By Emily J. Minor

In the days of scattered families — one kid in Boston, another in Seattle, the aging parents retired to Arizona — these people are downright odd. “They all came back,” says the patriarch, Bill Strucker. “I think they missed their mother.”

Perhaps. But there is something else that has drawn all three of Strucker’s daughters home again, back to this place along the ocean with the ringing telephone and the familiar smell and the Fanny May candies stacked neatly in the front freezer. It’s the family business, Gulfstream Pharmacy Inc., where their dad has been the handsome, compassionate face behind the prescription counter since 1957.

So all-knowing is this guy that customers have been known to call him Dr. Bill. He’s a pharmacist, of course, learning the profession back in the 1950s when pharmacists did things like grind and mix and measure.

Improving the odds for sea turtles: A labor of love

By Ron Hayes

Bright and early Mother’s Day morning, Joan Lorne climbed aboard an ATV and tore down Gulf Stream beach on a rescue mission for countless mothers who will never know how many of their children’s lives she saved. Turtles are mothers, too, after all. Loggerheads and leatherbacks, greens and the occasional hawksbill — on moonlight nights between March and September, female sea turtles crawl from the ocean to bury their eggs on the beaches of Palm Beach County.

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Adding a new wrinkle to legacy of service

Jim Bonfiglio is an attorney known for using his skills to serve the community. Bonfiglio specializes in defending mortgage foreclosure actions. As one of a small number of attorneys in the county who are experts in the Federal Truth in Lending Act, he has received numerous awards for his work, including the Legal Aid Society’s 2008 Pro Bono Consumer Law Award.

Jim also is an initial inductee in the Palm Beach County Legal Aid Society’s Pro Bono Hall of Fame. Recently, Matt Lauer interviewed Jim on NBC’s Today Show as an expert on mortgage foreclosure issues. A longtime resident of Ocean Ridge, Jim has served on the town’s Planning and Zoning Commission and was elected its chairman. Jim also is active in the rescue of Shar-Peis. His first dog arrived as the result of a sports injury in 1989. After a season as a bullpen catcher for the Florida Senior League with the West Palm Beach Tropics, Jim ruptured his Achilles tendon.

After three months in a hip-to-toe cast, his foot had frozen in the down position. The next six months required therapy, so he bought his first two dogs to keep him company on his daily walks.

Jim Bonfiglio has received numerous awards for his legal work. He also rescues Shar-Peis. Photo by Jerry Lower

Editor’s Notes

Thank you to George Weide of Boynton Beach, who wrote to suggest we check with the city of Boynton Beach about the installation date of the current boardwalk in Oceanfront Park. As a regular beach visitor during the 1990s, he suggested the city might have given us the wrong date. He was right. We checked back with the city and learned that the current recycled plastic boardwalk was installed in 1994, not in 1986, as we published in our last edition.

Thank you to Stacey Winick of Delray Beach, who wrote to offer kind comments concerning how tightly rolled The Coastal Star is when delivered — and how it often ends up in the bushes rather than the driveway.

I’ll address delivery packaging first: Since the Coastal Star is delivered free to our neighbors, we use the complimentary plastic bags that our printer provides. We are exploring the cost of using larger bags.

On that other delivery issue: I’ll speak to the publisher (my husband). He and I deliver the papers each month. I drive, he throws. I’ll ask him to try to avoid the bushes.

Editor

A beacon to islands’ most desperate

Like a vanished handprint that reappears when condensation coats a windowpane, foggy mornings on the beach recall for me the wave of Cuban rafters in the summer of 1994. I can still see a tiny raft aslant on the out-of-town delivery — $18

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Bill removes protection for barrier islands
By Robert W. Ganger

The Florida Senate and House recently passed a new “Community Renewal Act” (Senate Bill 360) before the next legislative session to correct obvious flaws. For readers of The Coastal Star, the most egregious deficiency relates to a baffling last minute revision in bill language. In their haste to draft changes to the state’s Growth Management Act, our legislators removed critical protections afforded to environmentally sensitive barrier islands, coastal communities, and Coastal High Hazard Areas. In effect, SB360 considers most of our Florida coastline to be a “Dense Urban Land Area” that can be exploited almost at will.

Ironically, the state has long recognized that the land and marine environment along our extensive shoreline require special protection from overdevelopment. By exempting these priceless areas from traditional state scrutiny, we could be opening ourselves to abusive development practices affecting residents, visitors and the native habitats alike.

The Florida Coalition for Preservation has asked Gov. Crist to veto SB360. If he sends it back to the House and Senate for revision, we have requested several modifications to bill language making it absolutely clear that (1) the state does not regard barrier island communities and Coastal High Hazard Areas as a “Dense Urban Land Area,” regardless of current population density; (2) that the Department of Community Affairs and all appropriate state authorities must have the opportunity to review major changes to existing municipality comprehensive plans as they relate to barrier island and Coastal High Hazard Areas; and (3) citizens in the affected areas must have an opportunity to voice concerns to the state in the event that a proposed development poses a risk of compromise to the natural environment.

Florida has already allowed too much overdevelopment on our oceanfront. We cannot afford to let our guard down in order to stimulate a flagging economy.

Tri-Rail is a must for South Florida
By Jim Smith

For many workers, Tri-Rail is a godsend. Without it, some of the 15,000 daily Tri-Rail commuters would have to either give up their jobs, or drastically reduce other spending to provide for substitute transportation.

Sure, there are some who will never take Tri-Rail to work. But that’s OK, because those who do take many cars off the road that otherwise would add to congestion, pollution and dependence on foreign oil.

Some are opposed to subsidizing Tri-Rail, but at the same time forget that all our sidewalks and streets are subsidized. In fact, there are no public transportation systems anywhere in the world that are not subsidized. All great cities have comprehensive public transportation systems — e.g. New York, Boston, Washington, D.C., London, Paris, Rome, etc.

In the past, South Florida solved its transportation problems by spending more asphalt. Now we are at the point where we are running out of land to expand existing roads or build new roads. Transportation experts such as Jim Wolfe, secretary of Florida Department of Transportation District 4, and Palm Beach County Commission Chairman Jeff Koons have warned that 1%) cannot be widened any more, and that the future solution to road congestion is public transportation. Of course, building a complete public transportation system requires additional public investments.

Until now, Tri-Rail has received about $7 million annually from Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties — for a total of $21 million a year. Each of these counties has been chipping in extra money over and above the state-mandated. But the steep drop in real estate valuations has stolen county revenues, which may force cuts in expenditures. For three or four years, Tri-Rail and locally elected officials have been pleading with our state legislators to find a dedicated source of revenue to relieve the three counties of their burdensome contribution. One viable possibility is a $2 rental car surcharge.

State legislators have listened, but have failed to act. During this past legislative session, Tri-Rail funding was added to a $2.66 billion bill for building a Central Florida commuter rail system. That bill failed, and with it the much needed dedicated revenue source for Tri-Rail.

Several state senators recently sent a letter to Gov. Charlie Crist pleading for the necessary money to support Tri-Rail until next year, when the legislators meet again. Without new funding, Tri-Rail will be forced to drastically cut back service, thereby jeopardizing its very existence. In addition, if Tri-Rail fails, the state will be on the hook for repaying the federal government for millions of dollars of previous expenditures.

Tri-Rail must be saved. South Florida’s very future depends upon it.

Letters to the editor

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HIGHWAY: Plans may turn Federal into another bustling Atlantic Avenue

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and pawnshops interspersed. Planners up and down Florida's east coast have struggled with re-doing U.S. 1, the former highway in chief that was relegated to second class when I-95 was built.

In Delray Beach, planners are preparing for what they hope will be a transformation that will turn Federal Highway, frequently traveled by both coastal residents and mainlanders alike, into a close cousin of Atlantic Avenue. But the economy has stalled the progress, leaving many approved projects unbuilt and a string of vacant lots to advertise hard times.

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Changes to narrow Federal Highway given approval

By Margie Plunkett

Delray Beach commissioners gave staff the go-ahead on permanent design changes to Federal Highway, an $11 million project that reduces the highway to two lanes from three in each direction for better traffic and pedestrian safety.

The design, which has already been implemented temporarily between SE 10th Street and George Bush Boulevard, would be funded with state and federal money if all requests come through, City Engineer Randal L. Krejcarek told commissioners at their May meeting.

All commissioners backed the changes, but they also raised questions of when other areas in the city would get development. “I think we have to have some movement near [Interstate] 95. I haven’t seen it,” said Deputy Vice Mayor Mack Bernard.

The temporary U.S. 1 changes allowed observation of pedestrian and car traffic under the plan, which was intended to improve traffic safety, control speeds, beautify the highway with landscaping and make it pedestrian friendly.

Data collected in a study of the intersection since the temporary change show traffic volume was lower in 2009 than 2007; traffic speeds were 6 mph slower; and crashes were reduced by about 50 percent, the city engineer said.

When asked about gridlock, Krejcarek said the city had to adjust timing of the traffic lights.

Delray Beach is admired for its vision, Vice Mayor Gary Eliopoulous said, also noting, “This is design 101. You don’t take your best asset and have your pedestrians crossing four lanes of traffic to get to it.” And slowing the traffic shows off retail to vehicle occupants.

If the permanent change moves forward, construction could begin in 2011.

Construction funding, committed or requested, in the amount of $4 million would come from state funds for resurfacing projects; $6.65 million from federal transportation bill earmarks and an enhancement grant; and $350,000 from development projects.

“Staff: Bond sales should follow guidelines

Delray Beach city staff proposed the city follow best practices set by the Government Finance Officers Association for selling bonds and selecting bond personnel, as set forth in a memo by the city’s finance director, Joseph Safford.

The recommendations follow the indictment of former County Commissioner Mary McCarty, which raised questions on some Delray Beach bond issue practices. Larry Brown of Brown, Garganese, Weiss & D’Agresta, P.A., was hired to conduct an independent review.

Though the review said no violation of law was found while the city worked with underwriting companies that employed McCarty’s husband, Kevin, some GFOA best practices were not followed. Safford’s memo said that, when selling municipal bonds, Delray Beach should provide written justification from its financial adviser on selling bonds either through competitive bidding or a negotiated sale, depending on market conditions, and an evaluation of the best method to get the lowest cost for taxpayers.

Requests for proposals would be issued for selection of a bond underwriter, bond counsel and financial adviser.

The commission agreed with Assistant City Manager Douglas Smith’s suggestion at the May 12 workshop that the staff write up a formal policy and present it at a future meeting.
Along the coast

Little good news in beach erosion battle

By Margie Plunkett

Coastal residents just can’t stop the drifting, shifting sand from slipping through their fingers — or off their beaches.

Palm Beach County is working on beach erosion projects all along the coast, including Lantana and South Palm Beach as well as at the South Lake Worth Inlet, in a never-ending battle with the elements.

Ocean Ridge and Manalapan saw work start this spring on the South Lake Worth (Boynton) Inlet jetties and sand transfer plant that moves drifting sand back to eroding beaches. And Manalapan is taking steps to protect its beaches from being pumped away, an issue that 20 years ago was at the center of litigation involving Manalapan and Ocean Ridge.

Kent Shortz, former mayor of Manalapan, proposed a list of preliminary recommendations to provide protection, including adhering to pumping protocols; establishing scientific measurement of sand pumped; reporting quarterly how much sand is pumped; installing two permanent marker poles; and re-establishing the technical review committee.

While the town wants to closely monitor the sand transfer plant’s work, Dan Bates of Palm Beach County Environmental Resources Management says a great deal of how much sand is pumped depends on weather, and while the average is 60,000 cubic yards, it can be greater or less. Bates painted a picture in which residents’ work to restore beaches seems an eternal effort that will ultimately be swept away by the elements.

“One Ocean Ridge will never have sufficient sand. There’s still a deficit there,” Bates said, responding to a question at Manalapan’s April commission meeting about a different approach to sand pumping.

The status of the beaches in Manalapan and vicinity a decade from now will rely heavily on what beach erosion prevention measures are taken on northern coasts, including Palm Beach. “I don’t see where I can bring you any good news,” he said. “We can’t keep up with it. I don’t think we’re going to see a net increase in flow.”

The efforts of the town of Palm Beach — which is being very proactive — are crucial to Manalapan, Bates said. “It all flows downhill.”

Proposed breakwaters to protect beaches in Lantana and South Palm Beach could be under construction as early as 2010. Palm Beach County recently approved a contract for a $362,811 environmental study required by the Army Corp of Engineers and the state DEP, which town Parks and Recreation Manager Mike Greenstein said it typically puts in native dune plants, including 90 percent sea oats and 10 percent diversity species such as railroad vine and dune sunflower.

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PHARMACY: Business remains a family affair 52 years after opening in Briny Breezes

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—— the only thing between Palm Beach and Deerfield Beach except for two restaurants.

He leased the building in 1957, started a pharmacy and eventually hired his parents — they escaped the cold and retired to Florida. His dad was the delivery boy, his mother was the clerk.

These were the days of smallest ice cream and Whitman’s Chocolates and a whole section devoted to the latest line of Kodak cameras. Strucker and his wife, Virginia, raised their three girls here.

Besides Craig, another daughter, Alison Goodridge, 33, eventually left to study elsewhere, but is back. She works part-time in the store. A third daughter, Elizabeth, also is local again.

How has the store changed since the girls were young? “It hasn’t, really,” says Craig.

“The smell is still the same,” says Goodridge. And therein lies the beauty of Gulfstream Pharmacy.

It’s bigger now. Years ago, Strucker added on, changing the configuration of the store so the pharmacy counter is off the left.

The old typewriter that Strucker used to type out his prescriptions is long gone. Instead, there are four computers and three DSL lines. And getting reimbursed for a prescription purchase is a complicated tangle of bureaucratic formulas that never seems to benefit the little guy. Strucker said it was really about 10 years ago that the big chains started squeezing out shops like his.

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Compromise for bigger beach houses set at 750 sq. ft.

By Margie Plunkett

Residents can build bigger beach houses in Manalapan as a result of the wide-ranging zoning ordinance the Town Commission passed on second reading in May.

After extensive discussion over several meetings, the commission decided to compromise on a 750-square-foot building, raising the square footage of a beach home from a previous limit of 500 square feet, but not as far as the proposed 1,000 square feet.

The beach house debate brought in environmental and aesthetic concerns on one side and the right of coastal homeowners to build to fit their needs on the other.

A particularly strenuous argument was posed for 1,000-square-foot beach homes by residents with larger properties that could more easily accommodate the larger structures.

The commission tweaked some beach house language in the ordinance to indicate that the structures would have to be heavily screened from the road and neighbors, and landscaped on the ocean side. Standalone decks could not be visible to road, neighbors or on the ocean side.

The ordinance addressed a variety of zoning modifications including to allow six-foot dune walkovers; gas-fueled fire pits as large as eight feet on beach properties; 1,000-square foot decks for beach properties with no beach house; and hedge heights rising to eight feet rather than the previous four in some areas.

While the just-passed ordinance removes some multifamily uses in one area, commissioners have sent a resolution to the zoning board to consider continued support for townhomes in two districts.

Evidence photos show the speedometer stuck at 100 mph after the driver of a Bentley crashed May 7 at Chillingworth Curve. Photos provided by Manalapan Police Department

Chillingworth Curve accidents: seven crashes in two years

By Ron Hayes

Police Chief Clay Walker has asked the state Department of Transportation to study traffic conditions at the Chillingworth Curve, where two speeding drivers crashed their Bentleys in a four-day period in May.

“We’ve had seven crashes there in the past two years,” Walker said on May 14, the same day he wrote the DOT to request the review. “The last two were pretty intense.”

On May 7, the southbound driver of a 2006 Bentley missed the S-curve in the 1500 block of State Road A1A, glanced off the guardrail and came to a stop in the landscaping of a private yard. The driver and four passengers suffered minor injuries. Police say the speedometer registered 100 mph, and the driver was cited with careless driving.

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Hypoluxo Island

Price drop on home has ‘found bottom’

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Manalapan residents must pay for own iguana removal

Town commissioners won’t fund efforts to rid neighborhoods of iguanas, but are compiling a list of licensed contractors residents can call to perform services.

An annual town contract would cost $12,000-$13,000 and would necessitate giving the contractor access to all Manalapan properties, according to Town Manager Gregory Dunham.

Dunham asked residents to call and letters from Mayor Tom Gerrard asked Dunham to bring a list of acceptable contractors to the next commission meeting.

— Margie Plunkett

Gulf Stream / Delray Beach

Fire station staffing will depend on new property appraisals

Delray Beach commissioners will determine if they can fully staff Fire Station No. 2 this fiscal year after reviewing county Property Appraiser’s figures, due in June 1, Mayor Woodie McDuffie said at a special commissioners meeting in May.

The commissioners won’t reveal until then how much Gulf Stream would pay for fire services under a new contract.

The meeting was held after a temporary staffing change at Fire Station No. 2, which serves the coastal area including Gulf Stream, transferred two paramedics to the fire engine. The rescue transport would not run.

Delray Beach would be served by the nearest available rescue transport. The temporary staff change was made to ensure safety of the firefighters on the understaffed fire engine.

At their April meeting, Gulf Stream commissioners had approved a new 10-year contract with Delray Beach for fire and emergency services for $229,000 annually, up about 41 percent from the previous contract. McDuffie said it was unfortunate that the process had been done "backward — that Delray was going to pay for fire services under a new contract before sending it to Gulf Stream." McDuffie said it was unfortunate that the process had been done "backward — that Delray was going to pay for fire services under a new contract before sending it to Gulf Stream."

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Along the Coast

Almost law, bill removes roadblocks to development

By Nirvi Shah

When a developer offered to buy Briny Breezes recently, the deal fell through in part because state planners didn’t warm to the deal. The state was concerned the proposed waterfront high-rises would overwhelm the surrounding area.

But a bill on Gov. Charlie Crist’s desk could kick aside similar roadblocks in the future — and lead to development that doesn’t have to jibe with the capacity of surrounding roadways. Crist must sign it by June 2 for it to take effect, or it could become law if he simply chooses not to sign it. He recently told The New York Times he “probably will” sign it.

The bill, which passed easily in the House and Senate, was proposed to spur economic development. Proponents say it would allow more projects to be approved because permitting would go more smoothly; curb sprawl by concentrating development in cities; and create more construction work.

Palm Beach County Commissioner Karen Marcus finds fault with those justifications, however, and told Crist so in a letter she sent him in mid-May. At the end of the month, she persuaded the entire commission to write to Crist, joining her in opposition.

“It just totally guts growth management as we know it in Florida,” Marcus said. She notes that there are plenty of approved development projects on the books, but there is little demand. Thousands of residential units across the state sit vacant. And she said the bill will rob local government agencies of the ability to address traffic concerns brought on by new development.

The bill would eliminate the state Department of Community Affairs’ authority to oversee projects of regional impact in a large part of the state. There would be no oversight for the way one government agency handles a large development that affects nearby municipalities.

The proposal applies to counties with at least 900,000 residents, labeling them “dense urban land areas.” They would be designated traffic concurrency exception areas, allowing developers to look past the requirement that roads be built — at their expense — to accommodate the traffic their projects cause.

But the “urban areas” the bill defines could have as few as one house per two acres.

Bob Ganger, president of the Florida Coalition for Preservation, says the bill would consider much of Florida’s coastline such an urban area — and it is anything but. The group opposed the last proposal for development of Briny Breezes.

“Ironically, the state has long recognized that the land and marine environment along our extensive shoreline require special protection from overdevelopment,” he said. “By exempting these priceless areas from traditional state scrutiny, we could be opening ourselves to abusive development practices affecting residents, visitors and the native habitats alike.”

Agencies that have the goal of boosting development — or redevelopment — including Boynton Beach’s Community Redevelopment Agency, support the bill, sponsored by Sen. Mike Bennett, a Bradenton electrical contractor. Bennett has said local opposition to projects that have the potential to turn roadways into parking lots could outweigh the effects of the bill, if it becomes law.

“The CRA supports giving cities and counties the power to enact their own restrictions when it comes to traffic enforcement,” CRA spokeswoman Margee Walsh said. “Each city has different needs.”

Honoring those who served

More than a hundred people gathered on Memorial Day at Veterans Park in Delray Beach to honor those who have served their country. In addition to speeches, prayers and a 21 gun salute; a wreath was thrown into the Intracoastal to honor those who perished at sea. Photos by Jerry Lower

Abrams digs into appointed role on commission

By Margie Plunkett

Steven Abrams made his “12-city tour” in May, introducing himself as the new Palm Beach County commissioner for District 4 — the successor to former commissioner Mary McCarty, who resigned after public corruption charges.

“It’s been a very smooth transition on the County Commission,” Abrams told Delray Beach commissioners, continuing with what became a common refrain during his visits. “The training we get in local government has served me well.”

Abrams sometimes tells people I went to this very elite prep school called Boca Raton — and now I’ve graduated to college. And boy did they train me well.”

The lawyer served as a council member for Boca Raton from 1989 to 2008 and as mayor for three of those years.

He was mayor in October 2001 during the anthrax threat that started at the AMI building, which gained him national exposure and acclaim. Abrams was awarded a distinguished service medal from the Israel National Police for leadership.

Gov. Charlie Crist appointed Abrams in March to fill the position left vacant after McCarty’s resignation in January; the term ends in November 2010. McCarty pleaded guilty in March to honest service fraud after claims that she voted on bond deals involving her husband Kevin’s firm; influenced Delray Beach bond work to her husband’s employer; and accepted free and discounted hotel rooms.

Kevin McCarty was sentenced to eight months for not reporting Mary McCarty’s crime; she is scheduled for sentencing in early June.

Abrams mentioned to Delray commissioners one of the things he looks forward to in working with the city: When, as mayor of Boca Raton, he sometimes came to Delray Beach to eat dinner, he “was inevitably ratted out.” Someone would recognize him and question, “What are you doing here?”

“Now I can call it my district and come to Delray for dinner,” he said.

The commissioner said he is moving forward with the $90,000 trolley system in downtown Delray Beach and with other commitments made to the city.

Different conversations marked different visits by Abrams to the other municipalities in his jurisdiction.

In Gulf Stream, for instance, the conversation turned to McCarty.

“I thought Mary did a good job for our community,” Gulf Stream Mayor William F. Koch Jr. said. “It’s a sad occasion in many respects. The whole thing is a tragedy.”

Abrams noted “confidence in the county commission, And in his comments on the county Web site, Abrams said, “I am ready to address the difficult challenges in our community such as restoring economic prosperity and transparency in governmental policies and procedures.”
Ocean Ridge

Debate continues on who pays for no-see-um control

By Margie Plunkett

What’s more painful than nasty no-see-um bites? The question of who should pay to get rid of the pest — the town or property owner.

“All of you have beautiful homes and have moved to a beautiful area — and are upset by the bug problems. You moved to the nuisance,” resident Marrett Hanna said at a May Town Commission meeting. “It’s ridiculous and utterly elitist to think you can go to the town when you can pay for it yourself.”

The question of who pays joins an already intense discussion centering on concerns about the environmental soundness of pesticides used to combat no-see-ums.

“You can see that it’s a divided issue,” Mayor Ken Kaled told Frank Clarke of Clarke Mosquito Control in Orlando, invited to the meeting to explain chemicals and the process used to eradicate no-see-ums.

The issue has re-emerged, along with the biting midges, after a year the town did not contract for spraying. Some residents have strenuously complained that the seemingly invisible — or is that invincible? — creatures are out in force, making it impossible to enjoy the outdoors for more than a couple minutes at a time without being eaten alive. Others, opposed to spraying, have argued it is not in the best interest of the environment, raises health issues, and potentially harms the ecosystem and welcome insects like butterflies and bees. Opponents also point out that not all residents are affected.

Commissioner Terry Brown, who is opposed to spraying for environmental reasons, said, “There is an issue as to whether you should use public funds for a private purpose.”

In previous years, the town paid about $65,000 to $70,000 annually to Clarke for treatment that included spraying by truck once a week and applying a pesticide barrier on a limited number of properties.

The cost for a resident to treat his or her own property would be $200 a week, Clarke said.

The question of whether the town or individual resident should foot the bill doesn’t just involve money, but the effectiveness of spraying. According to Clarke, previous spraying of about 46 individual properties was meant to build chemical barriers against no-see-ums migrating from their habitat, including the mangroves, to other residential areas, not just those being treated.

For the individual property owner, it boils down to if they are responsible for the no-see-um problem and for paying for a service that could benefit other town residents as well.

“I’m not raising no-see-ums on the property,” said Robert Happ, who asked Clarke how much treatment costs a homeowner and had previously produced a petition signed by residents in favor of spraying.

The mayor and commissioners questioned Clarke on the effectiveness of barrier spraying without the weekly treatment by truck, which they discussed as a possibility if the budget included it.

“Barrier spraying works,” Clarke said. And another method the University of Florida has experimented with in South Florida — killing the no-see-ums after attracting them with carbon dioxide pots — isn’t commercially viable, he said.

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Intracoastal mangroves to be protected by breakwaters

By Mike Readling

After years of watching the thick mangrove shoreline along the Intracoastal Waterway between Boynton Beach and Ocean Ridge become thinner and host to substantially fewer mangroves, Palm Beach County’s Environmental Resource Management department has taken action.

ERM recently began installing breakwaters just north of the Ocean Avenue Bridge, in the area of Two Georges restaurant.

The construction of the riprap breakwaters is a move the department hopes will help buffer some of the boat wakes that have been pouding the shoreline vegetation. Loss of mangrove cover along the shoreline leads to loss of habitat for a variety of species, both land- and water-based.

“Over the past few decades, we’ve lost a lot of mangrove shoreline around that area,” said Brock Stanaland, senior environmental analyst for ERM. “It was continuing to erode, so we decided to build these breakwaters to help prevent erosion and protect the mangroves.”

Stanaland said ERM has had its eyes on this particular area for a long time, but only recently was it able to move to correct it.

“We’d been watching this situation for years,” he said. “It was a matter of getting stars to line up so we could attack the given problem. This just happened to work out.”

The breakwaters will be constructed on both sides of the Intracoastal by Pinellas County-based M & J Construction. They are being constructed with limestone boulders and will measure a total of 2,200 square feet when they are finished.

Stanaland said work should be completed by the first of June at an estimated cost of $650,000.

“There will probably be five separate breakwaters on each side of the waterway,” Stanaland said. “We wanted to break them up to allow for some natural flushing and to allow fish — or anything else — to be able to come and go without getting trapped.”

Boat wake concerns

In addition to this project working to control boat wakes on the Intracoastal, several groups of residents recently voiced their concerns to the Florida Wildlife Conservation Commission about that same subject.

About 50 citizens packed into the auditorium at the Boca Raton Administrative Building to let their voices be heard regarding changes the FWC is considering.

The FWC Boating and Waterways Division released eight pages of proposed rule changes for the 47-mile stretch of Intracoastal Waterway that runs through Palm Beach County.

The changes are in the preliminary phase, with the division seeking comments.

Comments from the group looking to slow boats down focused on protecting boats tied to docks, the impact of waves on sea walls and worry for people participating in activities such as water skiing and jet skiing.

“There are kids being pulled on tubes behind Jet Skis that fall in the water and those people in the big boats can’t see them just bobbing there,” said Anita Casey, who lives on the Intracoastal, just south of the George Bush Boulevard Bridge.

She was backed by a large contingent of residents from Seagate Towers condominiums in Delray Beach.

“They need to slow down the big boats that are doing a lot of damage and putting human lives in danger,” said Seagate resident Don Platz.

Several residents stood to oppose any changes to the current regulations, which include a combination of no-wake, slow-speed and 25- mph zones.

Two of those, Lisa Wilcox and Cass Rice, live in the Regency Highland condominiums in Delray Beach and are regular waterway users.

“I like watersports and I chose to move here to be close to the water,” Wilcox said. “I don’t want the Intracoastal to become paralyzed. During the time I have lived here, I have seen respect for and between boaters and people cooperating with each other.”

One outspoken proponent of keeping the waterway speed limits where they are was Highland Beach resident Joe Kuhn, who summed up his group’s argument with a simple question.

“These people sit here and talk about all the boats going fast and kids bobbing in the water that are going to get hit. Where are the numbers? Where are the numbers of people dying in the Intracoastal?” Kuhn asked. “I feel there is a lot of hyperbole that doesn’t belong here. The Intracoastal belongs to the people of Florida. You can own your land, you can own your house, but you can’t own the water.”

The FWC will hold several more meetings in the coming months to continue to hone the language and direction of the new regulations. For more information, go to http://myfwc.com/RECREATION/boat_waterways_index.htm.
Elvis has left the building (for a while)

Rock 'n' roll legend Elvis Presley died on Aug. 16, 1977. However, the legacy of Elvis Presley continues to live on through his music, films, and memorabilia. The Graceland estate in Memphis, Tennessee, is a popular tourist destination for fans of the King of Rock 'n' Roll. The estate is open to the public and offers guided tours, exhibits, and performances. The Elvis Presley Birthplace and Museum in Tupelo, Mississippi, provides a glimpse into the early life of the singer. The museum is located in the same house where Elvis was born and raised. Fans of the Elvis Presley can also visit the Elvis Presley Automobile Museum in Memphis, which showcases some of the singer's favorite cars.

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Lose the tuxedo, bring your fishing rod

By Mary Katherine Stump

South Florida is known for, among other things, its fishing and its glamorous black-tie benefits. Rarely do the two pastimes intersect.

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Robert W. Ganger, president of Delray Beach Historical Society watches as Ken Ellingsworth, co-founder of DBHS in 1964, cuts the ribbon at the grand opening of the 1908 Hunt House. Others in the photo are Gay Bridges, a board member and wife of Digby Bridges (Hunt House was his office for 30 years); Bill Williams (foreground), the grandson of Ethel Sterling Williams, another co-founder; and Howard Ellingsworth (far right), son of Ken and a member of the Board of Governors. Photo by Jerry Lower

John G’s is an old-fashioned enterprise that has occupied a scenic spot fronting Lake Worth’s public beach since Dec., 1973. They have been honored by numerous awards over the past years and spend a good deal of time and effort serving the community that welcomed the family and the restaurant so warmly.

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The Ocean Ridge Garden Club installed new officers at its annual luncheon May 7 at The Little Club. Officers are (l-r): Zoanne Hennigan, president; Stella Kolb, vice president; Helen Smith, treasurer; Penny Kosinski, corresponding secretary; and John Wootton, recording secretary. Dr. John Wootton and Steven Greenhut and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Brown received Garden of Excellence awards for their respective gardens, which the club said exemplify the highest standards of horticulture practices and show a commitment to Florida-friendly gardening practices. Photo provided

Aurora Schubert, S, and her friend Hallie Desth, S, of Delray Beach stand at the entrance of Artavox III, a celebration of local artists held at the Schoolhouse Museum in Boynton Beach. Photo by Katie Deits

A group of Delray Beach residents, city officials and staff went on a tour of 10 new signs in the city’s five historic districts. Photo provided

AT RIGHT: Carolyn Patton leads a walking tour of Delray’s historic Marina District. Photo by Mary Kate Leming

Sharon Chapman waves to the crowd gathered on the beach at the Ocean Liner Villa Apartments in Ocean Ridge on the evening of her wedding to Glenn Chapman. They treated guests (and neighbors) to fireworks as well as a tiki torch reception under the full moon. Photo by Jerry Lower

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Along the Coast

Sand in my hair, wind in my feet, and vice versa

By Mike Holliday

There’s something inherently special about walking on the beach barefoot.

Ninety percent of my reasoning for living along the coast is related to being able to feel sand between my toes. The other 10 percent toggle between an affinity for sea breezes and an aversion to insects and alligators.

In some areas, like Daytona Beach and Cocoa Beach, and many of the beaches along the west coast of Florida, the sand is composed primarily of salt crystals, along with a mixture of minerals.

In southeastern Florida, the sand mixes with other elements like coquina, worm rock and sand dollars. The finest particles of sand along the beaches in Palm Beach County are actually Appalachian quartz crystals carried from river to sea in coastal Georgia, then washed south with the alongshore currents.

The larger particles in the sand here are shell fragments, rolled constantly by the surf and mixed with the quartz until small and light enough to push onto shore.

The shells give our local beaches their burnt orange hue, much like the sand. It’s a component of the soil, as well as the floor mats in my jeep, instep in my shoes, floor in the laundry room and drain trap in every sink, bathtub and shower in the house. It’s also a frequent guest in my bed, so I guess you can say we’ve been intimate.

Sand particles adhere to my body like a bad smell sticks to a garbage can, and both require concerted effort to dislodge, although my kids have the unique ability to coax sand into jumping off them and onto inanimate objects like tables, couches and chairs. I’m quite sure it’s not a targeted effort on the sand’s part to discriminate, and the proof is on the inside of my bathing suits, each of which hold enough sand to make a Hucky Sack.

My children find sand a source of amusement and are drawn to it much like I am drawn to microbreweries. With a shovel and small bucket they can build castles that stretch their imaginations. The holes they dig serve as forts, which, once they tire of them, are easily transformed into burial plots.

My oldest daughter, who is 10, is always first in line to get buried up to her neck, a trait I personally attribute to a plot to build a sandbox in my Jeep. Once she’s uncovered, it takes all my superior adult skills of persuasion to get her to wash off before we leave. Even then, I suspect she’s smuggling sand in her suit for a quick release on the floorboards.

For all the hassle sand can produce, its pleasantness makes a warm, sunny day at the beach as much a lifestyle as a love. For without our sand, we’d just be hanging out on the jetty.

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here,” she says. “It’s gorgeous out here early in the morning, and to see what’s come out of the ocean at night is just really cool.”

Lorne was brought to the cause by her daughter, Jackie, a marine biologist and one of 11 men and women in Palm Beach County who hold monitoring permits issued by the state Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Where the Lornes leave off, John Fletemeyer takes over. A research professor in coastal studies at Florida International University, Fletemeyer has monitored Delray Beach’s turtle nests for 25 years.

“We get an average of 250 nests a year on the 2.5 miles of Delray Beach,” he said as the sun peeped over the horizon one recent morning. “Ninety-six percent of them are loggerheads, with just a handful of greens and leatherbacks.”

When Fletemeyer first began monitoring, he walked the beach. Now he, too, uses an ATV.

“In the past 25 years, I’ve seen a slight decline in the nesting population,” he said. “There seems to be a slight increase now, but 25 years is really too short a span to tell what’s actually going on.”

Phil Stone was a Lantana lifeguard when he started guarding sea turtle nests. Now he holds a permit for the stretch of sand between the Ritz-Carlton hotel and the Boynton Inlet.

“To get out early in the morning and ride an ATV on the beach — hey, the only people who get to do that are lifeguards, law enforcement and me,” he says.

Ripping down the sand not long ago, Stone stopped to scoop up a Mylar “Happy Birthday” balloon, one of a surprising number that seem to wash ashore from coastal parties and cruise ships.

“The turtles mistake them for jelly fish and eat them,” he explained.

The Lornes report finding two dead turtles on their stretch of sand, a green and a hawksbill. Autopsied at the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center in Boca Raton, both were found to have ingested plastic.

Threatened by foxes, raccoons, poachers and Mylar balloons, sea turtles face outrageous odds simply trying to survive.

After laying their eggs, the mothers return to the ocean, leaving the hatchlings to find their own way to the sea. Instinctively, they are drawn to the moonlight on the water, but the lights from nearby homes, passing cars and the “urban glow” of cities can disorient them.

“Sea turtles need a dark beach,” says Meghan Koperski, an environmental specialist with the FWC. “If you live on the coast, that doesn’t mean you have to black out every light on your property, but you do have to manage it so it isn’t visible on the beach. And it’s not only hatchlings who get disoriented. Nesting females can also become lost on the way to lay their eggs.”

The odds are not good. According to the Loggerhead Marinelife Center of Juno Beach, only about one in every 1,000 to one in every 10,000 hatchlings reaches adulthood.

But for volunteers like Phil Stone, that’s all the more reason to give them the best chance possible.

“There’s a great sense of satisfaction in knowing that I’m helping one of Florida’s endangered species,” he says. “Most of the tourists who come here won’t see any turtles, but if you dive off Florida’s beaches, you’re going to see turtles. And that’s because we’ve helped protect them.”

For information about joining a moonlight walking tour — and maybe even a seeing a nesting turtle — contact these organizations:

Marinelife Center of Juno Beach
Loggerhead Park, 14200 U.S. 1, Juno Beach, FL 33408. Reservations accepted by phone at (561) 627-8280.

John D. MacArthur Beach State Park Nature Center
10900 State Road A1A, North Palm Beach (Singer Island) Reservations accepted by phone at (561) 624-6952.

Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, Boca Raton
1801 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Tickets must be purchased in person. Call (561) 338-1473.

Source: Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission
Loggerhead
Florida’s most common sea turtle, the loggerhead, is named for its large head. It grows to a length of 3 feet, can weigh 200 to 250 pounds, and is a threatened species.
The loggerhead nests from April to September.

How you can help protect sea turtles
Avoid visiting sea turtle nesting beaches at night, unless accompanied by a guide permitted by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
Do not disturb or handle sea turtles, their eggs or their nests. All are violations of both federal and state laws.
Report all dead, injured or stranded turtles and hatchlings, or anyone harassing/molesting sea turtles or their nests, to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Law Enforcement at 1-888-404-FWCC (3922).
Prevent all lights from illuminating or being visible from the beach, including security lights, balcony and porch lights, flashlights and car headlights.
Dispose of your trash properly, picking up any plastics and fishing line.
Cooperate with local groups monitoring sea turtles by not disturbing nest markers. Do not cover sea turtle tracks or mark nests yourself, unless you have a marine turtle permit from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.
Source: Palm Beach County Dept. of Environmental Resources Management.

Leatherback
Named for its smooth and rubbery shell, the leatherback weighs between 700 and 1,500 pounds and nests from March through July. The leatherback is an endangered species.

Green
With a greenish color to its body fat, the female green turtle weighs about 300 pounds and grows to 304 feet long. They nest from May through September. The green is also an endangered species.
Source: Loggerhead Marinelife Center of Juno Beach

Know your sea turtles
A loggerhead turtle returns to the ocean after laying her eggs and burying them on the beach in Ocean Ridge. Photos by Jerry Lower

Phil Stone’s ATV not only has the tools of the trade, many wooden stakes with warning signs already attached, and a shovel, it also sports a sea turtle figurine on the front.

Leatherbacks can leave tracks more than 7 feet wide. These found in the south end of Delray Beach were almost 6 feet wide.
Summer’s Here

By Jan Norris

Here’s an easy Father’s Day gift: Clip this article and slip it inside a nice new charcoal grill. Sure: He’s got a gas one already, but a real wood-and-charcoal fire is the fuel of choice for making great ribs — at least according to three pro ribs we talked to.

Their tips parallel with only a few differences. Key words are **know, low and slow.**

First, you have to know your meats, said Rufus Allen, of Rufus Ribs. He sells his from a white trailer set up first Saturday in Boynton Beach off Federal Highway. Find him there on the weekends.

*Choose your meats. Don’t go with just what’s on sale or in the supermarket.*

I buy IBM ribs from Sam’s Club. “They’re consistent and he knows what he’s getting,” he said. He uses a pork tenderloin for shredded pork. “It shreds better.”

Clean them and then marinate them. “I have a special marinade — it’s a secret. But I don’t use any water. That’s very important: no water! Water is what creates those flare-ups and that burns the meat.”

Then it’s on to the low fire. Building the fire is a crucial element.

“I use red oak and charcoal. Don’t use any lighter fluid at all, because you can taste it in the meat. Just use lighter wood or crumpled paper to start it under the wood. The object is to get the heat and smoke to come from the bottom of the cooker — not the top of the fire,” he said. “You don’t want to burn them or cook so fast they’re not done on the inside.”

The rack should be set well above the smoldering wood.

Finally, take it slow. “Meat should cook at around 220 degrees — that’s a slow fire — for about 2 1/2 hours. I turn them maybe once. None of this 20 to 30 minutes stuff.”

**Grill cleaning tips**

One of the biggest problems home grillers have is cooking on a dirty grill. Whether gas or charcoal, the residue from previous dinners shouldn’t be on the grates. Buildup of grease on gas grates can mean uneven and unsafe cooking.

Clean the grates: The best time to do it, Troy Davis of Troy’s BarBQ said, is when the grill is still hot after cooking. Use a wire brush to scrub the grates clean, and crumpled newspaper to wipe them off. If they’re so charred with grease and sugar buildup, an oven cleaner can work, but use it on cold grates and never over a flame.

Clean gas jets by disconnecting the gas, and disassembling down to the actual jets. Use a scrubber to clean grease debris and the fittings.

Burn off residue on lava rocks by placing them on top of the grate and heating them till coal hot. Allow to cool and wipe off any ash. Replace the rocks if buildup is severe.

Burn a fire in the grill for 30 minutes before adding foods after cleaning, so any residue from cleaning products is burned off.

Clean the grill after every use to make cleanup easier.

**The next big thing is the fire.** “I use real wood charcoal. You don’t want the fire too hot. It’s actually dangerous because the outside of the meat will cook and the inside won’t be done.”

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**Photos by Tim Stepien**

Marcus Carver

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“First, get the fire just right. You don’t want a flame — no flames, just smoke.”

But meat choice matters. “Get good ribs. I use three-and-a-half-down spareribs,” he said, referring to a butcher’s designation of size.

“They go up to five- and six-down. You don’t want them that big — the bone is too big in them.”

These are most recognizable as a St. Louis-style sparerib, he said, much preferred to baby backs for long and slow cooking. He cleans the ribs by soaking them in a combination of cider vinegar and water. This tenderizes them and cleans the fat in the pork, he said.

For cooking, he’s in line with the others: “I use a combination of charcoal and oak. I don’t have a thermometer on the big smoker outside. You do it a while and you know the heat’s right. I keep it around 350, 375: a normal heat, with vents in the smoker — you have to have vents. And I cook with the hood down to keep the smoke in and keep the meat tender and falling off the bone.”

There’s another element, he said. “You’ve got to have TLC: tender, loving care. You’ve got to watch them while they cook, you can’t walk off and leave them. I turn them consistently — I cook 25 to 40 slabs at a time — and baste them every 15 or 20 minutes. It’s a long, slow process, but that’s the only way to get tender ribs.

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The result is great texture and flavor. A tender, smoky flavored rib that’s moist and needs no other flavor is the goal.

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“A good rib doesn’t need anything on it,” Davis said. Allen agrees. “Mine are so good, I put you: *You can’t eat just one.*”

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Standing a hundred yards from the Atlantic Ocean, enjoying the balmy breeze, cold beer and good conversation, I had this thought: "Why don't I do this more often?"

Now this may qualify as a "duh" moment to many of you, so I'll go even further to contend if you haven't taken a six-pack to the beach, you are not a true Floridian. It's a simple pleasure, but a good one. I must admit it was difficult deciding what summer beers to feature for this article. There are dozens of summer beers on the shelves these days. It seems almost every brewery in America—from A-B to Z Street Brewing—has come up with a quenching warm weather quaff.

A few years ago, I would have scoffed at talk of 'summer beers' and just told you to go out and find a beer you like, whatever the weather. But things change. I will still stick to my guns in pointing out beers such as Belgian Wits and German Hefeweizens are natural summertime suds, and if you find a couple of good ones you like, you need look no further.

But of course, I did, and selected for review beers from across the summertime spectrum.

With eight intrepid tasters on board, we took to sampling six different beers of summer and came away with some surprising results. We rated each on a 10-point scale. And while it came out on top in points, only one panelist listed it as her favorite of the bunch.

The beers we tried were (from left) Sea Dog Raspberry Wheat, Native Lager, Shock Top Belgian White, Harpoon Summer Beer, Franziskaner Weiss Beer and Dale's Pale Ale.

Franziskaner Weiss Beer:

Average score 5.4

This German Hefeweizen, with flavors of cloves and banana from the yeast, comes from Munich's oldest brewery, and my guess is it would garner more respect in a more "beer nerdy" environment. We made a Hefe fan out of two of the panelists though, so it wasn't a total loss.

Comments: "I really liked this one. It was light, but had a full flavor. I would buy this and drink it on a hot day..." "Hated this beer, tasted like Double Bubble bubble gum..." "Love the clove aroma."

Native Lager:

Average score 5.6

Brewed "specifically for Florida," Native Lager would seem to be a natural summer quencher. While it claims to have "NO aftertaste," our panel was coming up with "orange, citrus, fruity," definitely NOT what the makers are looking for. (My guess is some tasters were actually identifying the hops as fruit, which isn't a stretch, since many hops have a citrusy flavor.)

Comments: "It does taste like fresh raspberries, especially those first sips." "This tasted more like an alcoholic Mister-Misty."

Dale's Pale Ale:

Average score 6.0

Dale's Pale Ale is "America's first hand-canned craft beer." It's not really what you might consider a summer beer, except for the fact that being in a can makes it more nature friendly in outdoor pursuits. Our group recognized the quality, but wasn't entirely sold.

Comments: "Easy for camping, floating in the pool and on the beach...but too strong for me." "This is a fine beer, rich color, nice aroma."

Harpoon Summer Beer:

Average score 5.8

Brewed in the Kolsch style of Cologne, Germany, but with an American twist, Harpoon Summer Beer is meant to be mild in flavor with a crisp, dry finish, but our tasters were all over the map. Generally, let's just say the men preferred this more than the women did.

Comments: "Crisp, hoppy, refreshing...this would be great on a hot, sticky day..." "At first taste I thought of lemon dish soap..." "Too sweet for me."

Shock Top Belgian White:

Average score 6.07

The guys at Anheuser-Busch win this one by a nose! Shock Top is an Americanized version of a Belgian Wit, brewed with orange, lemon and lime peels and coriander, with the latter spice taking the lead in aroma. And while it came out on top in points, only one panelist listed it as her favorite of the bunch.

Comments: "This would be a fine beer to drink one of right after trimming the hedge or washing the car..." "The first taste of this beer reminded me of a mix of Bud and Nehi orange soda..." "A bit too fizzy and left me burping."

Conclusions? It’s easy to see no one beer was a runaway favorite, and only your taste buds can tell which would suit you best. I favored the Harpoon for a summer offering, but have been a fan of the Kolsch style.

More research is needed. Perhaps we can turn this into a summer beer series. Meet you at the beach. I’ll bring the beer.

By Dan “the Beer Man” Oliver

Dan Oliver is a local beer lover who writes about his favorite brews. He is a member of the Palm Beach Draughtsmen homebrew club.

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Hurricane preparedness

Hurricane season is here; be ready for warnings

By Mary Thurwachter

Those of us who live on barrier islands are vulnerable to the storm surges hurricanes bring. Which means, when a hurricane warning is issued, it’s time to skedaddle.

“We go by the state of Florida guidelines,” says Diane Spears, park manager in Briny Breezes. “The first to go are people in mobile home courts and people on barrier islands — and that’s us!”

Regardless of what kind of building you live in, islanders are subject to evacuations as hurricanes close in.

When you leave the island, take blankets, pillows, food, water, flashlights, rain gear, changes of clothing, medicine and prescription drugs, portable radio and reading material to the shelter. Plan to be away from home a minimum of 48 hours.

How do you know when it’s time to go?

Keep tuned into TV and radio news, local authorities say. And when you go, be sure to take an ID like a driver’s license with your island address on it so authorities will let you come back over the bridge when the storm passes.

Manalapan Police Chief Clay Walker advises residents to pick up a pass at the Police Department. Many summer residents also work here. With a pass, they’ll have an easier time returning home after the storm.

Ocean Ridge Police Lt. Chris Yannuzzi advises residents to arrange lodging with friends or relatives on the mainland, west of I-95, if possible. You also could book a room at a sturdy hotel, but make reservations as soon as you hear of a hurricane watch because rooms will be hard to come by when the storm gets closer.

Evacuation routes are via the Linton Boulevard Bridge, Atlantic Avenue Bridge, George Bush Boulevard Bridge, Woolbright Road Bridge, the Ocean Ridge Ocean Avenue Bridge, and Lantana Bridge (Ocean Avenue).

The bridges will be raised and lowered as required for the flow of boat traffic until the wind reaches 35 miles per hour, and then they will be secured in a closed position and bridge tenders will not be in attendance during the storm. If you need to move a boat, you should do it at the first hurricane watch notice of the storm.

If you need a shelter, here are several to consider:

- Park Vista High School, 7905 Jog Road, Boynton Beach
- Boynton Beach High, 4975 Park Ridge Blvd., Boynton Beach
- Atlantic High School, 2455 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach
- and Forest Hill High School, 6901 Parker Ave., West Palm Beach.

Check with hurricane guides published by local daily newspapers (Palm Beach Post, South Florida Sun-Sentinel) in June for an expanded list of shelter locations.

Source: NOAA’s National Hurricane Center
MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: Howard Schnellenberger

Howard Schnellenberger proved to be one of football’s enduring coaching figures. An all-America tight end at the University of Kentucky, Schnellenberger went on to complete his playing career with stints at Hamilton and Vancouver in the Canadian Football League and in the U.S. Army.

After his military service ended, both his college coaches called him to work as an assistant. First was Blanton Collier, who was “renowned for the great detail that goes into coaching,” Schnellenberger says. Then came Paul “Bear” Bryant at Alabama, where Schnellenberger played a prominent role in bringing marquee offensive players such as Joe Namath, Steve Sloan, Richard Todd and Ken Stabler to the Crimson Tide.

In 1959, after I had played in the Army, where I played in the Canadian Football League and after two years in the University of Oklahoma, I went to the University of Louisville. Howard Schnellenberger called by Coach Bryant and I stayed with him for two years. Then I was called by Coach Bryant, who asked me to go to Alabama. I was there for the 1961, ’64 and ’65 national championships. We were one of the few programs that had a pro-style attack, and Coach Bryant saw where that would be important.

Q. Where did you grow up and go to school? How do you think that background has influenced you?
A. I’m from Louisville, Ky. I went to Flager High School, a brand-new Catholic high school at the time there, and was coached by Paul Miller, who had just come from the military. He had developed an offensive scheme at Iowa Prelight that was too hard for most high school teams to handle. He may be the first guy who gave me the great feeling of being in a building position. He took the approach that we’d travel anywhere to play the best teams in the country.

Q. When, where and how did you start coaching?
A. I went to the University of Kentucky, where I had been recruited by Paul “Bear” Bryant, who left after my sophomore year. Blanton Collier, a brilliant coach who is known for being a coach’s coach, came back home and took over the team when Coach Bryant left. In 1959, after I had played in the Canadian Football League and after two years in the Army, where I played football, I was called by Coach Collier and I stayed with him for two years. Then I was called by Coach Bryant, who asked me to go to Alabama. I was there for the 1961, ’64 and ’65 national championships. We were one of the few programs that had a pro-style attack, and Coach Bryant saw where that would be important.

Q. Have you had mentors in your life?
A. If you can be as lucky as I have been, being taught by some of the great football minds in the country as I was, you’d have to be an idiot to not succeed.

Q. What is your favorite part of the job?
A. When you start a football program, as we did, there’s no tradition, so you tend to get a different kind of kid who wants to play for you — kids who want to give rather than receive. When you get a team of 85 givers against 85 takers, you’ll usually win more than you lose. Spring practice is a good time for me. It’s a pure time for teaching and making young men into football warriors. There really aren’t any bad things about my job.

Q. What advice would you give a young person selecting a career today?
A. I advise what my dad told me: Tie yourself to the best in the profession. If you’re going to be an eye doctor, you want to tie yourself to the best medical schools, the best programs. As I lecture to young coaches and others about keeping our great sport alive, it’s our responsibility to teach those who follow us. It’s like a mile relay team and I liken it to passing the torch.

Q. How did you choose to make your home in Ocean Ridge?
A. We had kept a home in Miami Lakes when we moved to Oklahoma, and my three children lived down there. When I left Oklahoma and decided to become a bond salesman, I thought it would be easier to build a career in South Florida, so I returned. When President Cantaneese called, commuting from Miami Lakes wasn’t appealing and we’d always talked about being on the water. Most importantly, our children and grandchildren were nearby.

Q. What’s your favorite part of living in Ocean Ridge?
A. Our home in Ocean Ridge is 13 miles from FAU and 11 of them are on A1A. I go to work before sunup and return home after twilight. Making that trip at twilight is magical. It’s living in paradise.

Q. What book are you reading now?
A. I don’t have much time to read, I’ve had a little shoulder problem, so I try to do a little swimming when I can. We’ve been talking about riding bicycles and on the weekend we get the chance to spend some time with our children and grandchildren.

Q. If there were a movie to be made about your life, who would you like to play your role?
A. John Wayne, I guess, but that would be presumptuous on my part.

Q. What makes you smile?
A. What would make me smile would be the announcement that we were going to go to the bond house to start the financing on our own stadium (at FAU).
May 30 - June 6

Saturday - 5/30 - Snorkel Tour to the S.S. Inchulva will be held at the South end of Delray Beach, 400 S Ocean Blvd. 9 am. Rain date 5/31. 279-0008.

5/30 - Instant Guitar will be taught for ages 12 and older at the Boynton Beach Art Center, 115 SE 2nd Ave., Boynton Beach. Bring your acoustic guitar and in just a few hours learn basic chords and begin playing along to your favorite songs. $28 (materials fee will be collected by instructor, Jerry Tyler. 9:30 am - Noon. Class fee is $25 (students), $50 (non-residents). Register at Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 742-6437 or www.instantguitarmm.com.

5/30 - Health and Wellness Resource Fair is held in recognition of Mental Health Awareness month by the Mental Health Association of Palm Beach County. Fair will feature health screenings, seminars, free food, games, a supervised bounce house and resource materials. 10 am - 2 pm. Event held at The Mental Health Association, 100 Fen Street, West Palm Beach. 697-0556.

5/30 - Culinary Container Gardening - Learn about growing container herb gardens indoor or out at the Gumbio Limbo Center, 1801 N Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. 11 am-12:30 pm. Reservations required - adults only $15, $10 members, $15 non-members. (561) 228-1573.

5/30 - Young Adult Movie Event - Twilight - includes a Look-Alike contest with picture opportunities and light snacks, presented by Ya Librarian Luisa Memendez-Cuesta at the Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. 1:40 pm. Free. 266-9490 and 266-0194.

5/30 - Vegetarian Delights Cooking Lesson is offered by chef Lauren Jo Keys at the Ocean Ave. Green Market, 400 E. Boynton Beach Blvd., Boynton Beach. 3 pm. $20/lesson or $55/lesson plus meal for two. RSVP: 772-4978.

5/30 - VOX is held the last Saturday of the month at Gazz's Coffee Gallery, 2275 S Federal Hwy, Delray Beach. First 10 storytellers compete for prizes. Come early to get a seat. Make your voice heard by telling a brief story or life experience. Event is sponsored by the South Florida Storytelling Project. 6 pm. Free. 297-0042 or cmoile@fau.edu.

6/1 - Ocean Ridge Town Commission Meeting is held the first Monday of each month at Ocean Ridge Town Hall, 6450 N Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. 6 pm. Agenda available at www.oceanrideforum.com.

6/1 - U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 34 meets the first Monday of each month at Boynton Beach Boat Park, 2010 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. Boaters and non-boaters welcome. 6 pm. 993-0100.


6/2 - Living By the Launched: Memories of Apollo 11 - Visit the Schoolhouse Children’s Museum’s summer exhibit to see shuttle model replicas, space suits over the years, and celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing - and the 51st anniversary of NASA. 10 am - 5 pm. Museum is at 129 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Free with admission 742-6397.

6/2 - Coral Reef Shark Feedings are held each Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday at Sandoway Reef Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. Feeding begins at 10 am. Discover what Atlantic Ocean reef fish, nurse sharks, and gray lobsters eat for breakfast. Free with $4 admission to the nature center. 734-7393 or www.sandowayreef.com.

6/2 - Are You Off Balance? Do You Fall? - Understanding Fall and Prevention is presented by Stuart A. Getahun, M.D., as part of the Community Lecture Series at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, Clayton Conference Center, Boynton Beach. 4:30 pm. Free. Call 731-2273.

6/3 - End of School Gaming Party - Students in grades 6-12 are invited to celebrate the end of the school year at a video gaming party at the Boynton Beach City Library, 201 S. Swinton Ave., Boynton Beach. 6-7:30 pm. Free. 742-6196.

6/3 - Sizzlin' Summer Fun Beach Tennis League is played on Wednesday evenings on the sand volley courts at Downtown Park, 6451 N. Ocean Blvd., Ocean Ridge. Begins 6/3 - 8/17. Games at 6 am & 6:30 pm. $25/non-residents, $20/residents 10 and older. Players required to provide own racket. League features a 30-week round robin schedule with the final two weeks as playoffs. Must pre-register at Intracoastal Park Clubhouse, 2240 N. Federal Hwy., Boynton Beach. 742-6650.

Wednesday - 6/3 - Family Night at the Park is held at Catherine Swirg Splashes Park, 1500 SW 66th St. Delray Beach. 4:30 - 6:30 pm. 243-7194.

6/3 - Melanoma & Other Types of Skin Cancer: What You Need to Know - presented by Elis Gottfriedt, M.D., as part of the Community Lecture Series at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, Clayton Conference Center, Boynton Beach. 4:30 pm. Free. Call 731-2273.

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6/4 - Surgical Weight Reduction Symposium - presented by Miguel Lopez-Vega, M.D., Medical Director of the Bethesda Center for Surgical Weight Reduction, as part of the Community Lecture Series at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, Clayton Conference Center, Boynton Beach. 6:30 pm. Free. 737-7333 ext. 4688.

Friday - 6/5 - Founder's Day at the Flagler Museum - Enjoy a trip to the museum in honor of the Museum’s founder, Henry Flagler. 10-11 am. Free. 565-9473.

6/5 - 6/7 - Pre-K Fun with Food: Donut Day - Fish and their families will enjoy a reading of If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Donal Naih while fun activities are planned. No charge. 10 am. 565-9473.

6/6 - 6/7 - Free Family Night at the Schoolhouse Children’s Museum, Boynton Beach. Discover Florida’s pioneer past by milking the cow, riding the train, delivering the mail, exploring the general store and much more - all from the comfort of the historic 1913 schoolhouse. 5-8 pm. Free. 742-6785.

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6/7 - 6/13 - A Night of Storytelling is held the last Saturday of every month at the Old Key Lime House on May 2. The tournament benefited local charities and organizations. Eligible species included kingfish, dolphin and wahoo. Photo by Mary Kate Leming

ABOVE: The Lake Worth Pier reopened last month, nearly four years after it was damaged by Hurricane Wilma. LEFT: Josh Klein and Scott Sanders weigh and record entries in the fishing contest held to mark the reopening. Photos by Jerry Lower

BELOW: Lantana held its 15th Annual Fishing Derby at the Old Key Lime House on May 2. The tournament benefited local charities and organizations. Eligible species included kingfish, dolphin and wahoo. Photo by Mary Kate Leming

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6/8 - Judo Program presented by the Boynton Beach Recreation and Parks Department moves for the summer to Boynton Beach Community High School, 4975 Park Ridge Blvd., Boynton Beach. 6:30 pm. $30. 266-4231.

6/8 - Lantana Council meetings are held on the second & fourth Mondays of each month at the Lantana Town Hall, 500 Gymnastics Circle. Meetings begin at 7 pm. Agenda available at www.lantana.org.

6/8 - Israeli Scouts Friendship Caravan Gefen 2009 performs Israeli songs and dances at Old School Park, 219, Seacrest Ave., Delray Beach at 8:30 pm. 496-0549.

6/8 - British Challenger Sports Soccer Camp is hosted at the Lee Point Community Center, 701 N. Seacrest Ave., Boynton Beach. Each day includes high-level soccer coaching from a team of international experts. 9-11 am. Ages 6-14 (as of 5/31). $185-residents, $230-non-residents. 742-4321.

6/9 - Ocean Discovery Summer Day Camp begins at Sandoway House Nature Center, 142 S. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. Ocean and sea life activities for ages 4-11 on Monday-Friday, 9 am-5 pm. 2750 per child. 274-7265.

6/9 - Princess Day Camp begins as part of Dance Trends Summer Programs at the Boynton Beach Civic Center, 228 E. Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. Ages 4-10 am. $65-week. 266-4240.

6/9 - Summer Sports Clinic for Kids challenges kids in a variety of sports to keep them active and healthy during the summer months. 9 am-noon, Monday-Friday. 266-0194.

6/9 - Writers’ Corner - Free manuscript critique and multi-media art exhibit presented by Milagro Center for Creativity & Design. Adults are free. Space is limited. 742-6390.

6/9 - 2nd Annual Milagro Center Showcase: A Celebration of Emerging Stars is held at Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Performance and multimedia art exhibit presented by Milagro Center students followed by strolling dinner and music. 5:30 pm. 266-4900 or 266-0794.

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June 14-20
Sunday - 6/14 - Music at St. Paul's - Sunday, 6/14, 1-5 pm. $2, plus admission to the museum. You’ll have the opportunity to make your own ice cream and enjoy ice cream at the Schoolhouse Children’s Museum, Boynton Beach. Come on down to explore, learn, discover and craft at the Schoolhouse Children’s Museum, Boynton Beach. You’ll have the opportunity to make your own ice cream and learn all about the cool, sweet treat. 1-5 pm. $2, plus admission to the museum. 742-6781.

Monday - 6/15 - Summer Camp - Monday through Friday, 9 am - 4 pm. July 5 through August 20. $250/week with $10 application fee. Camps divided by age. 297-3820 or 954-243-7194.

Tuesday - 6/16 – Pre-K Fun with Fins: Florida Flora & Fauna - Tuesday, 6/16, 9 am - 4 pm. $25. Pre-K ages 2-5. Children in grades K-5 can explore the wonders of motion and gravity in a fun-filled, hands-on science program presented by Hightop Tidgetch at the Boynton Beach City Library. The program is part of the Summer Reading Club 2009 theme of the Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Knopp by Rick Yancey will be presented by Young Adult Librarian Lauren Menendez-Carr as at the Delray Beach Public Library. 4 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.


Thursday - 6/18 – Dine Out For A Cause - Thursday, 6/18, 5-9 pm at Coal Fried Pizza & Pasta, 9 SE 7th Ave., Delray Beach. Join celebrity chef and former mayor Jeff Chappell at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 1101 NW 2nd St., Delray Beach. Benefits the Delray Beach Public Library. Reserve your table at 278-6003. $2.50 plus admission to the museum. 742-6781.

Friday - 6/19 – Pre-K Fun with Fins: Florida Flora & Fauna - Friday, 6/19, 9 am - 12 pm at Wilson Park, 211 NW 12th Ave., Boynton Beach. Kids ages 4-8 can explore the wonders of motion and gravity in a fun-filled, hands-on science program presented by Hightop Tidgetch at the Boynton Beach City Library. The program is part of the Summer Reading Club 2009 theme of the Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Knopp by Rick Yancey will be presented by Young Adult Librarian Lauren Menendez-Carr as at the Delray Beach Public Library. 4 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

Saturday - 6/20 – Be Creative With Science - Saturday, 6/20, 10 am at Palm Beach Public Library, 5100 N. Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. Kids ages 6-13 enjoy field trips to nature trails, gardens, arts & crafts, swimming, gardening and more. 7:30 am - 10:30 pm. $5. $3 for two week session. 243-7194.

Sunday - 6/21 - Crime Investigation During the Gilded Age Summer Camp begins at the Flagler Museum, One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach. 6-8th grade. Monday-Friday, 9 am - 4 pm. $200. 655-2833.

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6/23 - Young Adult Movie Night - The Day the Earth Stood Still - will be presented by VR Library Loans Memorial Garden at the Delray Beach Public Library. 6 p.m. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

6/23 - Young Adult Movie Night - 'Drop in and Use' a Youth in the Children's Room at the Boynton Beach City Library. All supplies will be provided. Children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or chaperone at all times while visiting the library. 4–7 p.m. Free. 742-6390.

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Thursday - 6/26, Betty Reeves Town Commission Meeting is normally held the 4th Thursday of each month at 4 p.m. The meeting will be held at Betty Reeves Town Hall, 4040 N Ocean Blvd., Boynton Beach. Agenda available at www.boyntonbeachfl.gov.

6/25 - Hit & Run on the Avenue - Beach officers take a turn playing Atlantic Drive in Delray Beach. Open house for artists, art galleries and shops. Live entertainment. 6–9 p.m. Free. 742-1080.

6/25 - Exhibit Opening: BABIEC'S Back and She's 50! - Through October 25 at the Cor nell Museum of Art & American Culture, Old School Square, 51 N. Santovane Ave., Delray Beach. See hundreds of dolls and accessories that celebrate BABIEC in all her cultures and careers since she made her debut in 1959. Opening reception 7–9 p.m. 524-2392.

Friday - 6/26 - Pre-K Fun with Food: Making Ice Cream - Kids and their families will enjoy learning how to make this cool summer treat the old-fashioned way at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, Boynton Beach. Pre-K ages 2–5. 10:30 a.m. $5. Sponsorship for this event is available. 742-6785.

Friday - 6/26 - 1st stop on the 4th of July Parades is Petaluma, California. 7/4 - Lantana Fireworks - Lantana Fireworks will be held 10:45 a.m - noon. Guided tours of 13 must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or chaperone at all times while visiting the library. 3:30–4:30 p.m. Free. 742-6390.

Thursday - 7/2 - Surgical Weight Reduction Symposium - presented by Virgil Lopez, M.D., Medical Director of the Bethesda Center for Surgical Weight Reduction, as part of the Community Lecture Series at Bethesda Memorial Hospital, Gateway Conference Center, Boynton Beach. 6:30 p.m. Free. Call Sandy Anisi, 737-7733 ext. 4688.

Friday - 7/3 - Pre-K Make & Take: 4th of July! - Kids and their families will enjoy making fireworks crafts in this patriotic program at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, Boynton Beach. Pre-K ages 2–5. 10:30 a.m. Noon. $5 plus admission to the museum. 742-6782.

7/4 - Free Family Night at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, Boynton Beach. Discover Florida's pioneer past by exploring the museum and learning more about the sweeping changes that shaped our society. 5–8 p.m. Free. 742-6785.

7/4 - Telescope Talk - A Story: Children ages 5–9 become pioneers to the planets during the 4th of July at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum. Museum, Boynton Beach. Pre-K ages 2–5. 10:30 a.m. $5. Sponsorship for this event is available. 742-6785.

Monday - 6/8 - Sandra Balza speaks and signs "The Other Mrs. Miller," a novel of Lieut. Lee Grable and Tatut off at Murder on the Beach Bookstore, 273 NE 2nd Ave., Delray Beach. 7-8 p.m. Free. 279-1380 or www.murderonthebeach.com.

Saturday - 6/6 - Discover Kayaking at Intracoastal Park, Federal Highway & Intra-Coastal, Boynton Beach. Beginner lessons for adults and youth 10 and older will be held 10:05–noon. Guided kayak tours for adults are held 2–10:30 am. $10-20 residents, $13-25 non-residents. Equipment includes a ring, hat, sunscreen, bottled water, and water sandals. Pre-registration required. 742-6650.

Sunday - 6/7 - Family Fun Program: Bow Wow Dog Pet is presented at The Monki Japanese Museum and Gardens, 4000 Monki Park Road, Delray Beach. Delray Beach. Explore the culture through hands-on crafts and arts, 11 am–4 pm. Free with paid admission to the museum. 495-0233.

Monday - 6/8 - Afternoon Book Group - The Gift of Jane Johnson will be presented by Librarian Kathleen Hinessan at the Delray Beach Library. 1 pm. Free. 266-9490 or 266-0194.

6/8 - Safety First - Join Boynton Beach Police Department K-9 officer Andrea Helft at the Monki Japanese Museum, and Gardens, 4000 Monki Park Rd., Delray Beach. Noon, 1 pm, 2 pm, $5. Reservations required for groups of 10 or more. Individual reservations not required. 495-0233.

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Tuesday - 6/9 - Safety First For Teens - Boynton Beach Police Officer Kellman for some safety tips and parents are encouraged to attend. 10 am – 12 pm. Free. 742-6782.

Tuesday - 6/9 - Video Games, Board Games & Card Games - Students in grades 6–12 are invited to attend weekly gaming sessions throughout the summer at the Boynton Beach City Library. Video games will alternate bi-weekly with board & card games. 2:30–4 p.m. Free. 742-6390.

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Thursday - 6/11 - Betty Reeves Town Commission Meeting is normally held the 4th Thursday of each month at 4 p.m. The meeting will be held at Betty Reeves Town Hall, 4040 N Ocean Blvd., Boynton Beach. Agenda available at www.boyntonbeachfl.gov.
How prayer would manifest in a municipal setting was my question when I learned that Delray Beach would host a National Day of Prayer observance in front of City Hall.

The event, celebrated nationwide on the first Thursday each May, was established by Congress to encourage Americans to pray for our nation, its people and its leaders.

Delray’s announcement of two “interdenominational” public prayer events resonated with me. For the first, citizens gathered at City Hall at noon on a chamber of commerce day as they have for more than a decade.

And that’s the problem, said Geoff Kashdan. I had just finished telling two city commissioners of my appreciation for the city’s support of the event when he strolled up to greet me.

The self-described “progressive activist” stressed that he was not speaking on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union, or the Americans United for Separation of Church and State, for which he has advocated in the past.

But he said there’s a concern “when public property such as city hall is used. Especially if it’s used by one religion, which gives the appearance of municipal or governmental sponsorship of that one religion. So I’m just here to watch, learn, listen and monitor.”

I understand that slippery slope, and the influences that want to define America as a Christian nation. It is that, of course. But also, as our praying president has said, a nation of many faiths and home to people of no particular faith.

Two later events I attended better lived up to the interdenominational billing. I left a joyous musical prayer circle, on Lake Worth’s beach, to head to Delray’s Duncan Conference Center for “Many Paths — One God: Celebrating our Unity in Diversity.”

Smiles and hugs were even more in abundance at that gathering, sponsored by the Delray Beach Interfaith Clergy Association. The warmth was even more encouraging given the diversity: prayers in the Jewish, Christian, Muslim, African-American, Christian Science, Baha’i, Buddhist, Hindu and other traditions. Benedictions in English, Hebrew, Arabic, Creole and Spanish.

Throughout the day, one could imagine scoffing from the haters of religion, and haters in the name of religion. They should talk to Addie Lee Hudson.

“It brings us closer together as a people,” the retired educator told me after she had delivered the “Prayer For Our Schools” at City Hall. “And it reaffirms our belief that there is a God. Not a God for one group of people, but a God for all of us.”

Her focus on unity underscores why those who trust in prayer should trust that we can’t pray enough.

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Dominic Paul DiMaggio

By Ron Hayes

OCEAN RIDGE — His older brother was “Joltin’ Joe,” the baseball legend with the 56-game hitting streak. He was the “Little Professor,” the 5-foot-9 center fielder with spectacles. But in the hearts of Red Sox fans, Dom DiMaggio was as big a hero, and a nicer man.

A seasonal resident of Pelican Cove for more than 20 years, Mr. DiMaggio died May 7 at his summer home in Marion, Mass., while watching the Red Sox beat Cleveland 13-3. He was 92 and had been suffering from pneumonia. “He was in a hurry but he knew what was going on,” said Emily DiMaggio, his wife of 60 years. “You could tell that right away on his face that he was pleased.”

Signed to the Red Sox in 1940, Mr. DiMaggio enlisted in the U.S. Navy after the 1942 season, then returned to the team in 1946. He retired in 1953 as a .298 career hitter. He batted .300 four times and led the American League in runs twice and triples and stolen bases once each. He was a member of the Red Sox Hall of Fame and still holds the team hitting record of 34 consecutive games in 1949. That number doesn’t approach his older brother’s all-time 56-game hitting streak of 1941, but the fans in Fenway Park retaliated with a ditty:

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The family requested in lieu of flowers that

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DiMaggio’s memory may be

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After leaving baseball, Mr. DiMaggio founded a company that manufactured automobile upholstery.

He was a supporter of the

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Pediatric Oncology Support Team at St. Mary’s Medical Center and hosted golf tournaments both in Massachusetts and Palm Beach County for these and other charities.

In addition to his wife, Mr. DiMaggio is survived by two sons, Dominic Jr., of Atkinson, N.H., and Peter of Westford, Mass.; a daughter, Emily of Wayland, Mass.; six grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. A funeral Mass was held May 11 in Wellesley, Mass. Donations in Mr. DiMaggio’s memory may be made to the DiSanctis Clinic Research Fund, c/o MGH Development Office, 165 Cambridge St., Boston, MA, 02114.

“He’s better than his brother Joe!”

And if not a better player, he was by all accounts a kinder one, always happy to spare time signing autographs and chatting with fans, unlike his more famous, and famously prickly, brother.

“One of a kind. A lot of athletes and some are nice and some are not so nice,” said John Sullivan of West Palm Beach, a former executive with the Topsfield baseball card company and a friend for more than 50 years. “Some are full of themselves, but that was not Dominic. He could be in a circle of people and the kids are dragging on him and asking for his autograph, but it never got him upset. He just did what he had to do and laughed.

“He never achieved his brother’s fame,” Sullivan said, “but he was a better person, in my opinion.”

Dominic Paul DiMaggio was born Feb. 12, 1917, in San Francisco, the youngest of the nine children of Giuseppe and Rosalie DiMaggio. Like his older brothers, Joe and Vince, Mr. DiMaggio got his start with the San Francisco Seals of the Pacific Coast League.

Lucienne Driskill

By Mary Katherine Stump

DELRAY BEACH — Lucienne Driskill, of Delray Beach and Greenwich, Conn., died on May 17. Mrs. Driskill was preceded in death by her husband, Walter S. Driskill, with whom she helped to found Driskill Importers in 1967. Dribeck Importers was the first importer of Beck’s beer in the United States. Mr. Driskill was also the former owner of the Baltimore Colts, serving as president and general manager.

Mrs. Driskill was a philanthropist throughout her life — even more so after the passing of her husband in 1998 — and was honored in 2005 as the Philanthropist of the Year for Palm Beach County.

She was instrumental in the establishment of the Walter S. & Lucienne Driskill Center for Caring Excellence and the Walter S. & Lucienne Driskill Endovascular Center, both at Bethesda Memorial Hospital in Boynton Beach.

“An accomplished business woman,” said Kay Harvey, executive director of the Bethesda Hospital Foundation.

“She was someone who saw a need and, because of her enormous heart, she was driven to fill it, regardless of the glamour involved.”

The Driskill Center for Care Excellence at Bethesda Hospital is the first of its kind, a program that “recognizes and addresses the physical, emotional and spiritual needs” of Bethesda’s patients, in addition to their physical needs.

“She gave because she wanted to impact others in a positive way and because she was interested in the individuals,” said Harvey. “She had a great wit and was always humble about her work with Bethesda.”

Mrs. Driskill is the largest donor in Bethesda Hospital’s 25-year history.

Mrs. Driskill was also a dedicated member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Delray Beach, where she established the Driskill Education Center, which encompassed a gymnasium and classrooms.

A funeral service was held May 21 at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Robert John Wibbelsman Jr.

Robert John Wibbelsman Jr. passed away May 2 at the age of 41 in his home in Venice, Calif. Mrs. Driskill was born in New York City on May 16, 1968.

Mr. Wibbelsman was also a supporter of the Bethesda Hospital Foundation.

Mr. Wibbelsman III, his brother, Ann Warren Merrick of Naples, Fla., his father Robert John Wibbelsman and his wife, Nancy Benson Wibbelsman both of Gulf Stream, Fla.

Mr. Wibbelsman is also survived by his brother Warren Mahlon Wibbelsman, his wife Elizabeth Baker Wibbelsman, and their children Anne Benton and Augustus Baker.

Mr. Wibbelsman’s step-sister Elizabeth Paige Nesbitt and step-brother Patrick Michael Nesbitt Jr also mourn his loss.

A celebration of life service was held at the Presbyterian Church of Pacific Palisades on May 15, with the Reverend Betsy Anderson of St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church in Pacific Palisades, Calif., presiding.

This obituary was submitted by the family.
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Paws up for pets!

Taking care of pets in emergency is easy as A-B-C

With Mother Nature unleashing hurricane season upon South Florida this month, our dogs, cats and other pets depend on us for protection. I remember sitting in the bathtub with my two cats in Lantana while listening to the winds of Hurricane Andrew in 1992. Back then, I relied on prayers but did not properly prepare for myself or my pets.

Lesson learned. Since then, a slew of hurricanes going by the names of Charley, Frances, Jeanne, Ivan, Wilma, Dennis and Katrina have stormed through the Sunshine State. Yes, Mother Nature can put the “n” in nasty, but it is also important to acknowledge that our pets don’t live in protective bubbles. Just like us, they are out and about and that makes them prone to injuries and illnesses.

As I’ve discovered, showing true love for your pet can be as easy as A-B-C. I’m not talking about the alphabet, but rather these life-saving ABCs: airway, breathing and circulation.

That’s why I encourage you to enroll in a pet first-aid/CPR class sponsored by the American Red Cross. I just completed a four-hour course and learned how to properly take a temperature, find a pulse, bandage a bloodied paw and perform CPR on cats and dogs. You would be surprised how similar the CPR techniques are for pets and for people.

The class taught me to prepare before disaster strikes.

Inside my SUV, I’ve stashed a backpack that contains a pet first-aid kit, three-day supply of food and water, spare leashes, blanket, photos of my four pets and more. My cell phone includes the numbers for my veterinarian, emergency vet and pet-welcoming hotels.

Pet carriers are stacked on a garage shelf for easy access should I receive the order to evacuate. After learning that home fires rank top in the list of natural disasters, I’ve posted stickers on my front window that alert firefighters to the type and number of pets inside.

I also did a room-by-room inventory of my home that led to my storing antifreeze, cleaners, medications and even chocolates out of a paw’s reach. I posted the phone number for the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (888-426-4435) on my refrigerator door.

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Winters emphasizes the need to keep people and pet first-aid kits on hand and update to date, to make an evacuation plan in advance and to pre-register at shelters if you are in an evacuation zone.

When a disaster occurs in South Florida, Winters will be among the Red Cross workers caring for displaced residents at shelters while his family — including Josie, an Australian shepherd, and two cats named Sassy and Sushi — head to a pre-arranged place of safety.

“Before I started my job at the Red Cross, I was not fully prepared, but now I am,” says Winters. “We have a plan and everything is ready just in case.

Recently, a free pet first-aid class was offered at the Count & Countess de Hoernle Service Center of the American Red Cross in Boca Raton. The event drew several local vendors with pet ties, including Club Bow Wow of Boca Raton and Tri-County Humane Society.

Attendance met expectations and plans are to offer more classes in the future.

We love our pets. We adore them and even pamper them with ultra-cushy pet beds, gourmet treats and yes, even designer outfits — if they tolerate wearing them. When I came home after completing the Red Cross pet first-aid course, I immediately hugged my dogs, Chipper and Cleo and my cats, Callie and Murphy — and then gently placed them on their sides, placed my fingers to their inner thigh to check their pulse rate. They responded with sloppy kisses and purrs.

When you know pet first-aid, delivering TLC to our pets is as easy as A-B-C.

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$9 million home sale sets price record

Lothar Mayer, the former president of Liberty Hardware Manufacturing, a supplier of decorative cabinet hardware and bath accessories, sold one of his two Ocean Ridge properties, a home at 6017 Old Ocean Blvd. The house was listed for $11.5 million and the recorded selling price is $9 million.

The six-bedroom and 8.5-bath house, with 13,687 total square feet, and 9,266 square feet under air conditioning, was bought by Yves Moquin Fishman of Estates and Fine Homes in Boca Raton, who was the listing agent: “This is the highest-selling-price house ever sold in Ocean Ridge. This will definitely help property values in Ocean Ridge.”

The next highest area sale price goes back to 2004, when 4555 Coquina Road, in the county pocket south of Briny Breezes changed hands for $6.4 million. The Mayer house, built in 2003, was on the market for less than a year, Fishman says. “The buyers and sellers were quality people. Both experienced businessmen, the seller and his wife invited the buyer and his wife to their house and had a discussion to make the deal.”

The house, which has beach access, has nice features, according to Fishman, who lists “the size of the house, its layout, its finish quality, space and views.”

— Christine Davis
House of the Month

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RIGHT: The entrance features Brazilian walnut flooring and custom woodwork; most rooms have spectacular water views.

CENTER: A multi-level, varied pastel exterior palette adds to the design. An efficiency apartment is situated over the two-car garage, which could be a guest suite or homeowner study.

BOTTOM LEFT: A warm and inviting, state-of-the-art, crisp, white kitchen. There's plenty of seating built around the soapstone center island so that your guests or family can gravitate there to enjoy a bite or to help with meal preparation.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Can you imagine indulging yourself in the spa-like atmosphere of this freestanding tub? The rounded edges of the tub soften the hard lines of the floor. You can soak and enjoy a serene view of the sparkling water beyond.

This is a uniquely designed British West Indies style home gracefully situated on a direct point lot.

This prime location features more than 257 feet of water frontage with a well-appointed dock for a yacht of up to 65 feet. Just a few steps from the Intracoastal view is a large heated pool and spa surrounded by natural stone. In addition to deeded beach access, this great home is located very close to bustling and trendy Atlantic Avenue in Delray Beach.

Designed by Francisco Perez, this visionary design presents 8,000+ square feet with six bedrooms and a bright and airy floor plan in an expansive, yet very cozy, residence. Offered at $5,950,000.

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