By Emily J. Minor

There are people you like and people you love. And then there are people like Manalapan Police Chief Clay Walker — the kind you’d pretty much like to clone.

“He’s not just doing this because it’s the law,” said Joan Gindlesperger, who 25 years ago started the Deaf Service Center of Palm Beach County. “He’s doing this because he cares.”

Walker, a Clewiston boy and fourth-generation Floridian, recently sat at a nice luncheon and accepted a nice plaque from the Deaf Service Center. For years, he’s helped working police officers throughout Florida understand the nuances and challenges, complexities and struggles of being deaf or hard of hearing.

And while the plaque is lovely — indeed, it’s the only one in his office that says “I House of the Month”.

Along the Coast

End of sewage’s oceanward trek took activism, work and money

By Thomas R. Collins

It ended simply: Somebody turned a valve and presto, no more greenish-brown plume of water gushing from the South Central Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant into the ocean a mile off the Delray Beach coast. Instead, that water was redirected deep, deep underground.

Getting to that point, though, took three years of work, $17 million, and came only after a staredown between plant officials and environmentalists, especially from Palm Beach Reef Rescue, who decried the effects of the treated sewage on coral reefs, mainly algae blooms but other maladies, such as...
I drive fast. Not too fast — I don’t get tickets. But I do push the limits. I commuted to West Palm Beach on A1A for many years, and consider myself lucky that my job required only a couple years of I-95 commuting — to Hollywood and Miami Beach.

Now I travel closer to home, and often on foot or bicycle. Traffic on A1A feels very different to a body not ensconced within an air-conditioned space secured behind heavy metal doors. I notice now when cars whiz by or when large vehicles crowd the sidewalks.

Since the A1A road construction ended earlier this year, there are now 16 pedestrian crosswalks between Linton Boulevard and Lantana. I think that’s good.

So, as summer settles in, I’ve decided it won’t kill me when behind the wheel to slow down, check my rear view mirror and stop to let people cross when they are waiting at the crosswalk signs. They just want to get to the beach — and that seems like such an enviable ambition — why would I want to make them wait? I’m going to slow down.

— Mary Kate Leming, Editor

Letters to the editor

When did A1A become a publicly funded exercise facility? So much for the bike lanes. I propose an A1A volleyball tournament.

William Kuntz, Hypoluxo Island

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Local voices

Help keep everyone safe on roads by observing traffic laws

By Lt. Chris Yannuzzi

Given recently published articles on motorists’, bicyclists’ and pedestrians’ difficulty “sharing the road,” it is probably a good time to remind everyone of the law:

• In Florida, when operated on the roadway, bicycles are vehicles and are required to abide by the same provisions as the driver of a car or truck. That is, they must stop at red lights and stop signs, drive on the right side of the roadway, have lighting at night, signal their intentions, and not operate a bicycle while under the influence. Basically, whatever you are required to do or limited from doing as a driver applies to the bicyclist.

• Motorists are required to provide a 3-foot clearance when passing a bicyclist. Based on the width of the roadway, this may require the driver to move into the on-coming lane in order to pass safely and legally. It is the motorist’s obligation to make sure there is no traffic approaching that would make this move unsafe.

• Pedestrians have the right of way when crossing in a crosswalk or when cleared to cross at a signaled intersection. Motorists and bicyclists must yield to pedestrians in a designated crosswalk.

• Bicyclists may not ride more than two abreast except for “paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.” So, single file is the rule on much of A1A, and the operation must be as close to the right edge or curb of the roadway as “practicable” and safe.

• When riding on a sidewalk, a bicyclist has the rights and duties of a pedestrian: The cyclist must yield to pedestrians and provide an audible signal when passing. We have been very fortunate that our officers have had to respond to very few mishaps involving the interaction of automobiles, bicycles or those on foot. However, any of these could have resulted in severe injury or death. Members of the Ocean Ridge Police Department enforce the traffic laws when violations are observed or when an investigation determines fault. The ORPD has taken the initiative to join the Florida Bicycle Association’s efforts to educate the public. Officer Bob McAllister is our representative. Please drive, cycle and walk safely! Let’s not meet “by accident.”

Lt. Chris Yannuzzi is an officer with the Ocean Ridge Police Department.

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love you” in American Sign Language — it’s the work that led him here that has been so fantastic for Walker, he said.

Elinor Eastman knows all about this. Walker, 53, was a lieutenant at the North Palm Beach Police Department and the guy in charge of the department’s communication system when Eastman, who is deaf, dialed 911 one night back in 1999.

Her 91-year-old father-in-law had fallen out of bed and she could not lift him. Eastman knew she wouldn’t be able to communicate with the emergency operator, but she had no other choice.

The department had just received boxes of TDD equipment — telecommunications devices for the deaf. And it was all just sitting there at the North Palm station.

“T he very next day, Lt. Clay Walker introduced himself,” Eastman said.

Elinor Eastman turned out to be his go-to girl.

In the months and years that followed, Eastman would call dispatch on her TDD machine and teach rescue operators how to respond quickly and comfortably.

At first, they’d hold conversations about pretend problems. But eventually, Eastman would call and the dispatchers would know who she was and they’d talk about television shows and family, children and husbands, holidays and recipes.

Each night after she’d take the paper tape of their conversation and clip it to their paperwork from that shift.

“We used to talk to Elinor by the foot,” Walker said. “She took this technology and she made us fearless of it.”

Eastman, now 73 and moved on to take the job in Manalapan in 1999, but his devotion to deaf services has not wavered over the course of nearly two decades.

For Walker, it’s something he started because it felt right.

For Elinor Eastman and Joan Gindlesperger, it’s something he continued because the Manalapan chief wears a suit of shining armor.

“I wish every city in every county in every state had a Clay Walker,” Gindlesperger said.

“I loved him from the start,” Eastman said. But she does have this one tiny little bone to pick with him.

Years ago, when Elinor Eastman tried to teach Clay Walker sign language, he really wasn’t that great of a student.

“He just remembered the signs for all the bad words,” she said recently. "You know how guys are."

He holds officer training days, sometimes even setting up a car full of deaf people for his officers to pull over. Then he sees how long it takes for them to figure it out.

He preaches deaf services to judges, lawyers, social service advocates and other chiefs around the nation.

And he’s just now finishing up a video series that will be given to all law enforcement in Florida.

It’s a training DVD with a paper operator’s manual showing law enforcement how to deal with deaf drivers, deaf witnesses, deaf victims of crime.

For Walker, it’s something he started because it felt right.

Elinor Eastman uses a TDD machine to communicate with her friends, including Chief Clay Walker. Photo by Jerry Lower

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Devotion to deaf services has not wavered over the course of nearly two decades.
Residents and businesses in Briny Breezes, Ocean Ridge and parts of Hypoluxo will be hit with higher water bills beginning this month. The Boynton Beach City Commission voted April 21 to raise rates for 96,000 customers in the city, unincorporated areas to the west, Briny Breezes, Ocean Ridge and parts of Hypoluxo. The majority of the hike will be in the fixed-base rate — which will more than double — from $6.05 to $13.47 for residential customers outside the city limits, which includes Briny Breezes and parts of Hypoluxo. Ocean Ridge residents, who pay in-city rates, will pay a base rate of $10.77, up from $4.84. Businesses outside of the city will pay a base rate of $26.93, up from $12.10; in-city rates will increase to $12.10 to $21.54. The increases, the first since 1994, cover water consumption and the base rate for waste water and waste-water consumption rates. An Ocean Ridge resident who uses 5,000 gallons of water per month will see an increase of about $7. Briny Breezes residents, who pay out-of-city rates and also receive waste water services from Boynton Beach, will see an increase of about $15 (based on 5,000 gallons used). Briny Breezes property owners are billed based on their share in the corporation. Most of Hypoluxo’s customers receive only waste-water services, where the base rate will increase from $15.04 to $20.68 and the commodity rate will increase 19 cents per thousand gallons used. The changes will provide a higher percentage of revenue from base rates to offset the dwindling proceeds from water consumption sparked by mandatory water restrictions and a decline in development. “There’s never a good time for an increase,” said Boynton Beach Mayor Jerry Taylor. “No one wants to increase rates, but it is costing us more to produce than we are taking in.”
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The plant is also a step toward what Coates said is the goal of being able to reuse all of the wastewater for watering lawns, mainly golf courses. Before April, most of the wastewater had only 20 percent suspended solids in it — basically, stuff floating in the water — after it was treated, which is nonetheless clean enough to be poured into the ocean.

To be shot underground, though, it can have only 10 parts per million of suspended solids per million. The water shot into the ocean also was allowed to have 800 fecal bacteria colonies per 100 milliliters. In the water that’s injected underground, 75 percent of such samples have to be completely free of fecal bacteria colonies, and the other samples are allowed only to have minimal colonies.

“It’s completely different,” Coates said. “The water has to be much, much cleaner.” And only that cleaner version is permitted for golf course watering. Now, since it all is getting that extra cleaning, it all is eligible for reuse.

But the demand has to catch up. Now, just a few courses use the recycled water. In the Boynton area, they include Hunter’s Run, Country Club of Florida, Delray Dunes, Pine Tree and Quail Ridge. In Delray Beach, they include the Delray Beach city course, Delaire, The Hamlet and Lakeview.

Joe May, who oversees injections well for the Department of Environmental Protection’s local office, says it will monitor the well to make sure it is environmentally sound. The initial permit is for two years. As for the reefs’ recovery, Tim Powell, head of the local office’s wastewater section, pointed out that there are many other sources of pollutants. “Only time will tell,” he said.

“I am hopeful that without the outfall the water’s nutrients level will stay below the algal bloom ‘tipping point,’” said the soft coral and sea fans will show improvement quickly, but other types may not. “Hard coral could take hundreds of years to completely recover.”

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The route was stopped in 1893 when a rock road was built to connect Lantana with Lemon City, in what is now Miami-Dade County.

Burkhardt, who actually walked the route for the first time with Bornstein, along with his sister, Cheryl, said the tales of their great-great-uncle Henry were everyday stuff when they were growing up.

“I guess the greatest one about Uncle Henry is he used to walk with his clothes off,” Burkhardt says, laughing.

And, of course, sisters being sisters, Cheryl must pipe up.

“I’m not sure that’s true,” she says.

But it is deliciously satisfying, this tale that’s been batted around their whole lives, so even Cheryl Burkhardt, a woman of sound mind and logic, cannot quite abandon the silly details. It would be like walking away from her childhood.

“Who knows?” she muses, clenching just a bit.

“Let’s just say Uncle Henry wore very light clothing. “That sounds better.”
Delray Beach

Site plan approved for mixed-use downtown project

By Margie Plunkett

Commissioners approved the site plan for the $250 million Atlantic Plaza II project — two blocks of living, office and retail space on eight acres downtown — at a crowded public hearing April 2.

Residents there voiced support for the project, but also raised concerns about traffic safety and environmental practices.

The mixed-use project, which is less than half the size of Mizner Park in Boca Raton, still has another 18 months to go before construction starts, as the developer gathers permits and reroutes utilities.

Pre-construction work includes relocating Seventh Avenue, as well as moving electric, water and sewer lines to the perimeter of the two-block property at the corner of Atlantic Avenue and Federal Highway.

An underground garage tunnel is also part of the preparation stage. The developer needs state permitting, including for traffic, parking and medians — which will involve the city and Florida Department of Transportation.

Atlantic Plaza II, which has been in the works for a year and a half, will contribute $2.5 million in annual tax revenue for Delray Beach when complete and will employ more than 3,000 employees while under construction, said Michael Werntz, who represented developer CDS International Holdings Inc. at the public hearing.

The developer has green goals and will follow the city’s rules on workforce housing, he said.

The project reflects architectural styles of the vicinity, picking up on characteristics of other buildings and from the past, architect Derek Vander Ploeg said.

“It’s important to continue the Mediterranean Revival architectural style of the Colony Hotel across the street,” he said, adding that other detail includes: rock-face block, awnings, archways, dome rooftop, bracketed columns, varied numbers of stories and differing storefronts, Vander Ploeg said.

Commissioners also granted eight waivers for Atlantic Plaza II during the April meeting, including waivers for setbacks, parking garage, parallel parking, parking machines, visibility, pavement width and glass surface.

The public response to Atlantic Plaza II was positive, but several supporters pointed out what they saw as traffic flaws at Veterans Park and the bridge across the Intracoastal Waterway.

“This will be a beautiful project,” resident Kevin Warner said at the public hearing, adding he favors it — but not at the expense of traffic safety.

A planned median will be an invitation tojaywalkers, he said, and the traffic pattern is a threat to pedestrians already jeopardized by traffic moving too quickly over the bridge.

“It is an invitation to death,” Warner said.

Others urged the developer to take a higher profile approach to environmental issues.

Joe Snider, a green architect, said it would be a huge benefit to the city to have the project certified under LEED, the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design rating system for green buildings.

“It gives credibility. There’s something out there called greenwashing. We want green projects and LEED-certified projects,” Snider said.

Justina Boughton, who noted her Colony Hotel was “green before people cared about being green,” also encouraged commissioners to take the greener path with Atlantic Plaza II.

“We should actually go for the LEED certification. I know it’s a pain in the neck. When we have this project finished, we’d be able to say this project is a green project. I realize that’s not within what you’re able to do tonight, but you should find a way to make that possible.”

Commissioners explained before voting that consideration of the site plan did not take in traffic or green issues and reassured residents their concerns would be addressed.

• Separately in April, the commission approved an ordinance accepting a resurvey report of the Nassau Street Historic District that added five properties to the district, expanded its period of significance and changed its name.

The resurvey report also recommended that an application be submitted to the National Register of Historic Places for the district.

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Mizner Park in Delray Beach?

**Description:** A mixed-use development built in three phases on more than 8 acres. The development is in six buildings that vary from two to five stories. Less than half the size of Mizner Park in Boca Raton, Atlantic Plaza II’s statistics are as follows, with some comparisons to Mizner Park:

- **Atlantic Plaza II:** 8 acres
  - 197 residential units
  - 106,005 square feet of office space
  - 98,765 square feet of retail
  - 32,921 square feet of restaurant space
  - More than 1,000 parking spaces
  - 2,500 total parking spaces

- **Mizner Park:** 28 acres
  - 272 residential units
  - 267,000 square feet of office space
  - 236,000 retail and restaurant space

**SOURCE:** Delray Beach, Smith & Knibbs Inc.
Manalapan

Town weighs allowing larger beach houses

By Margie Plunkett

Manalapan commissioners bumped up the size of beach houses to 750 square feet in a preliminary vote that compromised between the current allowance and a proposed increase to 1,000 square feet.

An ordinance that encompasses this and other zoning revisions will be the subject of a public hearing at 9:30 a.m. on May 26. The ordinance also addresses dune walkovers, fire pits, building heights, setbacks and hedge heights, among other concerns.

The beach houses on the ocean side of A1A could grow to 750 square feet from 500 square feet and would be allowed kitchen and bath facilities would look like.

The commissioners considered whether two districts, R1A and R1B, should be treated differently because of the varying lot characteristics. But the only distinction between Manalapan beach houses currently are limited to 500 square feet, and can have no sleeping quarters. A plan would allow them to be up to 750 square feet. Photo by Jerry Lower

restrictions was the size of the deck: R1A was allowed a 500-square-foot attached deck, and R1B a 1,000-square-foot deck. Otherwise, either area was allowed a 35- by 25-foot beach house, or a 1,000-square-foot deck for properties with no beach house. The houses must not be visible from the road and must be screened from the beach.

Commissioners pushed the issue back from March’s meeting after hearing from property owners, who argued, among other things, that expanding beach houses would spoil Manalapan’s unique coastal beauty and that beach-house limits were unfair to owners of larger properties. Commissioners decided to walk the beach to look at existing beach houses and properties before rendering a decision. David Rathbun, who represents the Ziff family, argued at the March meeting against allowing the larger beach houses. Rathbun presented photographs of existing 500-square-foot beach houses and photo illustrations of what 1,000-square-foot facilities would look like.

Developers probably would try for a configuration to allow as many windows and doors on the ocean side as possible, with none on the A1A side, he said.

Expanding the beach houses will forever change the beach, Rathbun said, adding he thought 600 to 650 square feet would be better.

“This section of Manalapan is a treasure and needs to be preserved,” Ziff family member Jim Stafford said at the April meeting. “The other side’s established that legacy for all of us to enjoy as a community. For people that live here, we can choose to live anywhere. One of the reasons we choose to live here is because it’s so beautiful and pristine.”

The reality has a large beach home built in 1948 and grandfathered in, although not visible to neighbors or from the road or beach, according to Rathbun.

George Valassis, who is a resident as well as a zoning commissioner, wanted a larger beach house for entertaining, but told commissioners that the 750-square-foot beach house would do him no good. Ripping down his 500-square-foot facility and add so little space would be a costly exercise that still wouldn’t accommodate his vision of entertainment.

Valassis said he has more than 100,000 square feet of property on the ocean side and a "pillbox of 500 square feet" for a beach house. "I could build a 20,000-square-foot house and you wouldn’t be able to see it," Valassis said. He added he has a beautiful ocean property, but can’t entertain on the beach side.

"I don’t think it’s fair to someone like me who spent an awful lot of money, I’m crowded [in the beach house] with eight people."

The ordinance also includes additional changes: allowing 6-foot-wide dune walkovers, gas or propane fire pits, 10-foot doors on the ocean side, and adding definitions of green space.

Ocean Ridge

No-see-um battle returns to Town Commission

By Margie Plunkett

The town is being eaten alive.

No-see-ums are out in force, driving residents indoors. “I haven’t talked to anyone in Ocean Ridge who hasn’t been bothered by no-see-ums,” Robert Happ told Ocean Ridge commissioners in April. “It’s a big, big problem.”

Ocean Ridge sprayed for no-see-ums for two years, but stopped for one year after residents raised concern about the safety of chemical treatment.

The Town Commission has asked Clarke Mosquito Control to discuss the no-see-um problem at its May 4 meeting, to explain chemical safety and use. Town Manager Ken Schenck Jr. said, and commissioners will consider whether to resume spraying.

Happ wants Ocean Ridge to spray for the insects — tiny flies also known as biting midges that thrive in coastal areas and whose sharp bites leave red, itchy welts. Happ gathered other residents’ signatures in support of spraying for the pests, but the subject was dropped at the town’s March meeting, he said. He described no-see-ums so bad that it was impossible to spend more than a minute or two outdoors.

Mayor Ken Kaleel contributed: “It is an issue and growing.” Commissioner Geoffrey Pugh pointed out that “by stopping the spraying, it’s brought up the severity of the problem.”

Residents have been vociferous against street spraying, according to Pugh, concerned about the harm chemicals may cause to people and wildlife.

Kaleel said the street sprayers were so slow to stop if they saw people, but that didn’t happen.

More effective, the mayor said, is a technique that involves establishing barriers via a backpack sprayer, although it’s cooler. About 20 to 30 homes surrounded by mangroves, which attract no-see-ums, need to be sprayed to form a barrier, he said.

But Vice Mayor Betty Bingham wondered if the town sprays select homes for no-see-ums, whether other residents would expect it to spray their yards for other pests.

Kaleel said Ocean Ridge needs to get in writing from Palm Beach County Environmental Resource Management or the Department of Environmental Protection information on the safety of spraying and get it out to residents.
By Mike Readling

Anita Casey watches in dismay every weekend at the activities in her Delray Beach backyard. Many times dismay turns to outright concern.

Casey sees boats — all sizes of boats — motoring up and down the Intracoastal Waterway. They pass each other. They overtake one another. They have little regard for the wakes they leave behind.

Then there are the Jet Skis who climb those wakes and zip in and out among the boats like mosquitoes around a beach wash at dusk. Some of those Jet Skis are pulling tubes with riders doing their best to hang on.

Through it all, Casey watches and waits for the moment when someone gets hurt and brings attention to what many people who live along the Intracoastal are calling for: more regulation and enforcement.

On May 6, Casey and anyone else who wants to make a statement about the state of boating on the Intracoastal will have the opportunity to have their voices heard.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will hold a workshop in Boca Raton to discuss about possible amendments to the Boating Safety Rule in Palm Beach County.

The meeting will be a starting point in addressing the concerns of residents and boaters as the FWC, which is the only regulatory agency for the Intracoastal, looks to update laws regarding idle speed zones, 25 mph zones and no-wake zones.

Tara Alford, management analyst with the Boating and Waterway Section of the FWC, will discuss the commission’s criteria for changes to the regulations.

“The guidelines we have to follow are very stringent,” said Alford, noting the last amendments were made in 1999. “There’s not a lot of wiggle room. The Florida Statutes give us the authority to make changes for the safety of the public, taking into consideration things like vessel speed limits and traffic as well as what we believe are necessary visibility conditions, navigational hazards and, at least in the case of the Intracoastal, canals coming in from the east and the west.

Tom Byrne lives on the Intracoastal in Briny Breeses and said those canals and, more specifically, the docks along those canals, are the reason he wants the commission to hear his concerns. “Several of the canals have boats moored in them or docked close to the Intracoastal and they really take a beating,” he said. “Prime Catch just built a beautiful dock that no one can use because if a big 38-footer goes by ... well, it’s bad.”

Byrne said he will miss the meeting, but has a suggestion the FWC should hear.

“I think they should have a 10 mph speed limit from Boynton Beach to the George Bush Boulevard Bridge. I think that would be reasonable.”

Alford said these workshops gives residents the ability to speak their minds and the FWC a chance to explain exactly what parameters they apply when considering changes.

“There are a lot of things that people do when they’re boating that they don’t realize are wrong,” Alford said. “A lot of times they’re not aware of what they’re doing. This gives them the ability to ask questions. Can you operate a personal watercraft in the Intracoastal Waterway? Yes, but you have to do it within the 25 mph posted limit if you’re in that area.

What the commission can’t take into account, though, is noise from boats and Jet Skis, damage to docks, boats or sea walls, or even manatees. “As much as we like to protect manatees, that is not for our department to determine,” she said.

Enforcement, however, is a topic that regularly comes up during the workshops.

According to Alford, any law enforcement agency has the ability to patrol the Intracoastal. But many of the cities and towns up and down the waterway don’t have the resources to do that.

The FWC does have officers on patrol, and there may be three officers working on any given day, but one may be at an accident in Jupiter, one might be helping with a vessel in Palm Beach Gardens and another may be working Peanut Island. That leaves a lot of Palm Beach County unpatrolled.

Anita Casey said the lack of police presence on her section of the waterway is going to come at a high price one of these days.

“In the middle of that race between the [George Bush Boulevard and Atlantic Avenue] bridges, you have parents taking their kids tubing through the channel with the speeding boats. Of course their kids fall, so now you have a child floating in the channel with speeding boats all around. I’m waiting for one of their heads to get chopped off like a manatee.”

Her aim is to stop that before it can happen.

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Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission public boating workshop

When: May 6, 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Where: Boca Raton City Administration Building, Main Auditorium

What: Open discussion about possible changes to the Boating Safety Rule in Palm Beach County

Who: Public is invited

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Waterfront residents say speeding boaters create damaging wakes and make too much noise along the Intracoastal Waterway. Photo by Mike Readling
Summer Camps Sampler, Take 2

NOTE: Here is an updated summer camps schedule, with additional listings. With so many summer camps offered in our area, we selected those located between the Royal Atlantis and the Port of Palm Beach. We kept most of our listings as is. Please check directly with camps for registration and/or schedule changes.

CLOSE TO HOME


Art Camp: Webster Boys & Girls Club, 401 South Andrews, West Palm Beach. Ages 7–13. In three age groups. 4-9 am, extended care available. 646-9573.


Palm Beach Fashion Camp: Boynton Beach Civic Center, 742-6221; Art Camp: $688–$550. 6240; Ezell Hester Community Center, 742-737-2600 or www.artsealiving.com.

The Learning Place Summer Camp: 1460 SW 3rd St., Boynton Beach. Arts and field trips. 6:45 am–6 pm. M–F. 844-6441.


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Apologetics Institute, 2815 N. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach. Age 17–20. 8 pm–2 am. M–F. 676-2810.


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Neighbors question Cenacle development plan

By Margie Plunkett

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The Cenacle, a retreat operated by the Catholic Cenacle sisters, would be turned into a resort and spa under a developer's proposal. Photo by Jerry Lower

The lawyer promised a deed restriction that would allow only the upscale hotel and spa to use the facility. Residents voiced fears that if the deal collapses, a strip shopping center or big-box retailer could be built instead.

Mr. O’Donnell noted the Cenacle’s transformation from an Intracoastal spiritual retreat to a luxury resort and spa that would offer repose and tranquility to a new set of patrons.

Despite the objections of neighbors, the council passed an ordinance April 27 to allow the land-use change. The developer promised wary residents a degree restriction limiting building to the upscale hotel if the sale closes.

The approval of the amended comprehensive plan begins a 31-day appeal period, followed by public hearings on a zoning change. Neighbors of the Cenacle crowded into Town Hall during two public hearings May 5.

Mayor David Stewart countered the two public meetings — which would allow the land-use change and resort plan to be reviewed at the same time.

The developer’s representatives presented a preliminary project, a concept described as a 300-room hotel with restaurants, bars, ballroom, beach and pool on the 10-acre waterfront property and would probably be a four-star resort. The plan itself has not been submitted to the town and isn’t yet under consideration by council.

“We believe the project will provide an enormous boost to the town of Lantana, which under the current conditions is in sore need,” said attorney Al Malefatto of Greenberg Traurig, representing the developer.

The project, with buildings ranging from one-and-a-half to five stories, would mean 300 full-time local jobs and $300,000 in tax revenue annually from a property that is not now taxed.

“Let’s hope that the neighbors who make this fit in, so it’s an asset to Lantana,” Malefatto said.

The lawyer promised a deed restriction that would allow only the upscale hotel and spa to use the facility after residents voiced fears that if the deal collapses, a strip shopping center or big-box retailer could be built instead.

Mr. Kino of Casey Cidlin Lubitz Martinens, who spoke on behalf of neighbor James Place residents, said the developer was putting the cart before the horse by enticing residents with the preliminary project yet limiting their comments to the land-use change.

He argued for a process that would allow the land-use change and resort plan to be reviewed at the same time. And he added, “The land use is totally incompatible.”

Town Attorney Max Lohman reiterated, “This town does not do concurrent processing. It’s illegal.”

Resident Mary Smith said she failed in attempts to confirm whisperings that the resort was going to be part of a W development, owned by Starwood.

“But when I called them, they said they have nothing on their desk about coming here. It seems like we’re having the wedding before we’ve met the bride,” she said. “If this doesn’t happen, what then?”

Mark O’Donnell of James Place said some things could stop the developer: financing, and approval to build above 35-foot height restrictions. “If they don’t get that, they won’t want to build it. If they don’t want to build it, we’re stuck with Cl property.”

Noise could be another problem, O’Donnell said, as noise frequently travels across the Intracoastal.

Ann Marie Zabroski just bought her South Lake Drive home “because it’s a nice quiet town.” Zabroski, who works from home, said she had known about coming construction, bars, restaurants and added traffic, “It would be reconsidered. It’s just changing the overall nature of the town,” she said.

“I think it should stay a low-key Florida town.”

Other residents wondered if there was something special in the resort plan for Lantana residents, like the Ritz in Manalapan where there is a special club and residents are allowed to use the facilities without charge, said resident Judy Black.

After each public hearing, Malefatto answered the crowd, noting that the developer doesn’t plan to drive traffic down South Lake, it has all access planned for U.S. 1. Residents will have opportunities at many hearings to weigh in on the resort plans, he said.

“All you have to do is say no during the site plan process.”

Malefatto tried to alleviate worry that something other than a high-end resort would go on the property. He pointed out that the value of the property — what the sisters will sell it for — wouldn’t make practical many uses, such as convenience store or an inexpensive motel.

One council member voted against the land-use change after the second public hearing. Vice Mayor Cindy Austino. Elizabeth Tennyson, who was absent for final approval, had voted against it on first reading.

Tennyson said during the April 13 meeting, “I’m listening and feeling some of the same issues myself. I don’t really have any assurance of what’s going to happen here.”

While a hotel could be “a really wonderful thing” for a small town like Lantana, Tennyson wondered why they couldn’t consider the land-use change and the hotel plan concurrently.

Those who voted yes said they supported a project that would bring jobs in an unforgiving economy and new tax revenue from a previously exempt property.

“Something’s going in there, whether we like it or not,” council member Lynn J. Moorhouse said. “I’d like to see the local chamber of commerce as a class act as it could be,” adding that while he wasn’t supporting the project simply for income, “The hotel and retail down the coast is financially strapped.”

Mayor Stewart said after the final approval of the land-use change, “I feel confident if they don’t do what they say they’re going to do, we can send them home with their tail between their legs.”

As residents filed out of the first public hearing, conversations echoed disappointment, including one voice drifting from the crowd: “I lost all faith here tonight.”

The Cenacle Sisters, who have operated the Cenacle Spiritual Life Center retreat for more than 40 years, are selling because their numbers are declining and the costs of operating the property increasing, the Florida Catholic reported in August. The property was valued at $20 million, the publication said.

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** Scenes of the Season

** Delray Affair packs ‘em in

April’s annual Delray Affair drew a huge crowd as usual to Atlantic Avenue with its art exhibits, music and refreshments.

** TOP LEFT:** Deb LaFogg-Docherty, a Boynton Beach artist, had plenty of customers for her nature paintings.

** TOP RIGHT:** Alisha Garnsey lets the crowd know (at the top of her lungs) that her brother’s Boy Scout troop has plenty of refreshing drinks at reasonable prices.

** LEFT:** Like a scene from a ‘Where’s Waldo’ book, the crowd and the vendor tents filled Atlantic Avenue. Event organizers estimated crowds at 250,000-300,000 during the three-day event.

Photos by Jerry Lower

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** Gene Joyner’s nature tour draws a crowd

Retired Palm Beach County Extension office plant expert Gene Joyner gave a group of nearly 50 residents to a tour of the Lantana Nature Preserve, just east of Hypoluxo Island. Joyner identified native plants, including the peeling branch of this gumbo limbo tree, and encouraged the use of native plants. His tour was sponsored by the Hypoluxo Island Property Owners Association.

Photos by Jerry Lower

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** Chabad’s Passover service is a family affair

Members of the Chabad of South Palm Beach gathered at the Lantana Recreation Center to observe Passover Seder. Rabbi Leibiel Stolik greets the crowd, while above, his son Avraham watches as his mother, Shaina, lights a candle during the seder.

Photos by Jerry Lower
Gulf Stream

Fire station loses rescue transport because of budget constraints

By Margie Plunkett

Delray Beach Fire Station No. 2 — Gulf Stream’s main station — no longer has a rescue transport to accompany its fire engine, the result of a temporary staff change meant to ensure the safety of the station’s firefighters.

The closest available transport from another station will respond when there is a call, Delray Beach Fire Chief David C. James told Gulf Stream commissioners at their April meetings.

It’s one of two paramedics from the rescue transport who were reassigned to the engine at Fire Station 2 at 35 Andrews Ave., which serves coastal residents in Delray Beach and Gulf Stream. That brings the station’s staff up to four. The engine was understaffed, said James, adding that for four years now the department has been unable to hire another firefighter because of budget constraints.

Fire Engine 2’s capabilities were upgraded to Advanced Life Support with the staff change, which means it has full paramedic abilities except for medical transport, James said.

“I’m very comfortable with this plan,” James said, responding to Gulf Stream Mayor William F. Koch Jr.’s question about risk. “It’s not the best, but it is temporary. It offers the highest level of security not only to the public but to the firefighters.”

The best solution is to add another firefighter, James added, noting that he has again asked for the position in his current budget request. With just two people manning Engine 2, James has documented incidents of the engine arriving first on the scene of a fire with inadequate staff to perform safely, according to a memo to Delray Beach commissioners. “Our continued exposure dictates an immediate modification to our deployment strategy before a tragedy occurs.”

Delray Beach devised a program to increase the number of people on each of its fire engines after federal changes, James told Gulf Stream commissioners. The priority of upgrading staff was based on the frequency of calls per unit; Station No. 2 had the least number of calls.

Delray Beach commissioners approved the temporary measure at their March 17 meeting.

During public comment at a subsequent meeting, Kevin Warner took them to task for the move. Essential services should not be cut before discretionary spending, such as for programs like Sister Cities or the downtown shuttle, he said.

The day after the Station 2 change took effect April 1, a call came in that put it to the test, James said. The station got a call about a north Gulf Stream resident who was having difficulty breathing.

The first emergency team to arrive was Gulf Stream police, who administered CPR to the victim, who had gone into cardiac arrest.

The fire engine from Station 2 — with paramedics and advanced rescue equipment on board — arrived six minutes from the call, the average response time for Gulf Stream, James said. Thirty seconds later, the rescue transport from Station No. 6 joined them.

In this case, it was inconsequential that the rescue transport arrived 30 seconds after the fire truck, James said. The Gulf Stream police’s actions were critical to the victim’s survival. And the paramedics on Engine 2 took over as soon as they arrived.

Gulf Stream commissioners also approved a new 10-year contract for fire and emergency services with Delray Beach. The fee for the services rises to $229,000 annually, up about 41 percent from the previous contract, commissioners pointed out. Chief James said later that the price was increased to bring it closer to what Delray Beach and other municipalities pay for fire rescue services. The previous contract’s price was similar to the annual cost for one firefighter, he said.

The lone dissenter on the contract vote was Commissioner Chris D. Wheeler, who protested the increased costs. “It’s good for them to know we’re struggling with it as well,” Wheeler said.

But Commissioner Joan K. Orthwein said, “Look how much cheaper it is than having our own fire department.”

Gulf Stream’s fee will rise again when Delray Beach hires a fifth firefighter for Station 2, according to the contract. “The annual service fee shall be adjusted to reflect Gulf Stream’s pro rata share of the cost of increased staffing,”

Agreements on the contract, however, aren’t complete. Delray Beach Commissioners postponed addressing the contract at their April 21 meeting, deciding to hold a workshop May 12 to hear additional information and to discuss the costs as well as the understaffing at Fire Station 2. “The contract will be taken up at Delray Beach’s regular May 19 meeting.”

Review and planning board seeks alternate

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Barbecue a feast for Dad on his special day!
Celebrations

Bob Ganger (l-r), head of The Florida Coalition for Preservation; Tom Evans, former Delaware congressman and founder of The Florida Coalition for Preservation; and Manley Fuller, executive director of the Florida Wildlife Federation, spoke recently to the Grass River Garden Club in Gulf Stream. They discussed environmental challenges and developmental threats, including an effort in the current Florida Legislature to weaken the state’s ability to control growth by stripping powers from the Department of Community Affairs.

The Delray Beach Public Library sponsored the 10th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Brunch in April at the home of volunteer Michael Dixon. The library honored more than 65 volunteers for their service to the library this past year. Pictured (l-r) are library volunteers Ira and Barbara Rosenthal and Leon and Fran Sachs.

The Greater Palm Beach Area Chapter of the Red Cross celebrated the reopening of The Count & Countess de Hoernle South County Service Center located at 5820 N Federal Highway in Boca Raton on April 23. $1.8 million worth of renovations were made to the building operated by four staff members and approximately 200 volunteers. The state-of-the-art facility now serves as a back-up location for the Red Cross Chapter’s Disaster Operations Center during hurricanes and other disasters. The facility provides programs and services to residents living south of Hypoluxo Road, including Boca Raton, Boynton Beach, Delray Beach and the coastal communities.
Along the Coast

Seeing motherhood at its most primeval

The following is an edited excerpt from a letter written by Katy Livingstone to her mother, Barbara Keenan, who shared it with The Coastal Star. Katy, from Toronto, describes the rare, before-dawn encounter Livingstone, her husband, Duane, and their sons Keenan, 10, and Liam, 6, had with a green turtle on the beach in Gulf Stream last summer:

She would have been born on this beach, and had traveled thousands of miles to return here to give birth. She was lovely and hard at work. She had already dug out the small, deep cavity with her front flipper and deposited approximately 100 to 150 eggs. By the time we saw her, she had already moved 180 degrees and was busy covering up the much larger hole behind her with her powerful back flippers. She was so intent and engaged, not once lifting her head to acknowledge us. …

Our turtle gave a few more sweeps of her back flippers and then raised her head. The sun was in her eyes as she labored. …Then, with rather graceful moves, she started her descent to the water. It must be sheer instinct, or perhaps relief and excitement, for she quickened her pace as she approached the wet sand, and then the surf. With a few strokes, she was in the water, and eased gently into deeper ocean.

She was magnificent. Only once did we see her raise her head for air. A tiny dark spot on the water’s surface was the last we saw of her. The boys think she was saying goodbye to her babies. Perhaps she was.
Delray Beach

Diver takes shell collecting to a deeper level

By Mary Thurwachter

When people find out how dedicated Tom Honker is to shell collecting, they assume he lingers on sandy shores. But that's not the case. “I don’t spend much time on the beach,” the Delray Beach conchologist said. “Mostly I’ve been 30 feet or more from the beach diving.” During a discussion on shelling at The Sandoway House Nature Center on April 23, Honker said “what is found on the beach these days is dredged by beach renourishment and is in very dead to semi fossil condition. Having come through the dredge pipe, the shells are worn, to say the least. “Fifty to 100 years ago, decent quality shells could be found on beaches in South Florida but beach collecting here never compared to that of the west coast, particularly Sanibel Island.” Florida’s west coast beaches are better for shelling because it has a very sloping bottom where shells collect. On the east coast, the shoreline drops very fast. But if you’re willing to dive 30 feet out, beautiful living shells can be found.

Good places to shell, outside of Sanibel include Tampa Bay and Apalachicola Bay, Honker said. But our area has some pluses. The Bahamas protect our shores from big ocean swells, which is why surfers typically head north toward Melbourne. Honker remembers beach collecting in Delray and Boca as a child 60 years ago. “That’s how I first got interested in shells,” he said.

Some folks don’t mind the imperfections of shells battered by a dredge pipe, but Honker, who buys and sells shells from around the world, seeks unblemished beauties found deep beneath the sea. The Pennsylvania native and his wife and dive mate Paula have lived in Delray Beach for 45 years. Among their favorite treasures are spiny oysters and one of the world’s best collections of those pretty scallops can be found in 150-foot-deep water off the coast of Palm Beach and Broward Counties. “They’re hard to see because they’re covered with sponge and algae, but they are delicious to eat, too.” Each shell takes about an hour to clean, he said. First the animal has to be removed, then the shell is dropped in bleach and the calcium is scraped off. Finally, the shells are treated with acid and preserved.

Two of Florida’s most famous shells are the Lion’s Paw and the Junonia. “Paws can be found on both coasts of Florida, but you won’t find the Junonia, the pride of Sanibel Island, on Florida’s east coast. You can, however, see both of them at the Sandoway House Nature Center.”
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So what better way to honor Mom?
She always had to be up early to see us off to school, and no doubt spent scores of sleepless nights worrying about us.
So let her sleep in on May 10, then fete her with a brunch that will make her feel like the royalty she is.
Here’s to brunch — and here’s to Mom!

Scott Simmons

The Breakers
One S. County Road, Palm Beach
Phone: 659-8488
When: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
The details: In The Circle, $115 per person plus tax and service charge; $45 for children ages 11 and younger; in the ballroom, $100 per person plus tax and service charge; $40 for children ages 11 and younger.
Reservations required.

When many local folks think of brunch, they think of The Breakers, with its elegant Circle dining room and a seemingly endless buffet. For Mother’s Day, the venerable hotel will offer two brunches, one in The Circle, the other in the Ponce de Leon Ballroom.
Either way, it’s elegant. The Circle is a large, round room with dramatic ocean views and equally dramatic intricately detailed ceiling. A harpist will serenade guests (there will be piano music in the ballrooms). It’s a scene fit for royalty.
And, The Breakers doesn’t skimp on food, either.
There are sauté stations offering such delicacies as lamb chops and specialty fish, carving stations stocked with rotisserie chicken and beef tenderloin, a sushi station, as well as a raw bar, pasta, fruit and cheeses, and fresh breads and desserts.
Be sure to check out the caviar and breakfast stations. You can enjoy unlimited Champagne and mimosas.

Callaro’s Prime Steak & Seafood
264 S. Ocean Blvd., Plaza del Mar, Manalapan
Phone: 588-9730
When: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
The details: $31.95 per person. Reservations required.

Expect something special for Mother’s Day at Callaro’s. “Every year, we take a break from our normal routine and do a very intimate buffet for Easter and Mother’s Day,” says executive chef Zach Bell.
Expect fresh fish, a carving station, omelet station, house-made charcuterie, crepes and farm-fresh salads, Bell said.
The place, run by celebrity chef Daniel Boulud, is lovely and intimate, and decorated in warm gold and cool chartreuse. The food draws on Boulud’s French background, and emphasizes fresh ingredients.
“Everything is prepared on a smaller scale and with much love,” said Bell of his Mother’s Day brunch.
Sounds perfect for Mom.

Callaro’s offers a clubby setting that’s comforting but not stuffy, perfect for relaxing over its classic fare. Enjoy brunch, then come back later for dinner. Photo by Tim Stepien

The Sundy House
264 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan
Phone: 540-4924
When: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
The details: $80 adults, including Champagne; $25 children ages 5-12; free for ages 4 and under. Reservations required.

They’re puttin’ on the Ritz this year for Mom. Expect an elegant brunch, which will be held in a ballroom. Don’t feel like brunch? The Ritz’s restaurant, Temple Orange, will serve its regular Italian-influenced menu amidst luxuriant tropical gardens.

The Four Seasons
2800 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach
Phone: 582-2800, Ext. 3750
When: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
The details: $85 adults, $20 children ages 5-12, not including tax; $25 children ages 5-12; free for ages 4 and under. Reservations required.

The Four Seasons will host an elegant Mother’s Day brunch buffet, with everything from a cold bar that includes raw oysters and Alaskan king crab legs to sushi to such brunch classics as omelets, scones and blintzes. A carving station will serve up beef tenderloin and wild mushroom bordelaise. And for those who are counting calories, there will be a fruit and yogurt bar.
Our picks: The presentation of pates and terrines, and an organic shrimp risotto that sounds heavenly.

The Breakers brunch is a bounteous feast. This year, it will be held in The Circle and will be serenaded by either harp or piano music. Photo provided

Mother’s Day brunch at The Breakers is a bounteous feast. This year, it will be held in The Circle and will be serenaded by either harp or piano music.

The Sundy House serves Mediterranean- and tropical-infused fare in a lovely setting that is surrounded by luxuriant tropical gardens.

Ritz-Carlton Palm Beach
100 S. Ocean Blvd., Manalapan
Phone: 540-4924
When: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
The details: $80 adults, including Champagne; $25 children ages 5-12; free for ages 4 and under. Reservations required.

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Check these places!

These local favorites will have special Mother’s Day menus and items. As always, call for reservations.

**Banana Boat**
739 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach
Phone: 732-9400
The details: This popular waterfront restaurant says it will have a special Mother’s Day menu, in addition to its regular menu. We recommend the conch chowder — it’s good for you and is sure to put a smile on Mom’s face.

**Culinary Café**
1832 S. Federal Highway (at Linton Boulevard), Delray Beach
Phone: 266-8976
The details: Bring Mom for an intimate dinner at this relatively new hotspot. Culinary Café offers a perfect place to entertain Mom on her special day. The moderately-priced restaurant has a British Colonial vibe with New Orleans- and tropical-themed fare, and it played host last year to Eric Clapton and his entourage. Old Calypso has an extensive Sunday brunch menu that includes popular items and a special mango cheesecake dessert.

**Delray Beach Marriott**
10 N. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach
Phone: 274-3200
When: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
The details: $49.95 for adults, $17.95 for children 12 and under.

The restaurant promises a “plethora of brunch fare,” served in its Seacrest Ballroom. There will be omelet and carving stations, with plenty of choices for everyone, a hotel staffer said.

**Old Calypso**
900 E. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach
Phone: 279-2300
The details: With its Intracoastal views, Old Calypso is a perfect place to entertain Mom on her special day. The moderate-priced restaurant has a British Colonial vibe with New Orleans- and tropical-themed fare, and it played host last year to Eric Clapton and his entourage. Old Calypso has an extensive Sunday brunch menu with such favorites as eggs Benedict, omelets, French toast and such, but management promises a holiday menu on Mother’s Day.

**Old Key Lime House**
300 E. Ocean Ave., Lantana
Phone: 582-1889
The details: The waterfront restaurant will serve its regular brunch menu from 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Special holiday items on its tropical-themed menu will include crab-stuffed lobster and stuffed Cornish hen. Aside from those items, the gazpacho is noteworthy, and the restaurant has beefed up its food and service. The ambiance can’t be beat: The Old Key Lime House really is old — the main building was constructed in 1889 of Dade County pine. It has breathtaking views, and its thatched chickee delivers an outdoorsy atmosphere that is perfect for folks of all ages.

**Prime Catch**
700 E. Woolbright Road, Boynton Beach
Phone: 737-8822
The details: Prime Catch has one of the loveliest waterfront settings in Palm Beach County. For Mother’s Day, the restaurant says it will forgo its brunch in favor of a dinner menu. Expect an emphasis on fresh seafood, with sea bass, lobster and such.

**Take Mom to the museum!**

**The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens**
All mothers will receive complimentary carnations as they enter the museum. After touring the exhibitions, take Mom to lunch at the museum’s Cornell Café, which will serve a special lunch menu that will include the most popular items and a special mango cheesecake dessert. The cafe also will have self-serve stations on the patio with complimentary mimosas, and light snacks and desserts available for purchase. Tables and chairs will be set up on the lower terrace.

Children can make origami flowers for Mom, and each mother is receive a gift at the Museum Store with a purchase of $25 or more.

The Morikami is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Mother’s Day. The Cornell Café is open from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. It is at 4000 Morikami Park Road, off Powerline Road, Delray Beach. Admission: $10 for adults, $9 for seniors, $6 for children and students ages 7 to 17 and free for members and kids 6 and under. Phone: 495-0233 or visit www.morikami.org.

**The Flagler Museum**
Take Mom to tea at the museum, originally the home to railroad tycoon Henry Flagler. Guests at the museum’s Pavilion Café can nibble Gilded Age-style tea sandwiches, scones, sweets and the museum’s own Whitehall Special Blend tea. Each mother will receive a corsage, a keepsake photograph and a 10 percent discount in the Museum store. It’s noon-3 p.m. Mother’s Day. Cost is $20 for museum members, $15 for members’ children; $35 for non-members, $20 for children, and includes museum admission, tax and gratuity. Advance purchase is recommended. The Flagler Museum is at 1 Whitehall Way, between the north and middle bridges, Palm Beach. Phone: 655-2833, or visit www.flaglermuseum.org.
Delray Beach

At 75, Hand’s remains ‘Delray Beach 100 percent’

By Cynthia Thuma

Even a village by the sea needs office supplies. And so, since it began life as a book shop three-quarters of a century ago, Hand’s Office Supply, in the heart of Delray Beach, has endeavored to serve locals’ and visitors’ needs.

From cerulean blue art paint to custom stationery, from columnar pads to office chairs, it’s clear that the store’s motto, “Hand’s has it,” is no exaggeration. The Atlantic Avenue business — celebrating its 75th anniversary — sells office supplies and furniture, artists’ supplies and paints. The book section offers selected best-sellers, local authors and a selection of beach reading. Party supplies are available in excess.

Then there are the items that almost defy categorization: bric-a-brac and wall décor, signs for pet lovers, no matter the pet. Beanie Babies and pink lawn flamingoes are for sale, as are small lamps shaped like baseballs, soccer balls and footballs.

“It’s so not boring. We cater to what the town wants,” says Liz Hughes, who manages special events for the store. “It’s a nutty store, Delray Beach 100 percent. It’s actually a lot of fun working here.”

Sometime in the late 1920s, Lauren Hand, a doctoral student in chemistry at the University of California at Berkeley, was summoned home to assist his family during a medical crisis. He stayed on, and served Delray Beach as its city clerk and treasurer.

In March 1928, Lon Burton, owner and founder of the Delray Beach News announced his retirement, and Hand, who loved to write, took the reins as its manager and editor.

He later opened the Delray Book Shop, although most people called it Hand’s. The store changed its name and has remained a presence. In 1964, Lonnie Cook Jr., son of Delray Beach’s former fire chief, purchased the store from Hand, and operated it until he retired. His son, David Cook, now runs the store.

Liz Hughes points out: “It’s in its third generation now, but only two families have owned it over the whole 75 years.”

Hughes used some family ties of her own to land a big name for the yearlong celebration.

Suzy Welch, author of 10-10-10, decided to open her book tour in Delray Beach on May 2 at Hand’s, bringing her husband, business icon Jack Welch, with her. Suzy Welch is the former editor of the Harvard Business Review. “She’s my cousin,” Hughes says. “Her book is a self-help book, and it’s a really good one.”

Lonnie Cook Jr. looks at a photo of the first graduating class (1915) from Delray School — what is now Old School Square. In the photograph are (l-r) Ben Sundy, Betty Ferguson, Lauren Hand and Bill Sperry. After graduation, Lauren Hand worked on his Ph.D. in chemistry at Berkeley but returned to Delray Beach to become editor of the Delray Beach News. He also founded Delray Book Shop, now Hand’s Office and Art Supply. Photo by Steve Anton

At 75, Hand’s remains ‘Delray Beach 100 percent’
In 2002, newly divorced and with five daughters, Mary Katharine "took the high way", so to speak, giving a whole new meaning to the phrase, "You go, girl."

She could have started therapy, she said, but instead, chose to become a race-car driver. "In a car, on a racetrack, you can't think of anything else."

Within a year, she had her racing license and in 2006 she turned professional, racing a Mazda Protege in the Speed World Challenge series. This summer, she will race with her new team owner, "Irish Mike" Flynn, who admires her driving and her driving determination.

Her kids love her choice of profession. They go to the track with her, and she speaks about safety at their schools. "I tell them to wear their seatbelts," she said. "As a race-car driver, I have so much more safety equipment, I am actually safer than they are on 1-95."

Katharine, though, is careful to keep her burning to the roadway. In the kitchen, where she wears her other hat as a professional pastry chef, she applies just the right amount of heat. But, in life, the heat, she acknowledges, is always on. Don't wait to do what you want, she advises. "Go for it."

— Christine Davis

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

A. I grew up and went to school in Milwaukee until I was 19, when I married and moved to Arkansas.

Growing up in a family of 10 children in the Midwest meant I was instilled with traditional values. In my family, we were really good to each other. We smiled and laughed with each other every day. My girls and I do the same.

Q. How did you come into your career? Driving race cars and being a pastry chef?

A. When I was very young, I dreamed of being two things: a chef and a race-car driver. My love of cooking began then, and was nurtured by my mother. When I was 11, I attended a two-week cooking school and started catering parties shortly thereafter. After I was married, I cooked every day with a passion.

When I was pregnant with my third daughter, I decided I wanted to contribute to the work force. So, I went to cooking school to become a pastry chef, knowing I could dictate my hours more than if I was a chef. After graduation, I went to work at a yacht club in Palm Beach, and later took a job at a country club closer to home. As for racing, I played with my brothers' toy Formula One cars and became the master of the slot-car track that we had in our basement on the pingpong table. I watched racing on television every chance I had, but didn't give my racing dream another thought until I was going through an unexpected and painful divorce.

Not wanting to hear anymore from the well-meaning friends who pitied me, I reached out for the anonymity of racing school. It proved to be wonderful therapy, and I gradually worked my way through the ranks racing in a spec class (where all the cars are equally prepared) and was given an opportunity to race professionally in a televised series. I jumped at the chance and was awed racing side-by-side with some of my heroes. I was the only woman competing in that series, but was never treated differently by any of the other drivers.

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

A. Having my daughters in the grandstand cheering for me at the St. Petersburg Grand Prix is something I’ll never forget. That same weekend, a little boy was walking through the paddock and I asked him if he wanted to sit in my race car. The look in his eyes, as big as saucers, and the ear-to-ear grin on his face were priceless. In 2006, my rookie year in pro racing, I won the Hard Charger Award, for advancing more positions during the season than any other driver. I’d have to say all three of those are at the top as far as racing career highlights. In baking, it was making my brother’s wedding cake and having all my sisters help me paint the rolled fondant with pearl dust. It was glorious when it was finished and made my brother so happy.

Q. What is your favorite thing about living in Gulf Stream?

A. Honestly, my favorite part of living here, besides the school, is Halloween night, where golf carts are decorated and the children wander from one welcoming house to the next, while the parents socialize.

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

A. "Speak softly and carry a big stick," Theodore Roosevelt; and "Don’t worry ‘bout a thing, ’cause every little thing is gonna be alright," Bob Marley.

Q. Have you had mentors in your life?

A. My mother. She has led by example and I strive daily to be the mother, friend, businesswoman, good Samaritan and hilariously funny woman she is.

Q. If your life story were made into a movie, who would you want to play you?

A. Ashley Judd. She’s married to a race-car driver.
Wood boardwalk in works for park

By Linda Haase

When the Oceanfront Park boardwalk was replaced with recycled plastic in 1986, city officials hailed it as the latest and greatest in the green movement. But, as they say, you can’t fool Mother Nature. The harsh winds and corrosive saltwater warped the 900-foot walkway; the coarse sand made it slippery. “It was done with great intentions, but it didn’t hold up as well as the industry predicted,” said Boynton Beach Parks Superintendent Jody Rivers.

This summer, the heavily treaded boardwalk will be rebuilt with reddish-brown ipe wood, which is similar to teak. The wood, which is purchased from Brazilian growers, resists rot, decay, insects and mold and is fire-resistant. And, it doesn’t contain the toxic and chemicals inherent to pressure-treated lumber. “It’s a very hard wood, it’s very durable and doesn’t warp like recycled plastic,” said Rivers. “It’s also a renewable resource.”

Boat Club Park and Intra-coastal Park in Boynton Beach have areas constructed with the wood, Rivers said. However, she said, there’s no way to predict if this boardwalk will last longer than the previous one, which was part of a $1.2 million renovation. “The climate conditions at the beach are very harsh,” Rivers said. “It is very difficult for any material to hold up for any length of time.” It will take about a year to rebuild the boardwalk, which overlooks the Atlantic Ocean. The work will be done in phases, she said, so beach access always will be available.

The $2.4 million renovation at the city’s most popular park also includes installation of 12 shade pavilions and landscaping. About $30,000 also was spent on new equipment for the playground, that was recently installed. Tables and chairs will be added in the plaza area and covered with a canopy. “People can come here and sit and eat breakfast and lunch and enjoy the beach without getting into the sun,” Rivers said.

Also on the horizon: The price of annual resident beach parking permits will increase from $30 to $40 on Oct. 1.

Last year, about 270,000 people visited Oceanfront Park, located in Ocean Ridge, which features two pavilions, a playground, barbecue grills, picnic tables, restrooms, an open play area, playground and sand volleyball.

Oceanfront Park, Then and Now

This piece of paradise has a stunning vista, but it also has a fascinating past. Native Americans enjoyed its cooling ocean breeze more than 2,000 years ago and Ponce de Leon sailed past it on his journey to the Bahamas. 1921: The park is purchased for $5,750 by eminent domain from the estate of Lewis S. Howe. 1928: A Spanish-style casino (for social gatherings, not gambling) is built for $11,974. The stucco building includes rebuilding the boardwalk and playground are built. 1931: Boynton splits into two towns divided by the canal; the area east of the canal is named Town of Boynton Beach (renamed Ocean Ridge in 1937). The beach was retained by Boynton after the separation, although it is in the town limits of Ocean Ridge. 1946: Lucile and Otley Scott, open a restaurant at the casino. It closes in 1948 when they move to Federal Highway. 1961: A playground is built. 1966: The facility is named the Walter A. Madsen Park, to honor Madsen, a former Boynton Beach mayor, vice mayor and city councilman. 1983: The dune area is restored, a boardwalk and playground are rebuilt. The parking lot, concession area and restrooms are rebuilt. 1986: A $1.2 million renovation includes rebuilding the sidewalk with recycled plastic. 1991 and 2002: Playground equipment is replaced. 2009: A $2.4 million renovation includes rebuilding the boardwalk with ipe wood, installing 12 shade pavilions and landscaping.

Briny Breezes

Town extends traffic enforcement

The Town Council can enforce traffic citations given on private streets, under a resolution passed in April. The council passed a revised resolution that will be presented to the corporation at a previously scheduled special meeting. Council and corporation said they had not previously formalized their understanding on traffic enforcement, but found that increasing name recognition of Briny Breezes following the proposed sale of the park has boosted traffic as well as illegal parking. “We will have police coverage,” Alderman Nancy Bocca said. “Parking tickets will be given out. We’re even going to get a little stricter.”

— Margie Plunkett
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InterFaith21

Uniting people of faith, in particular faith, in the 21st century

By C.B. Hanif

A different way of thinking about the Bible — namely through the lens of non-historical scholarship informed by recent research — is the premise of Thomas G. O’Brien III’s 15-week course at Bethesda-by-the-Sea.

Each class is a treasure, thanks to his love of the richness of the Bible, his encyclopedic knowledge of its history and his depth of spiritual insight. He provides great information on an understandable way without talking down to us,” is how one classmate describes Discovering the Bible: Introduction to the New Testament.

O’Brien conducts the two-hour classes on Monday evenings at the historic Jupiter Episcopal Church, just south of The Breakers in Palm Beach.

The very information that might disturb some folks is what he considers the “gateway to a more profound and rewarding understanding of Sacred,” and a source of meaning about ourselves, our relationship to others, and with the rest of creation.

For example, he notes what can be learned from the recommended New Oxford Annotated Bible or other good study Bible, and Kerygma: Discovering the Bible — a collection of books — 39 in the Hebrew Scriptures and 27 in the Christian Scriptures. That it was written, edited and revised by numerous people over a 1,000-year period between 950 BC and 150 AD.

“It is a theology book,” his course syllabus attests, “that uses story, poetic language, and metaphor to express truths that are difficult or impossible to express.”

Bethesda’s O’Brien is eminently qualified to put it all in context. After a 30-year corporate law career in New York City and Florida, the Notre Dame and Yale law graduate and former Navy officer earned an M.A. in theology, summa cum laude, from St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach.

He was an excellent student long before that, but, he said, “It was more important to my father, in grade school and in high school, that I won the encyclopedia quiz than that I won the general excellence or was valedictorian.” A licensed lay preacher, honored for his work in interfaith understanding, O’Brien provided two illustrations of how the Bible can reveal itself and lend a stronger sense of meaning to our lives.

“One is the story of what Christians call the near-sacrifice of Isaac. What’s important to me in that story is not whether or not he actually had a conversation with God in which God told Abraham to go take his only son whom he loved, whether in the Jewish-Christian tradition it was Isaac, or in the Islamic tradition it was Ishmael. What is important there to me is the theological insight that God, the Sacred, sometimes calls upon us to be willing to give up that which we regard as most dear in order to move to a higher level of appreciation of the Sacred. That’s a story that really comes through to me. “In the Christian Scriptures is the story that we find in all of the Gospels about the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. Again, whether or not that happened as a matter of history is not what’s really critical to me. What’s critical to me is that all of the Gospel writers understood clearly that Jesus of Nazareth was truly a human being, and that he did not seek to separate himself from other human beings. And all of the Gospel accounts, when they talk about Jesus’ baptism, have him participating with the mass of other people who are seeking, who are called by John’s message of repentance. And here Jesus is presented as someone who would have been a blameless young man, who nevertheless doesn’t separate himself from the mass of humanity, but instead plunges himself in with other human beings.

“That, it seems to me again, is another story, where whether or not the baptism was historical, whether it happened, that’s not what’s important. But the Gospel writers are seeking to convey the theological truth of Jesus’ humanity with us, and conveying that just as the conveying of Jesus’ death, his sharing with us something that all of us human beings have in common: We’re all going to die. And the fact that Jesus of Nazareth did die says he was one of us — he was truly a human being. Therefore our relationship with him is our relationship with another human being whose DNA we share.”

O’Brien cites Marcus Thomas G. O’Brien is teaching a class at Bethesda-by-the-Sea in which he will be re-thinking the Bible through modern scholarship. Photo by Timothy Rivers

Borg among the writers he’d recommend, including Reading the Bible Again For the First Time: Taking the Bible Seriously But Not Literally, and Meeting Jesus Again For the First Time, the Heart of Christianity.

“Another person who has been very influential in terms of my spiritual thinking is Martin Smith. The books that I have read by Rowan Williams, who is the archbishop of Canterbury, like the book Resurrection, have had an influence on me. As an aside, I think Rowan Williams as a scholar and teacher does a much better job than Rowan Williams as the archbishop of Canterbury.”

Although he hasn’t rejected the idea of writing a book himself, for now “I feel that my teaching is how I connect most with people.” He has done that for the Palm Beach Fellowship of Christians and Jews, for Florida Atlantic University’s Lifelong Learning Society and elsewhere.

Tom O’Brien can be reached at tgbrien@comcast.net. A full listing of the courses to be offered next year at Bethesda will be posted at www.bbts.org, he said.

“My plan is to teach the Old Testament,” another free course which he alternates with the current one, “over a 15-week period starting next January.”

My classmates and I hardly can wait.

C.B. Hanif, former news anchor/producer and editorial columnist for The Palm Beach Post, is a freelance writer, editor, and media and interreligious affairs consultant. His blog, InterFaith21.com, debuts soon. Look for more occasional pieces, as he shares at synagogues, churches and mosques from here to infinity, seeking folks who are making the Golden Rule real, not just an ideal. C.B. can be reached at cbhanif@gmail.com.
Sunrise services draw the faithful

TOP: A crowd gathers for the sunrise service offered by the First Presbyterian Church of Boynton Beach & the Ministerial Association at Oceanfront Park in Ocean Ridge.

ABOVE: Ten members of the Noontime Kiwanis Club of Delray Beach gathered donations at the end of the service to help fund the efforts of the Community Food Pantry and the Caring Kitchen. Both organizations are supported by CROS, Christian Outreach To Society.

BELOW: Jean Brazelton and Bob Lilly of Delray Beach enjoy breakfast at the public beach after an Easter sunrise service. They brought the cross and lilies as a memorial to their deceased parents and other friends.

AT RIGHT: Joann Mower and her sons Matt and Chris Wilczko took to the ocean for a quick dip after the Easter Sunrise service concluded at Atlantic Avenue and A1A in Delray Beach. They were joined for a moment by a flock of passing birds. Hundreds of people attended the event put on by the Delray Beach Interfaith Clergy Association.
Andres Saravia (l) and Adrian Mendez, employees of Artiles Hauling Inc., unload new roof tiles at the Gulf Stream Town Hall. Replacing the 26-year-old roof, and installing impact glass windows around the building are part of an effort to make the building more hurricane resistant. Photo by Jerry Lower.

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Hurricane preparedness

How to protect your home during storm season

By Mary Thurwachter

Whether you are a new resident or have lived here long enough to know the drill all too well, everyone needs to know what to do in the event of a hurricane. So pay attention, folks. And listen while you’re at it; keep your fingers crossed that this year the big, bad damaging storms steer clear of our coveted coastline.

For starters, hurricane season begins June 1 and continues until Nov. 30. “We’re laid back but we take this very seriously,” says Manalapan police chief Clay Walker. “I’m a native Floridian so I know you don’t have to have a direct hit to have problems. There are so many variables.”

He advises residents to pay close attention to media reports as a storm approaches.

If an evacuation is advised, homeowners who remain here for the summer or the staff members who take care of their homes are asked to pick up a pass at the police department. “That way they’ll have an easier time returning home after the storm,” Gulf Stream police chief Garrett Ward says residents or caretakers should be sure to secure shutters and vegetation located near or under power lines or other service lines that are suspended above the ground on poles before hurricane season.

This month, Ocean Ridge officers will do an inspection and take photos to let homeowners know what needs to be trimmed. “We usually get 100 percent compliance,” Yannuzzi said.

Briny Breezes park manager Diane Spears says only about 100 of the 1,200 residents stick around during the summer.

“Anyone who leaves between June 1 and Nov. 30, even for a short vacation, needs to bring everything inside — planters, lawn furniture, hoses, knick knacks,” Spears adds. “Because we’re on a barrier island, we’re in one of the most vulnerable locations with storm surge flooding,” he said. Residents need to trim trees, cut down coconuts, and trim other make sure there are no loose objects like lawn chairs on the property.

“Of course after a storm we do an assessment and let residents know what happened,” Ward said.

In Ocean Ridge, Lt. Chris Yannuzzi says residents can expect a letter directing them on pre-hurricane procedures. A copy of the letter also will appear in a local newspaper.

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If you’re one of the seasonal residents who spends winter living in a condo near the beach, you’re probably getting ready to pack your bags and head north. Lucky you! You’ve enjoyed the best of Florida’s sunny weather and will escape the muggy summer and fall months, as well as the threat of the dreaded hurricane season.

But before you go, there are a few things you should know. We talked to several local property managers who offered these reminders to get your home prepared for the stormy season:

• Remove outdoor furniture and planters from your balcony.
• If you have hurricane shutters, put them up.
• Empty your refrigerators and freezers of perishable items.
• Turn off the water.
• Put priceless objects away from windows and sliding glass doors.
• Make sure the property managers have a phone number and/or e-mail address so they can reach you to update you on any damage. In larger condos, property managers routinely do a unit-to-unit inspection after a hurricane. They vow to alert residents of any damage.

There is a safe trip north. If this is one of those years when the hurricane gods frown on South Florida, you can rest assured you’ve done all you could for your Florida property. — Mary Thurwachter

A checklist for seasonal condo dwellers

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May 2

Saturday - 5/2 - Lantana's 11th Annual Fishing Derby is presented by the Greater Lantana Chamber of Commerce at the Old Key Lime House Docks, 1003 E. Ocean Ave., Lantana. Dolphins, Kingfish & Wahoo @ 7:30 pm. Weigh in before 3:30 pm. $75 for four; $60 per person. 954-665-6626 or www.lantanachamber.com.

2/2 - Delray Beach GreenMarket is held each Saturday at Lake Worth Beach (at the flagpole) from 8 am-1 pm. Live music in a green-air venue. Final day is 5/6. Free. 276-7351.

2/2 - Guided Bird Watching Walk is presented by the Audubon Society of the Everglades at Spanish River Park, 3001 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Meet at 8 am on the south side of Spanish River Blvd., just west of A1A. 729-7791.

2/2 - Ocean Ave Green Market is held each Saturday at 9:30 AM. Ocean Ave. Meet at the pavilion in the lower parking lot to clean the beach. Bags, gloves and refreshments are provided. 10-10:30 pm. Parking is free. 714-9328.

2/2 - Child Safety Prenatal Class is being offered as a one-day weekend class at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, 2795 S. Federal Hwy., Palm Beach Gardens. Call for more information. Cost is $59.00. 274-3000 or www.bethesdamemorial.com.

Schoolhouse Centennial Celebration is held at the Schoolhouse Museum, 129 N. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Free entry until 5/31 and regular admission thereafter. Learn about the history of the schoolhouse. For more information, call 742-6390.

Sunday - 5/3 - Harp Recital is presented by Dr. Adela Peeva (piano) and tenors Rane and Leonard of the BSO. Presented at Unity of Delray Beach in the Fellowship Hall. Call 4688 for tickets. Cost is 5/16. Free. 276-6347.

2/3 - Sea Turtle Talk and Beach Cleanup is sponsored by Sand Sifters at Oceanfront Park, 4675 N. Ocean Blvd., north of Ocean Ave.-Ocean Ridge. Meet at the pavilion in the lower parking lot to clean the beach. Bags, gloves and refreshments are provided. 10-10:30 am. Parking is free. 714-9328.

3/4 - 10-10-10: A Life-Transforming Exhibit is presented by Suzy Welch as part of Hand’s 75th Anniversary Celebration. Presented at The Spady Cultural Museum, 236 E. Olive Ave., Delray Beach. Call 495-0233 for more information. Cost is $10 (adult), $5 (students) and $25 (family). 279-7790 or www.murderonthebeach.com.

5/5 - Mysterious Mona Lisa is presented by the Atlantic Coast Trust to benefit the Lake Worth Playhouse, 7135 S. Lake Ave., Lake Worth. Performance is for grades K-11 am on 5/5. 225 children, 12 and under, 58. 560-6410.

5/5 - Downtown Delray Diabetes Expo is presented by Dr. Elizabeth Healy, as part of the Healthy Living Series at the Downtown Delray Library Pub. 2 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0974.

5/5 - Make Your Own Pinata is to celebrate Cinco de Mayo at the Boynton Beach City Library, 2051 S. Seabreeze Ave. Grades K-5 can listen to Mexican folktales, sing songs and make their own pinata. 6 pm. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Free. 762-6400 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

5/5 - Delray Beach City Commission holds its regular meetings on the first & third Tuesdays of each month at Delray Beach City Hall, 100 NW First Ave., Delray Beach. 4:30 pm. Agenda available at www.delraybeach.com. 742-6390.

5/5 - Sahaja Yoga is presented by Judy Langelier, as part of the Healthy Living Series at the Downtown Delray Library Pub. 6:30 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0974.

5/5 - Breakfast and a Lesson is presented by the Delray Beach Interfaith Clergy Association and religious leaders. From 6 - 7 pm, the Delray Beach Interfaith Clergy Association will hold a celebration of our “unity of diversity” at the Dunedin Conference Center, 1525 S. Military Trail. Representatives from Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu and Hindu beliefs will offer prayers for peace. People of all faiths are encouraged to attend. The Delray Beach Choral will perform. For more information on prayer gatherings, call Sharron Wood: 498-0672, or for evening prayer event, call Rev. Joanna Thompson-Caballero: 236-7031.

5/5 – Mysterious Mona Lisa - Mobile presentation of the exhibit is presented by Miguel Varela-Diaz, M.D., Medical Director of the Bethesda Center for Surgical Weight Reduction, as part of the Community Lecture Series at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, Clayton Center for Surgical Weight Reduction, Delray Beach. 6:30 pm. Free. 737-7733 ext. 4688.

Friday - 5/8 - Historic Marker Presentation - Mobile presentation of the 10 newly installed markers located within the city’s five designated historic districts. Sponsored by the city of Delray Beach and the Delray Beach Historical Society. 9:30 am. 249-7860.


5/8 - Seabury Place, A Bronze Memorial will be discussed with the author, David Wolfe, at the Delray Beach Library. Refreshments will be served. 1:30 pm. Free. 742-6390 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

5/9 – Mother’s Day Art Class is being offered by naturalist Robin Chappell at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 901 coconut Dr., Delray Beach. $10 fee per person. Registration is $50 (for four people). Registration is required. 561-3988.

5/9 – Dinner and Classic Movies at the Palms is presented by Church of the mobiles. Kids will be presented by naturalist Robin Chappell at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 901 coconut Dr., Delray Beach. Dinner will be served at 6 pm. Refreshments will be served. 1:30 pm. Free. 742-6390 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

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Sunday - 5/3 - HARP Recital is presented by the South Florida Chapter of the American Harp Society at Church of the Palms, 5610 S. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. A family event with live music, traditional foods, Chihuahua Race, games and traditional dancing. Proceeds benefit the Hispano-Latino Cultural Alliance. 11 am - 10 pm. $10 (adults), $5 (students) and $3 (kids). Free under 3. Call 4688 for more information.

5/3 - Small Press and First Time Authors speak and sign their new books, including two first-time authors, Marjorie Brady’s “Run” and onto the water. Call 4688 for more information. Cost is 5/3. Free. 279-7790 or www.murderonthebeach.com.

5/3 - Sea Fest - Florida’s largest waterfront music and art festival held on Singer Island along the intracoastal waterway in West Palm Beach continues. Noon-11 pm, Saturday and noon-7 pm, Sunday with fireworks at the conclusion of the five-day event. For ticket prices and schedule: 1-800-SUNFEST or www.sunfest.org.
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$8. 276-6437.

S/R - Sushi & Stroll summer evenings begin at The Morikami Museum and Gardens, Delray Beach. Enjoy tasty drinks, a cold drink, sushi, sunset and the tranquil gardens. 5-10 am. Free for museum members and children 3 and under. For special outdoor performance 5:30 - 8:30 pm. Event is held again June 12, Aug. 14, and Sept. 11. 495-0233.

S/R - Moonlighting - watch the moon rise over the Atlantic from the beach at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Naturalist Nancy Leids will teach about moon lore — both poetic and scientific. 6:45-8 pm. $5 (members), $6 (non-members). 338-1675 or www.gumbolimbo.org.

S/E - Elaine Viets speaks and signs her new book, ALIVE at Murder on the Beach, 273 NE 2nd St., Delray Beach. 7 pm. Free. 279-7790 or www.murderonthebeach.com.

S/R - Entertaining Your Spirit moves and discussion are held the first Friday of each month at Unity of Delray Beach, 101 NW 22nd St., Delray Beach. 7 pm. 276-7796.

Saturday - S/L - Lake Worth Pier Grand Re-opening and Fishing Tournament is hosted by the City of Lake Worth. The William O. Lockhardt Pier has been closed since 2004 due to damage from the hurricanes. The fishing tournament will be from 8 am to noon with three age groups: seniors, teens, and adults. Hourly weigh-in from 8 am - noon with three age groups: seniors, teens, and adults. For more information or reservations please call 495-0233.

Saturday - S/L - Spirited Away, directed by Hayao Miyazaki, as part of the Armchair Travel Series at the Delray Beach Public Library. 10:30 am. Free. 266-9490 or 266-9474.

Sunday - S/L - Earth Vs. The Flying Saucers presented by the Charity Club of Palm Beach, 100 N. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. 8 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-9474.

Sunday - S/L - Cooking Lessons are offered by Chef Lauren Jo Keys at the Ocean Ave. Marriott, 10 N. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. 9 pm. Free. 742-6390 or www.boyntonlibrary.org.

Sunday - S/L - Scotch品着会で日本酒等を楽しむ事が出来ます。The Scotch Tasting and Sushi for the 5/12-16, 7 pm nightly. $30. 742-7791.

Sunday - S/L - 11th Annual Florida Trust Preservation Conference will be shown in the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 128 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. 7 pm. $35. 742-6240.


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Sunday - S/L - Sunday Funday is presented by the Pine Jog Environmental Education Center, 155 Hammon Ave., Palm Beach. Workshops, tours, opening and closing receptions and annual awards presentations with this year’s theme — Palm Beach County: A Century of Dynamic Preservation ($100 000-521-5521 or 561-655-5430 or www.fltrust.org)

Friday - S/L - 55th Golf Stream Town Commission meeting is held on the second Friday of the month at the Gulf Stream Town Hall, 100 Sea Road. Meetings begins at 9 am. Agenda is available in the city office.

Saturday - S/L - Statewide Preservation Conference will be held at Pine Key Environmental Education Center, 6301 Summit Blvd., West Palm Beach. 7-9 pm. (advance), $30 (door). 742-7791.

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Monday - 5/17 - A Walking Tour of the Marina Historic District in Delray Beach is sponsored by the Delray Beach Historical Society and the Delray Beach Preservation Trust. See one of the most pristine waterfront historic areas left all of Florida. Meet at the fountain at Intracoastal Park. 4 pm. Refreshments will follow the tour. Free. 243-2577.

Friday - 5/22 – Pre-K Make & Take: World Turtle Day - Kids and their families will learn more about our shelled friends while making a paper turtle craft at the Schoolhouse Children’s Museum, Boynton Beach. Logonverted Manistee Center will bring some special friends for the class to meet. Pre-K ages 2-5. 10:30 am-noon. $25 plus admission to the museum. 742-6782.

Saturday - 5/23 - 5/24 - Florida Native Plant Society Annual conference will be held at the West Palm Beach Marriott, 1001 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Speakers, workshops, field trips and social events sponsored by the Florida Native Plant Society and Crops, 5806 S Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach. 266-9490 or 266-9094.

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Wednesday - 5/20 - Where the Boys Are will be shown at the Palm Beach Library as part of the monthly featuring Film Frenie series. Final film of the season. 1:30 pm. Free. 561-336-7043.

Thursday - 5/21 - Understanding Other Cultures Book Group/ American Mitten Pot or Mose - The Honolulu Zoo’s annual Utah B. Bird will be presented by Pat Etteman, Charles Osman & Carl Wiestrop at the Delray Beach Public Library. 10:30 am. Free. 246-9940 or 246-0194.

Thursday - 5/21 - James Griffiths signs his new book, “200” at the Boynton Beach Library during the summer must register for one mandatory training session. Teens may earn community service credit to meet school requirements by volunteering. Next session is 5-23, 6-7 pm. Free. 742-6390.

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Obituaries

Elizabeth G. Beinecke

By Emily J. Minor

GULF STREAM — Elizabeth G. Beinecke, a generous benefactor of the arts and the environment who had a winter home in Gulf Stream for nearly 50 years, died April 14 in her sleep. She was 89.

Known as Betty to her friends and family, Mrs. Beinecke had been married to her husband, Bill, for nearly 68 years. She was an avid gardener with a rooftop garden on the roof of her home in Gulf Stream and, earlier, in Buffalo, N.Y. She was a long-time member of the University of Detroit Mercy Alumni Association, and was a supporter of the baseball team there.

She was the mother of four children: Douglas J. Beinecke, a lawyer, who died in 1970; John A. Beinecke, an attorney, who died in 1987; Jane Beinecke, the retired chairman and CEO of the Sperry & Hutchinson Co. — as in S&H green stamps — still swam in the ocean every day during their winter stay last season, Beinecke said. “What I will miss most about her is her calling me ‘dearie,’ ” Wibbelsman said. “She was really, really a ray of sunshine.”

Besides her husband, she is survived by her four children, Frederick Beinecke, John Beinecke, Sarah Beinecke Richardson and Frances Beinecke Elston; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a younger sister, Jean Gillespie Belstio, of Stamford, Conn.

A celebration of her life is scheduled for May 12 in New York City and donations can be made in her memory to the New York Philharmonic Society.

James W. Davant

By Mary Katherine Stump

DELRAY BEACH — James W. Davant, retired CEO of PaineWebber Group, died at his Michigan residence. He was 84 years old.

Davant served as the president of the New York Stock Exchange and was president of the New York Financial Services Exchange from 1984 to 1988.

Davant was a former resident of New York City and Locust Valley, Long Island. He was born in McComb, Miss., was raised in Memphis, Tenn., and attended the University of Mississippi and the University of Virginia.

Davant worked as a naval aviator state-side and in the South Pacific during World War II, holding the rank of lieutenant commander when he was discharged in 1945. After the war he settled in Minneapolis, Minn., the hometown of his wife, the former Mary Westlake. Her death in 2006 made the last two years especially hard for Mr. Davant, according to his daughter Diane. “She was the love of his life,” she said.

In Minneapolis, he took a $150-a-month trainee position at Paine, Webber, Jackson and Curtis, and within 20 years was CEO. During his tenure, Mr. Davant brought PaineWebber’s central offices to New York, overseeing the company’s national and international expansion. Mr. Davant also served as the director of the New York Stock Exchange in 1972.

“He was very cool under pressure, and provided the kind of leadership the company needed at exactly the right time,” said Donald Marron, Mr. Davant’s successor at PaineWebber and the current CEO of Lightyear Capital. “He was also an ardent golfer; that’s why he loved being in Florida.”

Mr. Davant was a member of Gulfstream Golf Club, St. Andrews Country Club, The Little Club, and the Bath and Tennis Club.

He is survived by his three children: Diane Davant of Glen Head, N.Y., Jack Davant of Bozeman, Mont., and Patricia Donaldson of Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, as well as five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A celebration of his life is planned for Minneapolis this summer. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Bethesda Hospital Foundation of Boynton Beach.

James Kevin Campbell

By Emily J. Minor

MANALAPAN — James Kevin Campbell of Manalapan and Charlevoix, Mich., died April 18, 2009, at JFK Medical Center in Atlantis. He was 90.

Mr. Campbell was born in Detroit, where he spent many years associated with the automobile industry. He was the financial executive of Inmont Corp., now known as United Technologies.

He attended the University of Detroit Mercy before entering the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He became a major and was stationed at Morrison Field. He donated the Campbell Baseball Field at his university, and was a supporter of the baseball and football programs there at the University of Michigan.

He co-founded the Hospice of Palm Beach County South Guild, serving as its president for many years. He was a member of the JFK Medical Center development board. He was a member of the Eagles Club and Palm Beach Yacht Club, and several clubs in Michigan.

Mr. Campbell is survived by his wife, Carolyn Perrey Campbell; a son, Jeffrey Campbell; three granddaughters, Taylor, Tori and Tristan; and two sisters, Patricia Campbell and Ann Welch. He also is survived by three stepchildren, Nell Witting, Katy Perrey and James Perrey; and by four step grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife of 56 years, Virginia Fisher Campbell; and by a son, Dennis Campbell.

The rosary was said at 5 p.m. April 23 at the Dorsey-E. Earl Smith Memory Gardens Funeral Home, 3941 Kirk Road, Lake Worth.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10 a.m. April 24 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 1000 W. Lantana Road, Lantana, with the Rev. Edward Belczuk officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Palm Beach County, 5300 East Ave., West Palm Beach, FL 33407; the JFK Foundation, 5301 S. Congress Ave., West Palm Beach, FL 33462; or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

The obituary was submitted by the family.

Donald W. Amon

By Mary Katherine Stump

BRINY BREEZES — Don Amon, a resident of Briny Breeze and Flint, Mich., died on April 23 at his Michigan residence. He was 84 years old.

Mr. Amon served in the U.S. Marine Corps in the South Pacific during World War II and was married to his wife of 61 years, Colleen Gibbe, shortly after, in 1948.

“I can’t believe I’m going to have to live without him,” said Colleen Amon. “He was the most wonderful husband.”

Don owned and operated Corunna Road Hardware in Flint for 25 years, retiring in 1972. He was a passionate bowler and fisherman, and a woodcarver extraordinaire.

He served as the president of the Briny Breezes Chiseler’s Club in the mid-’70s and was an avid member for over 30 years. “Don was a joker,” said his longtime friend and fellow chiseler, Jack Taylor. “At one of our annual Amon’s Club breakfasts, Don was serving everyone a plate of pancakes. Not until I sat down at the table did I realize they were made out of cardboard. That is the kind of guy Don was.”

A cannon, made by Mr. Amon in the ‘70s and used to celebrate the memory of Briny Breezes chiseler’s passed, was to be fired at his burial in Flint.

He is survived by his wife, Colleen; two sons, Rod (and wife Marcia) Amon of Swartz Creek and John Amon of Marquette; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral Mass was celebrated April 27 at St. Mary Queen of Angels Catholic Church, Swartz Creek, with interment at evening at Sunset Hill Cemetery. Those desiring may make contributions to Boys Town.

Elizabeth Annette Kunik

By Ron Hayes

DELRAY BEACH — A seasonal resident for more than 20 years, Elizabeth Annette Kunik passed away April 9.

Born March 6, 1927, in Shenandoah, Penn., Mrs. Kunik attended the Philadelphia General Hospital School of Nursing Cadette Corps program before marrying Robert Kunik in 1956.

They lived in Stone Harbor, N.J., and Bryn Mawr, Pa., and wintered in Delray Beach.

In 1982, Mrs. Kunik began playing golf, a game she came to love and often played at The Little Club in Gulf Stream.

“She was just a wonderful person,” said Joan Mason Carlson, a fellow golfer and friend of 35 years. “She was a very caring and loyal person, despite some family tragedies along the way.”

Mrs. Kunik was preceded in death by a son, Thomas John Kunik; a granddaughter, Alexis Kunik Smith, and a son-in-law, Jett Lambert Smith.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Kunik is survived by four daughters, Mary Ellen Lambert Smith, Alexis Kunik Smith and Barbara Malit Correctional Officer Joseph Kunik and Barbara Malit; a son, Robert P. Kunik, and six grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass was held in Gladwyne, Pa., on April 15.
Paws up for pets!

Doggone it!

What’s with this bonnet?

Delray Beach went to the dogs — literally — with more than 100 entrants in its annual Easter Bonnet Dog Parade, held as part of the GreenMarket.

Clockwise, from top left: Rachel Rose snaps a photo of her pooch Shana ‘aka’ Angel for the parade; Delray Beach resident Skip Stina shows his indelible loyalty to his best girl, Teaki; Nicole Brown carries Tiffany (left) and Sophia along Atlantic Avenue. She dyed the Malteses blueberry and cotton candy; Nancy Johnson of Delray Beach carries Baby — the parade’s bravest (and least canine) entrant; Charyse, owned by Jill Pisciotta of South Hampton, N.Y., and Boynton Beach, cools down after a hot parade; the winners in the two small dog categories round out the event.

Photos by Mary Kate Leming and Jerry Lower
Paws up for pets!

New technology helps reunite lost pets, owners

By Arden Moore

Everyone loves a good mystery — that is, until the mystery centers on your missing pet.

I know. Two years ago, my cat Samantha went missing for 57 days before I was reunited with her.

That was before online pet-finding Web sites, microchipped IDs, pet detectives and high-tech GPS navigational devices that can track pets in real time on your cell phone or home computer.

Are the days of Houdini hounds disappearing? I hope so.

Even if you do your best to be good pet parents, all it takes is for a cat to lean against a wobbly window screen or a repair person to not shut the front door for your beloved pet to slip outside and become disoriented and lost.

Others, as in the recent case of Cookie, a portly Boston terrier in Ocean Ridge, may have been “pet-napped.”

His owner posted fliers and distributed photos to area veterinary clinics and voice-mails were sent to people in the neighborhood using a nifty new pet-finding Web site called www.findtoto.com.

After the owner offered a no-questions-asked $1,000 cash reward, a cabbie, who identified himself only as Jeff, returned this pampered pedigree to reap probably the biggest tip of his career.

Each year, more than 5 million pets are reported lost in the United States — that’s about four times the population of two-leggers residing in Palm Beach County.

Bye-bye basics — fitting your pet with a collar that features an ID tag with your contact info — how can you reduce the risk of your pet’s becoming another sad case of Cookie, a portly hound, disoriented and lost.

Even better, the info can be posted instantly on your cell phone or computer, so you can catch up to your wandering pet in record time.

Among the leaders in this technology are Zoombak (www.zoombak.com) and Love My Pets GPS (www.lovemypetsgps.com).

• Voice-mail alerts: Cookie’s reunion was aided by the use of FindToto®, an emergency phone alert system for missing or stolen pets that has the blessing of the Better Business Bureau.

Neighbors receive automated calls when your pet goes missing. The price ranges from $95 (for up to 500 neighbors) to $875 (to reach up to 10,000 neighbors). Learn more by visiting www.findtoto.com.

It’s a gut-flipping sensation to discover your pet has — poof! — disappeared. Hopefully, these tips provided will help keep your pet where he or she belongs — at home, safe, home.

Most animal shelters and vet clinics have special wands that can be waved over the shoulder area to detect the presence of a microchip. However, the chips are not viable until you send in the application to the microchip company and pay a nominal fee. Sadly, up to 40 percent of people have the chip inserted in their pets, but fail to send in the paperwork.

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By Arden Moore, an animal behavior consultant, editor, author and professional speaker, shares her Oceanside, Calif., home, with two cats, two dogs and one overworked vacuum cleaner.

Tune in to her “Oh Behave!” show on Pet Life Radio.com and contact her at arden@ardenmoore.com.

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The estate is situated in a setting so breathtaking that most of your time at home would be spent outdoors, lounging on the terrace, swimming in the pool or walking on the sandy beach — the perfect getaway.

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Classic and chic oceanfront estate

This spectacular residence is on more than one acre and offers 100 feet of oceanfront living at the south end of Delray’s famed Atlantic Beach.

Formal dining room with custom designed, barrel-vaulted ceiling and marble columns flanking view to garden and fountain.

This fabulous home is particularly private and although it is quite large (11,533 square feet), it still remains an intimate and family-oriented grand residence.

It features five bedrooms plus the oceanside master suite with its own oceanfront loggia, seven plus baths and staff quarters.

It has every amenity one could imagine in a home of this quality and stature: a home theater, a large state-of-the-art gourmet kitchen with butler’s pantry and custom wood cabinetry and adjacent family room with fireplace, a wine cellar and more.

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East of A1A in Ocean Ridge’s best beachside neighborhood, this authentic Bermuda home has been meticulously maintained. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, fireplace, vaulted cypress ceilings, covered loggia. Private deeded beach access, 3 homes from the sand. 

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Ocean Ridge traditional 2-story Key West style home built in '02 and features 7 bedrooms, 7.5 baths and a gourmet cook’s kitchen with marble countertops and center island. Butler’s pantry. Dumb waiter. Outdoor entertainment area with heated pool, spa and pergola. Three car garage and Chicago brick drive and patios. Owner financing available. 

REduced $1,995,000

TOSCANNA SOUTH

Turnkey Luxury in Highland Beach. Absolutely stunning 11th floor, 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath designer decorated condo. 180 degree views of Intracoastal to the ocean from 3 balconies. Hardwood floors, office, beautiful moldings & window treatments, ready to move in.

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THE BEST OF EVERYTHING

This is THE dream house! 17,000 sq ft lot, 8,000 sq ft of luxury living and relaxing space, 4 bedroom main house, 2 bedroom guest house, 6 car state of the art garage with hydraulic lifts for the car collector, game room, office, gourmet kitchen with true butlers pantry and wine room. New construction with the style and design everyone desires.

$2,950,000

DELRAY BEACH—Intracoastal Point Lot
Wide water views from every room in this magnificent Key West style home. Surrounded by 258 ft of water, this 8200 sq ft home features 5 bedrooms in the main house, plus a delightful 1 bedroom guest suite with crew’s nest. Protected deepwater dockage, enormous 1st floor master suite with sitting room & his/ hers baths, all within walking distance to beach and Atlantic Ave.

$5,950,000

FOXE CHASE — DELRAY BEACH
Located in the prestigious gated community of Foxe Chase this home offers 9,000+ sq ft of living and entertaining spaces. Features include: 6 bedrooms including master suite with his & hers baths, gourmet kitchen, 3 fireplaces, stunning vaulted /beamed ceilings, heated pool & spa, plus 4 car garage, all set on a wooded 1+ acre lot.

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This ocean block one story 3/2/2 with den and heated pool has been completely updated from the inside out. Situated on a private, oversized corner lot, features include: impact glass throughout, summer rooms, granite/stainless kitchen, volume ceilings, more.

$1,300,000

REALLY CHARMING

Lovely 2/2 with screened & covered patio, this 1st floor charmer at the Intracoastal complex of Palm Beach Villas features tile floors, new plantation shutters, small pets ok, and no age restrictions.

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