusta and Morris B. Lyman built their home on what is now East Ocean Avenue. It’s now the Old Key Lime House. The Lymans are buried at Evergreen Cemetery, just off Lantana Road.

Ye Tower Restaurant was a landmark along Dixie Highway in southern Lantana. Paul Dunbar operated the restaurant from 1925 until it was torn down in 1987. Photos courtesy of the Lantana Historical Society.

A sign offers a humorous entry to midcentury Lantana.

Henry Flagler extended his Florida East Coast Railway south to Lantana in 1896.

Lantana historical timeline

1885 — The famous Barefoot Mailman route from Palm Beach to Miami was established.

1889 — Morris B. Lyman established the first business in Lantana, a mercantile located on a dock on the south side of Lantana Point. Indians traded at the store until 1910. The first post office was also established with Lyman serving as postmaster.

1894 — The first schoolhouse was built at the north end of Lake Drive. 1896 — The railroad came to Lantana and a packing house located west of Lake Osborne opened, producing four cars at a time.

1921 — The town of Lantana was incorporated, with 22 people voting in the election. The first two mayors were women: Ellen Anderson and Mary Paddock.

1925 — The first bridge was built linking Lantana to the beach. Prior to that, going to the beach involved a boat trip and a hike through a mangrove swamp.

1950 — A.G. Holley State Hospital opened as the Southeast Tuberculosis Hospital.

1971 — National Enquirer publisher Generoso Pope moved the supermarket tabloid’s headquarters to Lantana.

1990 — The town moved its world headquarters from New York City to Lantana. The paper moved to Boca Raton in 2000.

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Walter Clarke of Lantana hadn’t planned to be a career military man. He hadn’t planned to receive medical training, and he never dreamed he’d become an Army surgeon’s assistant, performing amputations and “playing God” in a Mobile Army Surgical Unit during some of the bloodiest battles of World War II. But that’s the life he fell into. And he accepted it all, good and bad.

Now 94, Clarke’s memories of his service during World War II are dimming a bit, but the details he supplies are still as sharp as a surgeon’s scalpel.

The ambulance runs to retrieve sapped soldiers sliced by razors in North Carolina bar fights.

The close-range blasts from enemy tanks that crept up on his MASH unit in Koblenz, Germany, left him “stone deaf” for an entire week. And the ransacked, five-bed hospital he and his medical team stumbled upon in Libramont, Belgium, during the Battle of the Bulge.

“The Germans had taken all the doctors and medical supplies,” Clarke recalls. “There were four nuns there with the mother superior. The nuns said to Doc and I, ‘How would you like to have dinner with us?’ We thought great, a home-cooked meal! Well, they took an apple, sliced it very thin, cooked it in some fat, and served it up. They only had one apple to feed the five of them and us.”

Clarke’s unit restocked the tiny hospital with medical supplies and gave the nuns Army-issue B rations (dehydrated bouillon cubes). They used the hospital to shelter and treat wounded soldiers, with the nuns working as nurses.

Today Clarke shares these stories with fellow veterans at his current residence, the Carlisle Palm Beach retirement living community in coastal Lantana.

Does he ever wish his life had turned out differently?

“I’m 100 percent glad the way things turned out,” he says. “But we sold the country isn’t patriotic enough these days. The veteran is just put aside and forgotten.” — Paula Detwiller

Q. Where did you grow up and go to school?
A. I was born in a little hamlet in northern New York called Standish. There was a smelting plant there, and my father worked in the production of pig iron for World War I. When I was about 6 or 7, we moved to Crown Point, N.Y.

Q. How old were you when you went into the service?
A. It was 1937 and I was 20 years old. After high school I couldn’t find work — it was still the Depression — so my buddies and I decided to enlist in the National Guard.

I became an ambulance driver in the medical unit of the Guard. It was supposed to be a three year enlistment. Then, in 1939 when World War II started, the Army federalized us and we were called up for a year’s training to qualify as full-time soldiers.

Well, we all got through that, and you know what happened on Dec. 7, 1941. Pearl Harbor. That was my 24th birthday.

Q. What happened next?
A. I was sent to Paris, Texas, to train draftees to become medical personnel. I went to officers school and learned medical administration. They were short of doctors during the war, so they took the top IQs, myself included, and gave them special medical training to become a battalion surgeon’s assistant. I was sent to Fort Dix, N.J., to assist with surgery.

By then we were getting casualties from Africa and also from Europe. We worked 12 hours on, 12 hours off, 7 days a week, doing everything from brain surgery right on down.

In 1944, I was shipped out on a convoy to England and served in the European theater as a surgeon’s assistant for the rest of the war.

Q. What is your strongest memory of the war?
A. The number of patients I took care of. I probably saved 5,000 to 7,000 soldiers and also saw to it that another 7,000 or 8,000 were buried in Europe. On the positive side, I delivered five babies while overseas.

I also have horrible memories of arriving at a concentration camp just seconds after the Germans had shot almost all the prisoners and left. It was a sub-camp of Dachau. The ovens were still going, and only a few emaciated people were still alive.

We took care of them, gave them food. Most of them were so weak they couldn’t move.

It was a shock to me, even after everything I’d seen in the war. That’s something you don’t forget.

Q. After the war, what did you do?
A. When the war in Europe ended, we were supposed to come home briefly, and then go off to Japan. But the atomic bomb stopped the war in Japan.

I was sent to Fort Benning, Ga., for infantry officer training, then became commander of an infantry company in Ticonderoga, N.Y.

My final position with the Army was in military support for civil defense in New York. I was stationed in an underground shelter in Albany designed for the governor and his staff in case of attack.

I retired as a full colonel at age 60. After that, my wife and I took several cruises and just enjoyed life. Mildred was my high school sweetheart and we had five kids together. She passed away just before our 50th wedding anniversary. Since then I’ve had two other wives and both have died.

Q. Have you had mentors in your life? Individuals who have inspired your life decisions?
A. Yes. Capt. Specter, who was the C.O. [commanding officer] of my original medical detachment. He taught me how to train our enlisted men in medical procedures. Specter was always the one who knew about unusual cases.

Q. How did you choose the Carlisle?
A. My wife and I lived in two or three other facilities but weren’t crazy about them, so I thought we’d try the Carlisle. I’m very happy here.

Q. What is your favorite part about living at the Carlisle?
A. I live among friends and acquaintances. I’m the commander of the veteran’s club here.

We pick up other veterans from the VA who are in wheelchairs and take them to the Golden Corral for lunch. We also give them $10 chits to buy underwear and socks at their PX.

Our club has get-togethers on the military holidays and we enjoy a lot of camaraderie.

Q. What music do you listen to? A. I like the old love songs and the old wartime songs like Mademoiselle from Armentieres. We have happy hour at the Carlisle at 3:30 in the afternoon, and the girls [residents] get to sing the old songs and playing the piano.

Q. Who or what makes you laugh?
A. Oh my goosh — most of these girls here at the Carlisle! We have wine at dinner every night, and each of us takes a turn bringing the wine.

Walter Clarke served on medical teams in Europe during World War II, and saw a concentration camp that was a sub-camp of Dachau. That experience still haunts him. At age 94, he now lives at the Carlisle in Lantana. Photo by Tim Stepien
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Late annexation objection voted down in Boynton

By Steve Plunkett

A Boynton Beach city commissioner’s saber-rattling over the March annexation caught town officials by surprise and caused weeks of uneasiness in Town Hall and the former county pocket.

Boynton Beach Commissioner Steve Holzman started the dust-up June 7, saying a 2001 interlocal agreement between the municipalities should have blocked the annexation. Further, he said, if Boynton Beach had annexed the property instead of Gulf Stream, it would have taken in $14 million in property taxes over the life of the agreement.

“We should be compensated for that money. This is not money. It’s a simple violation of the agreement,” said Holzman, whose district includes the St. Andrews Club just north of town.

His comments jolted Gulf Stream.

“If there any possibility that it could be nullified?” Thomas Hill, manager of the annexed Ballantre condominiums, asked town commissioners at their meeting later that week.

Mayor William Koch Jr. didn’t mince words June 21 when Boynton Beach took up the issue of whether to rescind the interlocal agreement, renegotiate it or sue the town.

“We’ve always worked together,” he said. "It’s just beyond my past dealings to hear such a thing.”

Koch and his wife led a Gulf Stream entourage that included Town Attorney John Randolph, Town Manager William Thrasher, Civic Association President Bob Ganger, Ballantre attorney Ken Spillias and a handful of concerned residents to the Boynton Beach meeting.

“I think this issue is pretty clear,” Holzman said. "Simple enough, we’ve upheld our part of the bargain and unfortunately the other side of the agreement has not.”

But Randolph said Gulf Stream had worked hand in hand with Boynton Beach officials for more than a year, when then-City Manager Kurt Bressner told city commissioners the town wanted them to rescind the agreement so it could annex the 16.6 acres.

“When this came to you back in May 18, 2010, all cards were on the table. Now I’m surprised that anyone here is surprised by any of this,” Randolph said. "You saw our report. You saw our advertisement for annexation. There was nothing hidden.”

Thrasher said Gulf Stream anticipated tax revenues of $200,000 a year from the annexed pocket.

Koch said fears of a too-large beachfront development prompted the annexation.

“We wanted to have an interlocal agreement that either we would annex or you would annex it, but it would be low-density, six units per acre. It’s in that agreement. That was our goal — to preserve the barrier island,” Koch said.

Spillias said pocket residents had sought out Gulf Stream over Boynton Beach.

“They certainly could have come to Boynton Beach — this is no disrespect to Boynton Beach — but they are surrounded by Gulf Stream and that is the town they feel a part of, and they asked to become a part of, and their vote was 100 percent to become a part of,” Spillias said.

Boynton Beach Mayor Jose Rodriguez told his colleagues he and Bressner had met several times with Gulf Stream officials.

“They did bring this to light that they were going to take this action. We certainly said that we had no objections at the time,” he said. “In hindsight it probably should have been brought to the commission earlier than it was, for approval before the annexation vote actually took place.”

Nevertheless, Rodriguez said Boynton Beach should be a good neighbor, a sentiment shared by Vice Mayor Bill Ordove and Commissioner Woodrow Hay. The vote to rescind was 3-2, with Holzman and Marlene Ross against.

Boynton Beach continues to provide water and sewer service to the pocket with a 25 percent surcharge.

Note to readers: Gulf Stream’s June 30 public hearing on equalizing assessments for the underground utilities project came too late to appear in our print edition. Please go to www.thecoastalstar.com for updates.
Couple hopes to highlight charm of ’50s cottage

By Christine Davis

You could go north or south on Hypoluxo Island and still end up at Mason and Candy Heydt’s home. That’s because they live at 705 S. Atlantic Drive, and they just bought another property at 705 SE Atlantic Drive.

The type of house and the vines growing up the windows can be a bit confusing: Both are 1950s cottages and they were both in disrepair. It seems the Heydts find renovating them to their original cuteness addictive.

“We’ve done this before,” Candy Heydt acknowledges. “It was the ad in The Coastal Star that caught our eye. It read: ‘Least expensive property on Hypoluxo Island’ and it looked just like our (north) house did when we bought it.

Their current residence is a cute 2,000 square feet on a good-sized lot on the water. The Heydts found it eight years ago and fell in love with it. They moved walls around, put in new windows, refinished floors, redid the pool, added awnings, redid the bathrooms and the kitchen. “But on the outside, it looks the same,” Heydt said. So, they are transferring their knowhow to the house down the street.

According to real estate agent Diana Reed, “This sale is unique because of what the Heydts are doing. This house was a borderline teardown, but they have a clear vision of what a ’50s cottage should look like.

“They saw the integrity and charm of the structure. It’s such a cool story: people who live here, see value and invest here.”

The house was built in 1952 by Dave Ebersold, one of the Heydts' home.

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Margie Plunkett

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Candy Heydt acknowledges.

Hypoluxo Island

Candy Heydt opens the front door of the quintessential 1950s Florida cottage.

LEFT: The Heydts bought the house, the first bedroom will probably serve as a den — or maybe she’ll put in an armoire and use it as a bedroom. The corner bedroom has hardwood floors and built-in shelves, which will stay.

The layout of the master bedroom will pretty much stay as it is, as well as some elements of the master bathroom. “I am going to keep the green marble and we always have a glass-block shower in all our houses, and here it is,” she said, gesturing. A big window by the soaking tub will offer nice views of the lush landscaping that the Heydts plan to have.

In the back, there will be a fencing, a hedge, pool, deck, an outdoor shower and a nice big lawn — it’s a double lot. “A man walked around and told us what trees we could save, which we then trimmed and fertilized. They have all summer to be happy.”

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Coastal cottage
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The Heydts bought the property in April and set to work. “The yard has been cleared; we had a front-end loader out there for two days. A new roof is on and a lot of demolition is done. We are almost ready to start on the pool. It’s full steam ahead,” Heydt said.

The front is being redone with a new driveway. A new sea grape hedge is planned, as well as a walkway and a gate.

“The house will be two colors, taupe with black shutters, railing and canopy awning. The steps going up the porch will be wider and will replace all the windows with impact glass,” Heydt said. “And I have a darling black bench that’s going to go there.” she adds, pointing to a spot by the front door.

Inside, the floor in the old sunroom was raised to meet the floor in the living room for one big space and a faux fireplace has been removed. The cypress beams will be washed white and Heydt envisions that the room will have a stone floor.

To the north of the entry will be an office and the Heydts plan to stain the oak floor white like they’ve done in their own home.

The kitchen’s sturdy wood cabinetry will stay, but it will be painted and hardware will be changed. The Mexican tile will stay, too. “We are going to take out the stove and put a doorway into the great room there,” said Heydt, pointing. We will build out a pantry, recess the refrigerator, and I’m not sure what I’m going to do about the brick wall where the oven was — probably keep it and paint it.” All the appliances will be replaced.

In the adjoining breakfast room, they plans to build in a banquette at one end, and she puzzled out how to make a laundry room. On the south side of the house, the first bedroom will probably serve as a den — or maybe she’ll put in an armoire and use it as a bedroom. The corner bedroom has hardwood floors and built-in shelves, which will stay.

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Delray Beach parking is focus of city efforts

Delray Beach commissioners this month will review parking changes as part of a study implementation intended to address Downtown Development Authority concerns about the growing number of restaurants along Atlantic Avenue.

The DDA called for a moratorium on new restaurants in March in an attempt to keep the mix of businesses in balance, but City Manager David Harden said staff was working on a different approach.

The staff’s parking plan discourages restaurants by placing the required number of parking spaces, and therefore costs. It would require restaurants — except in the Pineapple Grove Main Street area — to increase parking from six spaces to 12 spaces per 1,000 square feet of gross floor area up to 6,000 square feet, and 15 spaces per 1,000 square feet over 6,000 square feet.

The plan removes parking requirements that had been used as a redevelopment tool, according to Scott Aronson, parking management specialist.

The parking ordinances, which would also include other changes in the “in-lieu” system of parking, are scheduled to come before commissioners July 5 and July 19.

— Margie Plunkett
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contingency fund. Lantana was the first to commit money, voting to spend up to $5,000 on the cooperative study when Mayor David Stewart updated his commission June 13. Mayor Roger Bennett of Briny Breezes said that amount was more than his town was prepared to spend.

“We would pitch in a little bit if need be,” Bennett said. “We’re such a small operation. … I’m just more or less along for the ride.”

In Manalapan, commissioners on June 28 told Mayor Basil Diamond to continue talking with the commissioners on June 28 told Mayor Basil Diamond to continue talking with the town’s police and dispatchers.

Mr. South Palm Beach Mayor Donald Clayman was on the other side of the fence.

“I will listen to anything, but I am very happy with our situation,” Clayman said later. “I am not interested in paying to do a study. Those cost a lot of money. Lake Worth recently did one on their police situation and it cost something like $20,000.”

Council Members Stella Jordan, Susan Lillybeck and Joseph Flagello disagreed. I think we need to get to the table with those other cities. If we don’t like it, we can step away from it,” Flagello said. “No vote was taken.

The towns already share some services. Briny Breezes gets police patrols from Ocean Ridge, for instance, and South Palm Beach contracts with Lantana for emergency dispatch services. Gulf Stream pays Delray Beach for fire- rescue, while Manalapan has fire- rescue from the county. There is no timetable for hiring a consultant, and the mayors have not scheduled a second get-together. Kaleel said with budget season already here, the mayors were not in a rush to choose a consultant.

“It’s really something for next year,” Kaleel said. “For this year it’s too late.

Early overtures made Meanwhile, Manalapan made its own efforts to consolidate services in June. The town issued a request for proposals to take over its police dispatch service, which has four full-time dispatchers and four part-timers and costs its taxpayers $367,700 a year.

Atlantis, Greenacres, Lantana and Ocean Ridge picked up copies of the RFP, but only Ocean Ridge filed a bid. Ocean Ridge wants $450,000 the first year, followed by $257,500 the next and $265,255 the third year. The three-year total is a net gain of $130,375 the first-year amount is $82,300 more than Manalapan currently spends.

“This is a bit of a sticker shock,” Manalapan Vice Mayor Robert Evans said, explaining that he had expected bids closer to the $57,000 South Palm Beach pays Lantana for dispatching.

Manalapan commissioners told their town manager and police chief to work with their Ocean Ridge counterparts to fine-tune the proposal, but agreed they might be better off waiting for a consultant.

Another proposal offered While Ocean Ridge was developing its bid, Manalapan Mayor Diamond wrote Clayman offering to put his town’s police and dispatchers on duty in South Palm Beach. Under one scenario, he wrote, South Palm Beach would become part of Manalapan’s South Ocean Boulevard zone for $201,570, saving South Palm Beach about $730,000 a year. A second scenario had South Palm Beach becoming a third zone in Manalapan with its own full-time officer for $351,177, a savings of $401,000. Clayman rejected the unsolicited proposals.

“Our residents have been vocal about maintaining a high level of visual police presence in the community to keep crime incidents to a minimum, and to provide swift service when called,” he wrote back. “I also believe, as we are anticipating a minimum of two (2) years for the closing of the Lantana Bridge, this is not a good time to be looking at a reduced police presence on the island for either of our communities.”

Such differences aside, Kaleel said towns on the barrier island have common issues and a lot of similarities, including “a like mind as to what they see as the future of our communities.”

But annexation is not an option.

“I don’t think we could annex,” Kaleel said. “We’re not looking to be one town.”

Along the Coast

Breakwaters look dead in the water

Plans for breakwaters designed to halt erosion on the sand-starved beaches of South Palm Beach and Lantana were cancelled, in effect, by Palm Beach County commissioners at a June 28 workshop.

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South Palm Beach

Drought prompts tight water-use restrictions
By Tim O’Meilia

South Palm Beach now has two water problems: too much salty ocean water from the east and not enough treated water from the west. Water from the ocean has been an ongoing concern, a dwindling supply of water for drinking and lawn sprinkling has cropped up with the continuing drought that began in October.

As a result, the town’s 28 condominiums and four single-family homes and the Town Hall have been placed on severe water-use restrictions for the city of West Palm Beach, which supplies potable water for the town and for neighboring Palm Beach.

Beginning June 13, West Palm Beach officials limited lawn watering to four hours a week. Buildings with odd-numbered addresses may water from 4 to 8 a.m. on Wednesdays. Even number buildings may water the same hours on Thursdays.

Meanwhile, most of the rest of Palm Beach County and South Florida are on a two-day-per-week watering schedule with 36 total hours of sprinkling allowed.

The reason is that West Palm Beach is the only water utility that draws on surface water — Lake Okeechobee — for its water rather than on a well system.

The water level in the lake is so low that the lake can no longer feed the L-8 canal, the starting point of the 40-mile journey the city’s water travels from the lake to the Grassly Waters Preserve, the city’s water catchment area. The water then moves to Clear Lake and Lake Mangonia before it reaches the

South Palm Beach watering
- Odd-numbered addresses from 4 to 8 a.m. Wednesdays.
- Even-numbered addresses from 4 to 8 a.m. Thursdays.
- Hand watering with a single hose of stamped asleep is allowed for 10 minutes daily on the scheduled watering day.
- Vehicle is allowed on porus surfaces only.
- New landscaping may be watered at any one time on the day it is installed; 4-8 a.m. on any day except Monday for two in 10 days after it is installed and 4-8 a.m. in any day except Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 11 to 90 days after it is installed.

Source: City of West Palm Beach

South County municipalities
- Odd-numbered address, before 10 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.
- Even-numbered addresses, or sites with no street address, before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m. Thursday and Sunday.
- Landscape irrigation using reclaimed water is not restricted.
- Vehicle and beast washing is allowed anytime.
- Golf courses must cut grass by 15 percent.

Source: South Florida Water Management District

nearby water treatment plant. City utility officials told city commissioners that the system could run dry in water in 22 days. To avoid that, West Palm Beach plans to buy water from Palm Beach County and draw from a city well field to ease the crisis.

The city also asked state environmental officials for permission to tap the L-8 reservoir. Approval was given so long as the city is able to keep salt levels low enough to meet state standards.

South Palm Beach officials have sent faxes to all the condominiums and erected several yellow, “severe drought” warning signs at the north and south entrances to town along AIA, said Police Chief Roger Crane.

The town also is supplying door-to-door notices to condominiums to ask residents to conserve water. The town’s local access television channel — Channel 95 — and the town website list the restrictions.

Mayor Donald Clayman said his condominium, Southlight, had already received a warning notice from the police, who enforce the restrictions in the town. “We hadn’t been able to switch our timer yet,” he said.

Initially, there was some confusion about which days to water for the buildings that have more than one address must water on Thursdays. But that wasn’t spelled out in this West Palm Beach notice. None of the town’s buildings have more than one address, as the rule does not apply, Crane said.

The chief said residents also were concerned about washing their cars, which often become encrusted with ocean salt spray. Car washing is allowed on porous areas only, but few condominiums have space for that.

Town officials were uncertain about the fine schedule for violators. West Palm Beach allows one warning then a subsequent violation draws a $75 fine, a second violation is $125 and the third or more cost $500.

Cane said the town would abide by the South Florida Water Management District fine schedule, but the water district leaves the fines for residential violations up to the individual municipalities.

Manalapan

Tough trade-offs needed to trim police budget
By Steve Plunkett

Town commissioners struggled with reshaping the Police Department — or at least budgeting less money for it — in their latest strategy workshop.

“We have a force and policies which would support a community two to five times the size of ours,” Vice Mayor Robert Evans said in a report to his colleagues after he studied the department.

Evans noted Manalapan’s force is the same size as Gulf Stream’s, 10 vs. 11, but because Gulf Stream has nearly twice the residents its per capita cost is lower.

He suggested eliminating one officer through attrition, the department’s number two to the mayor and severity of crimes to make sure they did not increase. The trade-offs would be in other areas, he said in his report, including number of stops,
types of stops and stops at night.

“One of the policies we would be giving up is that of two men on duty each shift,” he said.

Although we have not had this policy most of the history of Manalapan and I don’t believe it is a safety issue, we must recognize this may be initially contrary to some residents’ preference.”

Commissioner Howard Roder suggested cutting the department’s lieutenant position, saying too often when cutting staffs, it’s the foot soldiers that go rather than their supervisors. But other commissioners said they should give Chief Clay Walker a budget number and let him decide how to meet it.

At Evans’ request, Walker devised a schedule that uses just seven officers, but said at the meeting he was not happy with it.

“I don’t think it’s good for the residents, I don’t think it’s good for my officers,” he said.

Ocean Ridge Police Chief Chris Yannuzzi, listening to the meeting while his town presented a bid to take over Manalapan’s police dispatching system, cautioned commissioners not to expect Ocean Ridge to provide backup to one-officer shifts on a routine basis. His force’s priorities are to Ocean Ridge residents and to Briny Breezes, which contracts out for police services, he said.

Commissioners took no action but directed Town Manager Linda Stumpf to develop a budget for fiscal 2012 assuming no changes to the Police Department.

Several times during the discussion of his report, Evans admitted he had put himself out on a limb.

“This is why politicians always get consultants to make these recommendations,” he said.

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### Beer, birds & Botswana

By Deborah S. Hartz-Seeley

Even if you can't leave South Florida during these hot and humid summer months, it's a good time to plan a future getaway. South Florida companies offer a variety of niche tours and accommodations in some very different destinations. Here's a toast to beer, birding and Botswana.

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### Hop on board for a sudsy good time

**Bon Beer Voyage**
Boynton Beach. 888-U-Go-Beer (888-846-2337); www.bonbeervoyage.com

A passion for travel and a taste for craft beers have combined to form a second career for Ruth Berman and Mike Arra.

They have created Bon Beer Voyage, a beer-oriented travel company.

“We love what we do,” Berman says. "People get crazy when we take them where the best beers in the world are made. It's like bringing them to mecca.”

And a visit to their website may give you some Father's Day ideas for that beer-lover in your life.

The husband and wife team, who are chiropractors in Boynton Beach, met when they were going to school in Atlanta. From there, they moved to Florida where they opened their practice 22 years ago.

Over the years, Berman became so interested in travel that she worked with a travel agency to arrange high-end travel packages and went to school to become a certified tour director, leading groups in Washington, D.C., and Miami.

“We love to travel,” she says with great enthusiasm.

In 2009, the couple were vacationing in the Dordogne region of southwest France before embarking on a bike/barge trip. Seeing an outdoor market in the town where they were staying, Berman decided to explore. Here she found a brewer selling his Cross of the Rat beer.

“It was at 8:30 a.m., and I was drinking beer. I wondered who am I and how did I get here?” she laughs.

She bought four big bottles of different beer styles and packed them on the barge trip.

It turned out it was their tour guide’s first time leading this itinerary, and as they biked through the countryside between barge stops, he kept getting lost.

“He just didn’t have this tour down,” says Berman, who as a professional tour guide knows what it means to prepare for a trip. But it didn’t matter. They had a good time sharing their beer with fellow travelers and seeing the French countryside. That’s when the couple realized: “We could do this.”

So in 2009, they started organizing their own beer-related tours.

Their next trip, beginning in Amsterdam, is scheduled Oct. 22-29 for a maximum of 24 people. They’ll board the barge Iris for a seven-day cruise along the country’s canals. The tour includes a visit to the breweries along the way. These include La Trappe, the only Trappist brewery in the Netherlands, and Grout, which is run by a woman who makes a hopless beer following a medieval recipe. They’ll be joined by Jason & Todd Alström, editors of The Beer Advocate magazine and website.

“It’s the beer-geek trip of a lifetime,” Berman says.

They are also offering a trip to Ireland (Aug. 21-27) and a trip to Italy (Oct. 15-21; sold out, but there’s a waiting list). Last year, Bill McFee of Boca Raton, who is a radiologist by profession and a beer brewer by passion, went with his wife, Maria, on a Bon Beer Voyage trip to Belgium.

“They made all the arrangements. It was well-coordinated, and they made the travel easy and enjoyable. We also got into breweries we wouldn’t have been able to on our own,” he says.

Bon Beer Voyage also offers weekend Beer Safari’s tasting tours in places such as St. Augustine and Tampa. And it hosts local events where craft beer lovers can taste special brews, make new friends and talk about their first love—beer.

“We’ve gone on private tours by ourselves,” says Maria McFee. "But going with Bon Beer Voyage is like a traveling party. They make it so easy because you don’t have to think. Just go.”

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### The art of roughing it with refinement

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If destinations such as Botswana, Kenya, Tanzania, South Africa and the Seychelles beckon, you might want to meet Ann Rene McDonnell. She’s owner of African Gems Travel Inc., which she runs out of her condo in east Delray Beach.

Although she specializes in ecologically friendly, luxury travel, she says, “We work with all budgets and our clients’ wishes.”

For example, Sharon Dick who lives near Baltimore wanted to go on night hikes in remote jungle areas to see frogs. McDonnell made it happen.

“She customizes and personalizes,” says Dick, who has planned two trips online through AGT.

McDonnell has been in the travel-to-Africa business since 1991. She started her own company in 2006 that books hotels, resorts, camps and lodges.

“Hands down, people go to Africa for the animals,” she says. So she also books safaris in Botswana, Kenya and Tanzania. These feature private tours in four-wheel-drive vehicles. At night, you can stay in lodges or in tents.

But don’t think the Boy Scout variety.

The 10 white tents at Joy’s Camp in the Shaba National Reserve of Kenya are decorated with native fabrics and handmade glass. Each sits on a raised platform and includes a bathroom, a bathroom with stone floor, flush toilet and shower with hot running water. You can step out onto a private veranda to see the surrounding hills.

And the five tents at Sanctuary Baines’ Camp tour the countryside including the Moremi Game Reserve.

The 10 white tents at Joy’s Camp in the Shaba National Reserve of Kenya are decorated with native fabrics and handmade glass.
Guests stay close to nature — and elephants — at Sanctuary Baines’ Camp, near the Moremi Game Reserve in Botswana.

The art of roughing it with refinement in Africa

Sanctuary Baines’ Camp offers luxury accommodations, including hair dryers and minibars.

And those who want to experience nature but not give up luxury can stay at Crater Lodge perched on the edge of the Ngorongoro Crater in Tanzania. The lodge rooms feature bathtubs with views of the volcanic expanse, leather-backed chairs in front of a fireplace, floor-to-ceiling windows dressed in raw-silk curtains and hand-beaded chandeliers. You even get a butler to run your bath and keep the fire going.

“It’s a real contrast,” McDonnell says. “Her personal choice? Namibia. She likes its dunes and coastal areas along the Atlantic Ocean.

“It’s a less traveled area with fewer crowds,” she says. But McDonnell is about more than just travel to Africa. She donates 10 percent of her profits to Partners in Health, a nonprofit that brings medical care to Rwanda, Malawi and Lesotho.

“Now you know where my heart is,” she says.

Birdwatchers can enjoy the caw of the wild

Caligo Ventures

Key West, 800-426-7781 (305-292-0780); www.caligo.com

If you are a big into birding, you’ll want to know about Caligo Ventures Tour and Travel, based in Key West. In business since 1983, the company offers packaged trips for those who want to get close to nature.

“We are for birders who want to see stuff they haven’t seen or who want to see something again,” says co-owner Mark Hedden. Some past clients who have enjoyed their tours include the Boston Museum of Science, the Louisiana Ornithological Society, the National Audubon Society, the New York Botanical Garden and the Burpee Museum.

Simon Calle of Highland Beach, a birder for 25 years, went to Trinidad, Tobago and Costa Rica with the company. “You can go wherever they go and count on having a good time,” he says. “They leave nothing to be desired.”

Their most popular destination is the Asa Wright Nature Centre in Trinidad. “It’s the kind of place you can sit on the front porch of the lodge with a cup of locally grown coffee and see 40 species of birds before lunch,” says Hedden, who has visited the center a dozen times. But Caligo also offers trips to Tobago, Panama, Costa Rica, Belize, Peru, Guyana, Ecuador and Mexico. And it teams up with partners in France, Scotland, England, Spain, Iceland, Hungary and Turkey to arrange your visit to those countries.

Hedden, who has birdwatched for 20 years, favors Guyana. “People can hardly find it on the map, but it’s the greenest place I’ve ever been. There are thousands of acres of pristine rainforest that isn’t about to be developed,” he says. “Trips are organized for groups of up to 14 people or for as small as a single person or a couple. Guests are paired with local guides who are rooted in the community.

“We have the expertise that comes with living in the country they are showing, and they can give you an idea of the local culture,” Hedden says. Caligo guides in Trinidad are second and third generations of the same family leading people into the preserve.

Accommodations are comfortable but not luxurious. “Birders don’t tend to be as conscious of luxury as some other travelers,” says Caligo co-owner Larry Lebowitz. “They are more interested in habitat preservation and access to the birds.”

For example, the Asa Wright Nature Centre and Lodge is set at 1,200 feet above sea level on the grounds of a former coffee plantation. The ecologically conscious accommodations include twin-bedded rooms with private baths in the main estate and in nearby cottages on the garden-like grounds.

Meals featuring local foods are included with the tours. At the Asa Wright Lodge, the food reflects the diversity of the local cuisine including West Indian, Creole, Asian, Indian and European dishes. Meals are served family-style, and people with vegetarian diets are easily accommodated.

“It may not be the Ritz-Carlton,” says Lebowitz, but it’s perfect for people out to see the more than 400 bird species that live in the preserve. Expect to view squirrel cuckoos, toucans, parrots and tufted coquettes. And that’s just from the lodge.

Although birding does require some walking, most Caligo tours are not physically demanding. “Birders tend to move slowly and quietly so they can see nature. We do some walking but not a lot,” Hedden says. Most are conducted with the use of wheeled vehicles. And they attract a variety of people from ages 20 through retirement.

“Our tours are for people with a little time and a little money,” Lebowitz says.

Disclosure: Coastal Star publisher Jerry Lower owns a minority share in Caligo Ventures.

Birdwatchers can enjoy about 400 species at the Asa Wright Nature Centre and Lodge in Trinidad. Photos by Jerry Lower
Supporters organize with aim to buy WXEL -TV

By Jenny Staleto

A group of WXEL-TV supporters, including its president and CEO, Bernard Henneberg, said, “There are people here who want to keep WXEL local. They don’t want us to go away.”

Henneberg said he first approached the university about a management-led acquisition after the state Board of Education agreed in December to grant a conditional lease transfer of the radio station to Classical South Florida. The Federal Communications Commission approved the transfer of the license — sold for $3.85 million — in May.

At the time, local supporters objected to the sale, saying it put control of the station in the hands of a media giant and signaled the end of local programming. Classical South Florida is owned by Minnesota-based American Public Media, the nation’s largest operator of public radio stations.

Barry and Classical South Florida, however, argued that APM was the best choice for the community and believed splitting the licenses gave both the beleaguered radio and television stations the best chance of surviving.

At its June 10 board meeting, Henneberg laid out his plan to trustees and asked for exclusive rights to negotiate and raise $2.5 million to purchase the TV station.

Barry had purchased the station — started 40 years ago to educate local migrant workers — started 40 years ago to educate local migrant workers — and raise $2.5 million to purchase the radio station.

Over the years, potential buyers emerged but never led to a sale.

“We had the usual suitors for radio and TV,” which included the Radio Broadcast Foundation, Nova and FAU. The School Board of Palm Beach County had shown interest, but it was always for radio and TV and from our end, we didn’t feel there was a suitable suitor for both radio and TV except WNET,” Henneberg said.

Ultimately, Lademann said, trustees want the buyer who will secure the station’s future. “Bernie knows as well as anybody that we’re looking for the best suitor, the best entity on behalf of the community,” Lademann said.

“Why do we choose CSF to oversee the radio. And that’s why we haven’t ruled any of our decisions as to who we’re going to sell the licenses to in the past seven to eight years.”

Henneberg said his group has formed a nonprofit corporation and created a board that so far includes David L. Jeff, John University’s dean of the College of International Communications; Judy Garcia, head of the Palm Beach County School District’s education network; Patrick Crowson, a local supporter and chairman of the Connecticut School of Broadcasting; and philanthropist Barbara Sherry.

If they have stepped forward. The Community Broadcast Foundation, the group that had teamed up with WNET, “commented they don’t want just the TV. ‘They’ve been quiet,’” he said. “A couple of other groups were in contact. They want to find out if they’re special interest groups and we don’t want them to be a part of the board.”

Henneberg said anyone interested in contributing to the capital campaign could contact the station at 732-8000.
A salute to area graduates

Graduation
Gulf Stream School

Katarina Theresa Sperduto signs pillows with classmates after her eighth-grade graduation ceremony held June 10 at the Gulf Stream School. Photo by Lauren Loricchio

Opening of Sydney Gift and Julian Tomas Parent-Child Lending Library
Bethesda Memorial Hospital

Kristen Calder and her daughter Caroline decide which book to check out from the new library at Bethesda Memorial Hospital’s Clifford and Madeleine Ripley Early Learning Center in Boynton Beach. The library was named for an X-ray technician and her son, who were killed in a 2008 double murder-suicide. The center provides care to the children of hospital workers. Photo by Jerry Lower

FOREVER MY DADDY
Veteran’s Park, Delray Beach

Jeff Berger and his 14-month-old daughter Caitlin watch a clown perform during the first Forever My Daddy event held at Veterans Park on Father’s Day weekend. Photo by Lauren Loricchio

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COLLEGE

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Career Path: Architect
In 1992, the cultural scene in South Florida was on the verge of a new phase of growth. The Kravis Center for the Performing Arts opened that year, and the Dreyfoos Center for the Performing Arts opened in Fort Lauderdale. The Florida Philharmonic Orchestra, which had assumed that name only about a year earlier, was making plans for its first recording.

That same summer, three woodwind-playing members of the Palm Beach Opera Orchestra came together to play some chamber music, ostensibly as nothing more than a friendly gathering. But the Duncan Theatre offered the three — flutist Karen Dixon, clarinetist Michael Forte and bassoontist Michael Ellert — a hall for public performance, and a concert series was born.

This month, the Palm Beach Chamber Music Festival will open its 20th season of concerts, and as in years past will offer four different programs, each played three times, in West Palm Beach (Pershon Hall at Palm Beach Atlantic University, 8 p.m., Fridays), Palm Beach Gardens (Esrey Campus Theatre, 8 p.m. Saturdays) and Delray Beach (Crest Theatre, 2 p.m. Sundays).

On tap this summer are some of the towering masterworks of the chamber literature, including the Mozart Clarinet Quintet, Arnold Schoenberg’s pivotal string sextet Verklärte Nacht, and Igor Stravinsky’s L’Histoire du Soldat. And while the occasion provided an opportunity to do a “best of,” revising of pieces that have proven successful in earlier seasons, the musicians for the most part are looking ahead.

“We haven’t even actually done that many before,” Ellert said of the pieces on this summer’s program. Instead, the group is finally getting to some long-nursed selections such as the Schoenberg and the big Gran Partita (K. 361) of Mozart, which calls for 13 wind players.

The dozen core members of the festival will be joined this summer by about 20 guest artists, including three narrators for the Stravinsky and conductor Alexander Jimenez. Many of these musicians have appeared on the festival’s six excellent recordings on the Klarvet label, based in Boca Raton.

Because it was started by three woodwind players, Palm Beach’s chamber fest favors woodwind repertoire more than it does string quartets, and its programs always contain fresh, underappreciated repertoire. This season’s programs will include music by the American composers Eric Ewazen and Robert Muczynski, Frenchmen Philippe Gaubert and Eugène Bozza, and the Czech Bohuslav Martinů.

Choosing that kind of repertory offers something special to listeners and players alike, Ellert said, and it’s been a guiding principle of the festival since that first concert in July 1992.

“It’s not fair to the audience, it’s not fair to the musical world, to just play Mozart, Brahms and Beethoven. And that would be really easy to do,” he said.

The concerts are scheduled for July 8-10, 15-17, 22-24, and 29-31. Tickets for the concerts are $25 apiece, with a four-week subscription for $85, a $15 discount. Call 800-330-6874 or visit www.pbcwm.org.

This is also a milestone year for the Boca Raton Museum of Art, which this month is hosting the 60th edition of its all-Florida juried show. The exhibit, which features 101 artworks by as many Florida artists, opened June 29 and runs through Sept. 11 at the museum in Mizner Park.

The museum’s senior curator, Wendy Blazer, said interest in the competition has grown in the past four years, which is when the museum switched its application method to email. This year, 583 artists from across the state submitted 1,840 works, a 30 percent increase over last year, she said.

“It boosts our attendance every summer, and it’s always an interesting show with a broad variety of styles and approaches,” Blazer said of the exhibit. “It’s a way that we can provide for the inclusion of area artists in a museum setting, where their work can be reviewed and judged by a professional in the field.”

The art was judged this year by Valerie Ann Leeds, an expert in the Ashcan School painter Robert Henri, who is an adjunct curator at the Flint Institute of Arts in Flint, Mich. Blazer said the process of getting the juried show together takes the museum about six months, and was overseen by Assistant Curator Kelli Bodle. But while other museums in South Florida have dropped juried shows, Boca’s remains a central part of the museum’s educational mission, Blazer said.

“Part of that education, we believe, is creating awareness and appreciation for those rare individuals in South Florida who are artists. It’s a difficult avenue, an extensive vetting process, and a lot of work. And that individual takes,” she said. “And the museum plays a primary role in providing support. It’s very, very important in any community that there be an organization that shows support, and continues that support, for the artistic community.”

Tickets for the juried show are $8, $6 for seniors 65 and older, and $4 for students. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and until 9 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month. Call 392-2500 for more information or visit www.bocaumuseum.org.

Arts notes: Delray Beach’s Arts Garage has added a ceramics exhibit to its home at 180 NE First St. The exhibit, viewable by appointment (info@delraybeacharts.org, or call 243-7129), Clay From Earth is open through July 30 and features the work of 13 artists including Jeff Leedy, whose credits include ceramics for the 1994 Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway… The Museum of Lifestyle and Fashion History in Boynton Beach has announced its Saturday summertime tours of historic Delray Beach. The next two are set for July 23 and Aug. 27. The tours board at the Boynton Beach Mall at 11 a.m. and last two hours as the buses travel through Delray’s five historic districts (visit www.delraybeachtours.org, or call 243-2662). The annual Palm Beach Poetry Festival, set for Jan. 16-21, has announced its special guest: Charles Wright, whose most recent book, A Mixed Nuts, includes the Pulitzer Prize in 1997 for Black Zodiac. For information: www.palmbeachpoetryfestival.org… Greg Stepanich is the editor/founder of the Palm Beach ArtsPaper, available at www.palmbeachartspaper.com.
Along the Coast

A final bow for Florida Stage

By Scott Simmons

The one-time cultural jewel of Manalapan is gone.

Florida Stage rang down its final curtain in June, nearly two decades after it came to Plaza del Mar and one season after it left the barrier island for the Kravis Center.

“The theater company was known for its derring-do in developing new works. That’s something most companies cannot afford to do,” says Andrew Caldwell, artistic director at Boca Raton’s Caldwell Theatre.

But Florida Stage did it for 24 years.

For the company’s founder, Louis Tyrrell, that 24-year run "really was a dream come true, frankly. Any of us who has an aspiration for a career in the theater, we hope for is the opportunity to do the work we want to do when we want to do it.

"And to share it with the community over time, so that the contribution you make to a community can be part of the cultural personality of that place.

And after the last of the applause, for a matinee performance of The Cha Cha of the Camel Spiker, cultural leaders are bereft.

When he heard about Florida Stage’s decision to file for Chapter 7 bankruptcy, William Hayes shut himself away in his office and wept.

"This was a role model and had been going on for 20-plus years," says Hayes, producing artistic director at Palm Beach Dramaworks, in downtown West Palm Beach. "It was risky. They were gutsy and they took that risk."

"It was very, very shocking. It was entirely unexpected. It was just like a bomb coming out of nowhere really," says Clive Cholerton, artistic director at Boca Raton’s Caldwell Theatre.

Cholerton said he had always looked up to the company. "Oddly enough I was at their very last show. And I shook Louis’ hand and told him how much I enjoyed his show."

It’s a void that will be felt on a national level, the men say.

"We’ll see what opportunities I’m given," he says. "Now I have to consider offers from others doing the plays that they choose." Still, he look back with pride at Florida Stage.

"I’ve had such a good run at it and feel so damn lucky." ✴️

Florida Stage founder Louis Tyrrell speaks at the company’s final performance last year in Manalapan. Photo by Jerry Lower
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Kenneth Charles Ellingsworth

DELRAY BEACH — Kenneth Charles Ellingsworth, life-long resident and ambassador for Delray Beach as the executive director of the city’s Chamber of Commerce for more than three decades, died May 20. He was 84.

Mr. Ellingsworth gave tirelessly to his hometown, his son recalled, and served on numerous local and regional boards and panels including six and a half years on the City Commission in the 1990s. He was one of the founding members of the Delray Beach Historical Society. “Dad was proud of the city’s history and he always had an interest in preservation,” recalled his son, Howard Ellingsworth, a third-generation Delray Beach native.

The elder Mr. Ellingsworth also was instrumental in transforming the Delray Affair into the giant art and craft festival it is today, by far the largest annual event in the city, drawing tens of thousands to Atlantic Avenue toward the end of the tourist season.

The Affair’s roots were in agriculture, when farmers brought their goods to town to market, but Mr. Ellingsworth helped change the direction to give a boost to local merchants in Delray Beach, his son recalled.

Mr. Ellingsworth was born on July 30, 1926, at his parents’ home in Delray Beach. He graduated from Delray Beach High School in 1944 and then served in the Army Air Force in England and Europe from 1944 through 1946.

After the service, he attended Florida State University, where he graduated with a bachelor of science degree in business administration.

After graduation, he worked at various jobs, including several years with the Commercial Credit Corp in Jacksonville and Lakeland, before accepting in 1959 the post as executive director of the Delray Beach Chamber, where he served for the next 33 years until his retirement.

At a youth, he loved the beach. He told his children of how excited the entire town would get when the “blues” were running. “They would herd them toward shore, and Dad and the others caught them by tossing in a hooked line with a white rag on the end of it. The blues would strike at anything. The whole town would come down to the beach for a big barbecue,” Howard Ellingsworth said.

In his capacity as executive director of the Delray Chamber, Mr. Ellingsworth was a founding member or participated in the founding of the Delray Economic Leaders Political Action Committee, the City Council of 100, Leadership Delray Beach, Atlantic Avenue Association, Delray Art League, the Florida Tennis Championship and the Delray Beach Historical Society.

He also was active in local government, serving on the city commission for six and one half years, including two as vice mayor. He also served as chairman of the South Central Regional Waste Water Treatment and Disposal Board, the Metropolitan Planning Board, the Delray Beach Housing Authority and chairman of the Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce.

He served on the boards of the Florida Chamber of Commerce Executives, Discover Palm Beach County, Leadership Palm Beach County, Palm Beach County Development Board and as chairman of a committee to bring Florida Atlantic University to Boca Raton, Delray Beach Library Association and the Delray Avenue Task Force Committee, past president of the Delray Beach National Little League and chairman of the Delray Beach Sister Cities Committee.

Mr. Ellingsworth was a member of the Expanding & Preserving Our Cultural Heritage Community Service Committee and the Delray Chamber of Commerce Life Achievement Award.

His wife of 52 years, Elizabeth, died in 2009. Mr. Ellingsworth is survived by sons Howard Ellingsworth, Gray Guthrie, Lee Guthrie and Grant Guthrie; daughter Lindy Edwards; granddaughters Sofia Ellingsworth and Lauren Guthrie; grandsons Coleman Ellingsworth, David Roland, Jr., Wells Guthrie, Scott Guthrie, Gray Guthrie, Jr., and Brian Guthrie; four great-grandchildren and his brother, Norman Ellingsworth.

Services were held June 11 at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Delray Beach. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made in his memory to the Delray Beach Historical Society, 71 NE First Street, Delray Beach, or to St. Paul’s.

— Staff Report

Doris B. O’Leary

SOUTH PALM BEACH — Doris B. O’Leary, a gracious New Englander who lived in South Palm Beach for more than half a century — by all accounts longer than anyone else in town — died May 28. She was 103, perhaps the oldest person in town.

Mrs. O’Leary and her husband, Arthur, plunked down cash for a condominium at the Imperial House, which hadn’t been built yet, in about 1960. That pre-construction purchase served the New England transplants well.

The couple moved from their Imperial House home. Her husband died in the late 1970s. Mrs. O’Leary carried on for decades, attending condominium association meetings faithfully and always selflessly and lovingly.

“Doris was a real lady, always elegantly dressed and fashionable,” said South Palm Beach Country Club president Bonnie Fischer, an Imperial House neighbor who knew Mrs. O’Leary well. “She was always stylish and always acknowledged everyone she met,” said Mary Ann Kreidler, whose parents were close friends. “Mrs. O’Leary was a sweet soul. She was the picture of decorum and fashion. Her neighbors threw a Founders Day roof-top party a couple of years ago. Although she never needed glasses or a hearing aid, her hearing had begun to slip. She was asked how old she was. She replied, ‘Oh, no, tell me again,’ she said. ‘I think I remember the number,’ she thought. ‘No, it wasn’t 100,’ she replied, ‘Isn’t that just awful.’”

“Shes always looked like a million dollars,” said Fischer, who added that Mrs. O’Leary appeared to be decades younger than her age. “You would never guess that she was 103.”

Even though she never owned the Imperial House pool, she donated money to buy a pool heater.

Mrs. O’Leary was born in Kensington, Conn., to Sarah and Louis O’Leary. Her father, a steel company executive in the early decades of the 20th century, sent her to the LaSalle Finishing School in Boston. She is survived by two nieces, several nephews and one godchild.

Memorial services were held June 4 at Rosen’s Atlantic Memorial Gardens Funeral Home in Lake Worth. A number of her Imperial House neighbors attended.

— Tim O’Meilia
By Ron Hayes

OCEAN RIDGE — Ides Makris loved to travel. “That was her hobby,” remembers her husband, Geris. “Italy, France, Athens — you name it. She said, ‘Live life to the fullest.’ We have a picture of her on the Amalfi coast, leaning over the railing overlooking those azure blue waters, and her scarf is blowing in the wind.” “That was her,” Mrs. Makris, a resident since 2001, died June 9, after being diagnosed in December with amyloidosis, a rare disease in which proteins develop in an insoluble form and congregate in organs or tissues. It’s an insidious disease,” her husband said. “I’d like to help make people aware, because it’s often misdiagnosed as heart disease.” Mrs. Makris was born August 29, 1952, in Port au Prince, Haiti, and came to New York City as a child. In Manhattan, she worked as a banker for Citibank, before moving to Miami in 1974. She was a branch manager for SunTrust banks and later served as a private banker for wealthy clients. “Her clients were her passion,” her husband said. In addition to her husband of 38 years, Mrs. Makris is survived by her children, Geris, Nicholas and Erick, all of Ocean Ridge; a granddaughter, Sabrina; and siblings Leslie Thomas, Pierre Thomas, Marie Audain Kaufman and Myrna Craig.

——— Staff Report

The deadline to reserve advertising space for our August edition is July 25.

By Emily J. Minor

OCEAN RIDGE — John Joseph Wurster died knowing the Colonel’s secret recipe. “He knew it, he really did,” said Wurster’s widow, Josephine, the granddaughter of Kentucky Fried Chicken icon and founder Harland Sanders. “I don’t know it, but he did mix the spices for my grandfather.” But while Mr. Wurster claimed that well-protected company secret, it was his work ethic, sense of humor, kindness and love for family that is being recounted now. Mr. Wurster died June 12 of a heart attack. He was 75. “He was a gentle giant,” said Mr. Wurster’s daughter, Cynthia, of Wellington. “Everybody was afraid of my dad because he was tall and had a deep voice. He was quiet. He was an observer. And he worked very, very hard.” Josephine Wurster says she met a young John Wurster back in 1954, as she and a girlfriend walked down Louisville’s Bluegrass Avenue, bundled up against the cold. Mr. Wurster and some buddies drove by in a Model-T, she said, and offered them a ride. That summer, she went to visit her mother in Salt Lake City and her new boyfriend wrote her every day. “I still have all those letters in my cedar chest,” she said. The couple were married a year later, in August 1955. It was also around this time that Mrs. Wurster’s grandfather was starting his fried-chicken business. John and Josephine Wurster moved to Florida in 1959 and helped the family establish new KFC restaurants around the state. A pilot who had earned his wings through the Civil Air Patrol when he was just 17, Mr. Wurster would fly himself around Florida, making deals and setting up restaurants, his wife said. He’d also mix the spices. The couple had been married 55 years, and had lived in the same house in Ocean Ridge for 52 years, she said. In addition to business and family, John Wurster loved boating, said his wife. “He was a wonderful, wonderful, wonderful man,” she said. “He was not only loved, he was respected as a wonderful human being.” Besides his daughter, Cynthia, Mr. Wurster is survived by three other children: John Joseph Wurster, Jr., of Palm Springs, Calif.; Harland James Wurster, of Palm Beach Gardens; and Christopher Francis Wurster, of Boynton Beach. He is also survived by four grandchildren. Services were held June 25 and family members ask that any memorials be sent to Hospice of Palm Beach County or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

——— Staff Report

By Vivian Krick Hill

DELRAY BEACH — Vivian Krick Hill, a resident of the Cambridge condominium since 2000, died May 27. She was 77 and had been a seasonal resident since 1990. Mrs. Hill was born in Bryn Mawr, Pa., and was a graduate of the College of William & Mary, where she earned a degree in sociology and met Roger W. Hill, her husband of 54 years. During the 1980s, Mrs. Hill served two four-year terms on the township committee of Chatham, N.J. The Hills also were residents of Blairsville, Ga., before moving to Delray Beach. Mrs. Hill is survived by her husband and three children: Mary, of Atlanta, Ga.; Polly, of Chester Township, N.J.; and Danny, of Calpepper, Va. A memorial service was held June 2 at First Presbyterian Church of Delray Beach, where the Hills were members. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to Hospice by the Sea, 1531 W. Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton, FL 33486.

——— Staff Report
4th of July Weekend Events

**7/4 - Independence Day**

- **Dance Your Own Beat** is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 508 S. Seacrest Blvd. piano. Graves amh. music, games, foods and fireworks display @ 5 pm. Free. See 822-2222 or www.npl.org.

- **Boynton Beach Salute to Independence** is held at the Bryant Park, corner of A1A and Atlantic Avenue. Includes: sand sculpture, beach blanket bingo (2-6 pm), Patty Cakes: The Kissing Pig, and children’s activities. Noon-9 pm. Free. 533-5272 or 215-205-9441.

- **West Palm Beach 4th On Flagler Celebration** is held at one of South Florida’s pristine courses and complimentary (800-743-7883). Free. Held again round before 2:30 pm to participate. Grill open 11 am-2:30 pm. Fees and time 243-7390.

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2600 people); 7/10: Brunch at Old Calypso, 10:30-1 pm and Seahawks in general are welcome to again 7/22-24. F & Sat.: 7 pm, Sat. & Sun.: 1 pm and fresh air. Class meets Monday through Friday. 7/11 - FOTOcamp for Kids is held at Palm Beach Architectural Center, 401 Clematis St., West Palm Beach. Ages 7-12 are grouped by experience. Each student receives a digital SLR camera and learns basic exposure, lighting, composition and professional instructor. 9 am-3 pm, Camps available in exhibits of photos at 8:30 AM. 2 week session runs through 7/22. Offered again 7/25-8/5, 9-9:55 am, includes camper field trips, tips and prints. 250-600.

7/10 - 70th Street Beach is one of the best and most picturesque beaches on the Gold Coast. The sand is fine and the waves are always perfect for swimming and sunbathing. It is also a perfect place to relax and enjoy the beautiful views of the ocean.

7/16 - Seafront Quest is held at the Delray Beach Museum of Art & American Culture, Old Square Campus, Science & Engineering Building, 4345 4th St. Beach, as part of their summer series of third Thursday fun races to benefit local non-profits. Thursdays at 7 pm. Reservations: 391-8110.

7/19 - Music For The Mind Concert at the Harriet Himmel Theater, 700 S. Mizner Blvd. West Palm Beach. Season preview concert by the Palm Beach Opera features baritone Frank McKinney and soprano Serafini Natale. 7:30 pm. 742-6380. 7/10/13, 7/5/13, students, free for children under 12. 742-6181, 391.8110.

7/19 - FAU Astronomical Observatory Public Viewing Night observations at FAU’s Boca Raton Campus, Science & Engineering Building, 4345, 4th floor, 777 Glades Road. Nightly views held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month. 7 pm. 742-6181, 391.8110.

7/20 - Dip In Your Library is held at the Boca Raton Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd. Become an archivist for a day. Learn how to examine and map a shipwreck with the Florida Public Archaeological Network. Grades 3-6. 7-20.

7/20 - Art Film - Berlin Symphony of a Century is presented by the Gold Coast Public Relations Council. Held at the Museum of Art & American Culture, Old Square Campus, Science & Engineering Building, 4345, 4th floor, 777 Glades Road. 7 pm. 742-6380.

7/21 - Kristin is held at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Free. 800-330-6874.

7/21 - The Writer’s Studio is held at the Carolyn Sims Community Institute at the Library series is presented as part of the Lifelong Learning Community Institute at the Library series.

7/27 - Jazz Saxophonist Ed Call performs at Arts Garage, 160 NE 1st St, Delray Beach. 5:30-10 p.m. 502-7300 or www.drbayarea.org.

7/24 - Health and Wellness Expo is held at the South Florida Science Museum, 4801 Ocean Trail North, West Palm Beach. Snack samples, beauty and spa products, healthy lifestyle tips and merchandise and music. For families of all ages. 10-4 p.m. $11/adults, $10/5-12 seniors, $9/children under three. 388-2700 or www.sffsm.org.

JULY 24-30
Monday - 7/25 - Physics and World Philosophy is discussed as part of the Great Books Discussion Group at the Boca Raton Library, 100 NE 2nd Street. Meets the second and fourth Monday of each month. 10-11:45 a.m. Fee: first month free. 742-6390.

7/25 - Someone Knows My Name by Lawrence Hill is presented as part of the Afternoon Book Group at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 1 p.m. Free. 266-4040 or www.delraylibrary.org.

7/25 - One World, Many Stories Resource Depot Styls at the Boca Raton City Library, 200 NW 1st Ave. The resource depot will demonstrate how to make amazing art out of items that would have been thrown away. 4:30-5 p.m. Free. 742-6390.

7/25 - The Conceptual: Taste Buds is held at the Art Center, 125 S. Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. Children 7-12 explore arts and crafts. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. $35/residents, $45/non-residents. 742-6221.


7/26 - Concert: Salsa Genene & The Scene at Minter Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 5:30-8:30 p.m. 800-745-3000 or www.liveluenation.com. 7/27 - 7/29 - Concert: Daryl Sherman & Jay Garcia Ordoñez is held at the Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 N. Ocean Blvd. Boca Raton. Learn about ancient mayan art, history, culture and dance. 7/27 tickets: $13 General, $11 Students and seniors, 50% off at the door for ages 12 and under. 742-6200 or www.boromuseum.org.

7/27 - Mid-Summer’s Night at the Museum are held at the South Florida Science Museum, 4801 Ocean Trail North, West Palm Beach. Enter an enchanted forest through an actual 1900s-styled glass conservatory. Enjoy wildlife and other natural activities. (Orchids open to the public: 6-10 p.m.) $10/person and free for ages 3 and under. 742-6200 or www.sffsm.org.

7/27 - Concert: Tribute to Neil Diamond is presented as part of the Teen Book Discussion Group at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. 4:30 p.m. 266-4040 or www.delraylibrary.org. Wednesday - 7/27 - Teen Bingo is held at the Boynton Beach City Library, 206 SW 1st Ave. 6:30-8:30 p.m. 742-6390.


Thursday - 7/28 - Art Exhibit: Alvarez Garcia Ordóñez at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave. Exhibit runs through 7/31. Library hours: Mon-Wed 10-8 am; Thurs-Sun 10-6 pm; Free. 266-4940.

7/28 - Megamind (PG) is presented as part of the Summer Singing Shows Series at the Boynton Beach City Library, 206 SW 1st Ave. 2-4 pm. Free. 742-6925.

7/28 - Michael Wiley speaks and signs his new book, I Love Ken: My Life as the Boy, at Pompey Park, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. Book signing by Elkeles I Love Ken: My Life as the Boy. 4:30-7:15 pm. Free. 742-6240.

7/28 - Learn the mental and physical skills of self defense, plus develop good sportsmanship, inner discipline and self confidence. Ages 5 to adult. Demonstration runs through 7/31. $25/15, $75/5 members. 742-6390.

7/28 - Tae Kwon Do at the Carysil Sports Center, 225 NW 12th Ave., Boynton Beach. Learn about singing natural dyes, flower pressing and other fun crafting techniques. Ages 4 to adult: 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. $15 members, $25 non-members. Reservations: 742-6390.

7/28 - Tai Ronn Do at the Carysil Sports Center, 225 NW 12th Ave., Boynton Beach. Learn about striking, kicking, blocking, defense and more. For ages 11 to 18. 6:30-8:30 p.m. For ages 11 to 18. $60/residents, $75/non-residents. Registration: 742-6420.

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Friday - 7/29 - Colors of Nature at the Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boynton Beach. Learn about orchid’s need for water, light, temperature and sunlight. 10-11:45 am. $20/$10 members; $25/$15 non-members; free for children 12 and under. 742-6721.

Friday - 7/29 - Limbo Nature Center presents the 8th annual Deer Dance Dinner 6:30 pm, show 8 pm. $70/show only, $30/deer dance dinner only. Held again 8/6 and 8/12-13. For children 12 and under: $40/show only, $20/deer dance dinner only. Held again 8/6 and 8/12-13. 2-4 pm. Free. 266-9490 or www.delraylibrary.org.

Saturday - 7/30 - Concert: Salsa Genene & The Scene at Minter Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton. 5:30-8:30 p.m. 800-745-3000 or www.liveluenation.com. 7/31 - 8/1 - Creative Concepts: Red, White & Blue is held at the Boca Raton Museum of Art, 501 N. Ocean Blvd. Boca Raton. Children 7-12 explore arts and crafts. 8 am-5 p.m. $100/residents, $125/ non-residents. Held again 8/6 and 8/12-13. 8 am-5 p.m. $100/residents, $125/non-residents. Held again 8/6 and 8/12-13. 8 am-5 p.m. $100/residents, $125/non-residents. Held again 8/6 and 8/12-13. 8 am-5 p.m. $100/residents, $125/non-residents. Held again 8/6 and 8/12-13.

Saturday - 8/6 - Child Safety Prenatal Class is held at the Art Center, 125 S. Mizner Blvd., Boca Raton. 10-11:45 am. Free. 742-6221.

Saturday - 8/6 – Tiny Turtles at the Boynton Beach City Library, 208 S. Seacrest Blvd., Boynton Beach. 10-11:15 am. Free. 742-6221.

Saturday - 8/6 – ’50s & Blue at the Lantana Arts Center, 1901 N. Seacrest Blvd. Grades 6-12. 1-2:30 pm. Free. 742-6390.
Singing teens make musical impression for Israel

The Israeli Scouts Friendship Caravan rolled into Abbey Delray North on a June morning, 10 teens showing off great voices while singing of love for their country through a medley of songs in Hebrew, English and Yiddish. Their energy was amazing, their routines deftly choreographed beneath exquisite harmony and outstanding solos.

Also present, and trying not to look like a proud papa, was Shelly Weil, who for 38 years has been hosting the exemplary cultural program. "Every year I look forward to getting a new group of scouts because they’re 17-year-old kids, and I don’t see them again unless they come back as a leader," said Weil, of Delray Beach.

"We have four such caravans that are going to cover the United States, probably about 35 to 40 different states, as ambassadors, and that’s their prime purpose of being here," said the member of the Israeli Scout International Board.

To pull off the visit of the scouts, or Tzofim, each year, "I make a lot of calls, visit a lot of people, bring them pictures, CDs and so forth, and try to get them to a diverse population rather than just going to synagogues, where obviously people know Israel," he said.

"For example, we’ll take them to a church on Sunday morning. Sometimes I like to bring them to a Baptist church or an Episcopal church. On Saturday we’re going up to Palm Beach Juvenile Detention Center, where we were asked to come up and talk to the kids who are incarcerated, for major crimes," said Ori Zeltzer, one of the caravan’s leaders. "Though our main thing is to put on as much of a show as we can for the communities that we pass through, the main issue here is being the best ambassadors Israel can get, and showing people here that sometimes Israel is much more different than what you see in the newspapers, or TV, or the local media. These are the kids of Israel."

Zeltzer said he too was a scout from age 9, then at 18 went for six years to the Israeli army, from which he was discharged two months ago. Similarly, for these youths, "Next summer they’re going to be recruited to the army," and, after multiple years of service, "Maybe one of them will become a caravan leader."

From their Abbey North audience of more than 100 the troupe garnered rave reviews, such as Scott Wang’s: "It was upbeat, nice, pleasant, positive, no political messages. Young people, I think they just want to enjoy life, and have peace."

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"I learned in Tzofim," said the youth who introduced the tune, "that there is no such thing as a change that is too hard to make. And the lyrics of the next song say it all. ‘If you want to make the world a better place, take a look at yourself, and then make a change’," he said, as the troupe moved into Michael Jackson’s ‘Man in the Mirror’.

When the teens concluded with the Israeli national anthem, there was a contrast between the mainly gray-haired audience and mainly dark-haired youths, yet solidarity in that most seemed to know the lyrics. Afterward, the teens accepted donations and sold T-shirts and CDs of their music.

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Members of the Israeli Scouts Friendship Caravan performed recently at Abbey Delray North. Photo by C.B. Hanif
Paws Up for Pets

Vet a veritable font of advice on dog care

Cars, flat-screen television sets and even iron come with owner's manuals to explain how they operate and how to make them perform at their best. Alas, our pets do not. But Marty Becker, D.V.M., best known as “America’s Veterinarian,” is on a mission to change that.

He just completed a six-week national bus tour called “Healthy Pets Visit Pets” that included three stops in Florida. He also just penned his 19th book — one that I regard as his best work — called Your Dog: The Owner’s Manual. It contains hundreds of tips, surprises and solutions for raising a happy, healthy dog.

During his stop at a Petco store near my home, I surprised my long-time veterinarian friend by showing up not only with my dog, Cleo, but also my very canine-savvy cat, Zeki. My harness-wearing Turkish Van-mix feline eyed the canine crowd, who stopped yapping and sat at attention — and in awe. She commands that type of dog respect.

“Our goal, Arden, could pull off bringing a cat to a dog event,” he laughed. “Hey, Zeki is just ahead of the game. My next book, Your Cat: The Owner’s Manual, comes out later this year.”

I came to support Becker on his mission to educate the pet-loving public of the need to have the right tools to be responsible health allies for their pets. He has practiced veterinary medicine for more than 30 years and has been the veterinary correspondent to ABC-TV’s Good Morning America for 10 years and as serves as the resident veterinarian on The Dr. Oz Show and the pet expert for AARP.

He stays current on advances in veterinary medicine while never turning down a doggy kiss or a friendly head-butt from a contented cat. Every day, he does his best to champion the people-pet bond.

Let me share with you some of his creative tips and strategies designed to bring out the best in dogs all over America:

• Ditch the food bowl — on occasion. Face it, our dogs aren’t grabbing our car keys and sneaking out to chew on super-sized meals at a fast-food restaurant. Far too many dogs have more waddle than wiggle. Becker’s solution: Bring out a dog’s natural hunting skills by replacing the food bowl a few times a week with food puzzles designed to dole out small amounts of food when the dog makes the puzzle move or open in some way. Becker recommends the Kong Wobbler, Busy Buddy line and Nina Ottosson’s Dog Pyramid.

• Fend off wolfing down food with stones. They are forced to slow down in order to eat around these heavy stones.

• Jazz up that game of fetch. For dogs who love to chase after balls, try tossing the ball up or down a hill or in the water for an extra fulfilling workout. For little, active dogs, select a right-sized stuffed animal that your dog can toss safely in the house without knocking over a lamp. Other fetch game variations: Hide the ball and then let your dog find it. Or play “monkey in the middle” by having family members toss, roll or kick the ball and reward your dog with a treat each time it intercepts it and gives it back.

• Keep yourself dry at doggy bath time. We’ve all experienced that “big shake” when our saturated dog unleashes a full-body wiggle and sprays us with water. Becker’s solution to staying dry: Hold your dog’s nose. He can’t shake. Towel him dry and then usher him to a “shaking-allowed zone” and your clothes won’t be drenched.

• Keep your dog healthy without taking a big bite out of your wallet. To accomplish this, Becker urges you to never skip your dog’s wellness exams. The reason? The majority of health problems that can be identified in their early stages are far cheaper and easier to treat than those that are left to fester and worsen before a veterinarian can intervene and take action. If your dog needs a medication, work with your veterinarian on how to shop around for the best price. Veterinarians can write prescriptions and you may find considerable savings at a pharmacy, especially for generic drugs.

Becker provides hundreds of more canine-care insights in his book, which caters to both the seasoned dog owner as well as those adopting a puppy for the first time. You can learn more by tuning in to Dr. Becker’s guest appearance on my Oh Behave! show on PetLifeRadio.com and by visiting www.drmartybecker.com.

And, to get your “paws” on an autographed copy of his book, Your Dog: The Owner’s Manual, be the 10th person to email me at Arden@fourleggedlife.com with the code: America’s Veterinarian. Trust me, your dog will thank you for doing so.

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With the panoramic vistas from this 11,797-square-foot residence in Manalapan, sunrises and sunsets are part of the package. This five-bedroom, five-bath home with three half-baths is a stately three-level residence dotted with balconies and anchored by a stone stairway leading to the front entrance. This entrance, a set of wrought iron and glass doors, opens to the west-facing foyer where four lanterns hang from groin-vaulted ceilings.

The lower level of the home has a seven-seat media/theater room, a music room/library, a climate-controlled wine cellar, an elevator and a laundry room. The family room also is on this level and it opens to a covered loggia and outdoor kitchen. An infinity-edged pool sits atop a terrace with stairs that lead down to 157 feet of Intracoastal Waterway frontage that also has deep water dockage. There is a sloped driveway with access at two different locations which is framed by an allee of trees, lawn, fountain and four-car garage. Stepping stones around the southernmost gate lead to the home’s beach house, a separate 500 square foot cottage with bath, wet bar, microwave and an outdoor deck overlooking the ocean.

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ABOVE: The gourmet kitchen boasts marble and wood floors with granite countertops, copper fixtures and state-of-the-art appliances, yet still retains Old World elegance and charm.

LEFT: The master bedroom can be reached via a circular staircase. It features a fireplace, wet bar and three balconies. An en suite bath is beyond.

Arches supported by Corinthian capitals frame the living room with a vaulted ceiling with carved beams. The room’s round shape allows for panoramic views.

Palatial home with a view in Manalapan
CASA DI MARE
Old World charm meets modern luxury. Stuning waterfront estate, 6 bedrooms/ 6.5 baths, deep water dockage, minutes from the ocean. Custom built with the highest level of finishes. Heated wood and stone floors, gourmet kitchen, paneled library/club room and solid wood cabinetry. Separate guest suite, 4 car garage, impact windows and doors and full house generator. Waterfront, pool and spa pool. Bill Quigley, 561-346-3434 Offered at $5,175,000

MANALAPAN
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