School’s out for summer

Along the shore
New rules aim to protect coral from boaters

By Vicki McCash Brennan

Boaters beware: Anchoring on coral, even accidentally, can be expensive. New federal and state laws make it a crime to damage two species of coral that are most common along the coast of South Florida. Federal law provides for a civil fine up to $25,000 and up to six months in jail. State laws can make a boater who damages coral responsible for repair and rehabilitation of the coral, which can cost thousands more.

Public-education campaigns warning boaters of the penalties for damaging coral will be launched in cities from West Palm Beach to the Keys this summer as a requirement of their marine event permits issued for the Fourth of July. "Our biggest concern is spectator boats anchoring," said Ed Tichnor, director of Palm Beach Reef Rescue. It's no small concern. He said 97 percent of staghorn and elkhorn coral has died within the past 20 years.

In November, these two species of coral were added as threatened species to the U.S. Endangered Species Act. "It's fragile and easily damaged," Tichnor said of the coral. "Once it's hit by an anchor, it's prone to disease and it can die." Reef Rescue and state and federal law enforcement both have issued for the Fourth of July. Their marine event permits as a requirement of state and federal law enforcement.

Preservation
Delray Beach designer lauded for preservation efforts

By Christine Davis

When you think of an "old" house in Florida, a 1920s Spanish Mediterranean villa or a 1930s Key West-style cottage might come to mind. But time waits for no man, or building, it seems. And now, mid-century modern architecture is "old," and can be designated historic.

Take, for example, interior designer Virginia Courtenay’s house, at 212 Seabreeze. It was designed by noted mid-century modern architect Paul Rudolph and built by James Sinks for art collector Sewell C. Biggs in 1955. Virginia and her husband, Erskine, bought the Biggs home, a rectangular steel and glass box, for $10,000. When they physically went out door to door. As far as we know, everything’s OK." The Police Department notified soon after about the county’s concerns. The number of disoriented turtles in Ocean Ridge in 2008 was a sizeable increase over 2007, when about 1,300 hatchlings were found to have trouble making their way to the ocean. Ocean Ridge was told about the concerns in May. Town Manager Kenneth Schenck said property owners were notified soon after about the county’s concerns. "The Police Department went out and met with all the residents," he said. "They physically went out door to door. As far as we know, everything’s OK." The 2008 county monitoring showed 19 percent of the total number of reported disoriented hatchlings occurred in Ocean Ridge. 20 percent were in the Boca Raton area, and 33 percent were in the Singer Island area. But DeMaye said it is difficult to compare one area to another, because monitoring methods may vary. One area may be closely monitoring lights, but the other may not.

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Ocean Ridge

Lighting puts turtles at risk, study finds

By Nirvi Shah

Outdoor lights at 41 locations along the Ocean Ridge coastline may have led to the disorientation of more than 2,000 sea turtle hatchlings in 2008, Palm Beach County officials said. An inspection by the county’s Environmental Resources Management department yielded a number of concerns about lighting along the town’s coast, including flood lights mounted on roofs and lights atop poles. When sea turtles hatch, artificial lighting from the beach is one of the biggest threats to their survival, said Carly DeMaye, who oversees sea turtle protection for the county.

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Coastal Star

Sifter leads seaside clean-ups

In the sifting sands along the Ocean Ridge shore, there is one constant: Gary Solomon.

Solomon is the founder of Sand Sifters, and one Saturday morning a month, he and volunteers he has recruited descend on the beach to pluck the cans, bottles, cigarette butts and the other detritus left by careless beachgoers and the tides.

It started small, with an afternoon stroll.

“I’d always done volunteer work and one day I took a walk on the beach, noticed the trash and decided to join a group,” he said. But there was no such group. Solomon, 48, decided to start one himself. With a few friends who live near him in suburban Boynton Beach, he organized the first cleanup five years ago.

Today, Sand Sifters boasts hundreds of volunteers, an e-mail list of 1,100, programs for after school groups, and solid working relationships with governments ranging from Boynton Beach and Ocean Ridge to Palm Beach County.

“One thing goes to the next,” he said. “We’ve won awards. We take the award, smile, and then put on our gloves and go pick up more trash.”

Solomon is especially proud of a deal struck with county officials to post signs and trash cans at entries to all county beachfront parks, asking people to deposit their cigarette butts before heading to the beach and on their way out. They should be in place by next month, he said.

Today, Sand Sifters is among the banes of coastal kids who will develop  leisure skills at an early age.

Like in Lake Wobegon, we know our coastal kids are way above average. The charming and poised than I ever was in my mispent youth.

I’m sure there are plenty of coastal kids who will spend their summer — like I did — at the beach or the library or the mall, and many will head off to camp to learn new skills and share experiences with new friends. I applaud them. I’m a big fan of developing leisure skills at an early age.

But there will be others who spend the summer reaching for their dreams: composing music, writing poetry, taking on leadership roles and working as volunteers. Regardless of your child’s plans, we’d like to share with our readers the exceptional things your kids are doing this summer. So, please drop a note to editor@thecoastalstar.com and tell us how your child is making a difference during summer vacation.

— Mary Kate Leming, Editor
Widening Boynton Inlet too costly to taxpayers and environment

By Ed Tichenor

In June and September of 2007, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration conducted water quality studies at the Boynton Beach Inlet to assess the impact from the Lake Worth Lagoon on the coastal environment. The introduction of the NOAA report describes the Boynton Inlet as the southernmost outlet for the Lake Worth Lagoon, which receives input from three canals (C-16, C-17 and C-51), several cities, and non-point pollution sources which may include septic tanks, polluted aquifers, landfills, injected treated wastewater and agricultural chemicals. According to the NOAA study, the Boynton Inlet appeared to be a source of microbial contaminants to near-shore waters, as indicated by a high percentage of positive detections for fecal indicator bacteria. NOAA found that during four outgoing tide cycles beginning Sept. 26, 2007, 68 percent of the samples collected exceeded the EPA recreational waters closure level of 104 colonies per 100 ml for saltwater. Not only did the NOAA study find high levels of fecal indicator bacteria exiting the inlet, but nutrient pollution capable of causing harmful algal blooms in the coral reef ecosystem was also detected. The coastal environment at the Boynton Inlet was designated by the National Marine Fisheries Service in 2008 as critical habitat necessary for the survival of two species of Endangered Species Act-listed corals. Nutrient pollution has been demonstrated to be one of many threats contributing to the decline of coral reefs worldwide and to Florida’s reefs in particular. Widening the inlet will increase the amount of pollution entering the coastal zone, beaches and coral reefs. Administrative Law Judge Robert E. Meale, in a recent 277-page decision, recommended the Florida Department of Environmental Protection deny the town of Palm Beach a beach renourishment permit for “Reach 8.” On Page 231 of the decision, Meale, referring to the Palm Beach County coral reef system, states, “Because of the rare confluence of conditions required for its creation, the Florida Reef Tract cannot be replaced in any timeframe short of geologic time, so its protection, even from remote risks, must be a matter of exceptional regulatory concern.” If the real concern for widening the Boynton Inlet is boater safety, then maintaining and marking a navigable channel would be a far less costly and a more environmentally friendly option. Ed Tichenor is director of Palm Beach County Reef Rescue, PO Box 207, Boynton Beach, FL 33425; or www.reef-rescue.org.
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County environmental regulation officials put pressure on the U.S. Coast Guard to include protection of the reefs in its marine event permits this year. City officials from West Palm Beach, Lantana, Boynton Beach, Delray Beach and in Broward, Miami-Dade and the Florida Keys cities sweated out most of June, waiting for Coast Guard permits to arrive so that their Fourth of July celebrations could go on as planned.

"Our goal is to approve events as long as they're safe," said Lt. Commander Matthew Moorlag, the Coast Guard's South Florida spokesman. "As you're enjoying the Fourth of July, remember there are protected species on our reefs. Be good stewards of our environment. Don't anchor on any hard-bottom area."

The Coast Guard permits also require protection of sea turtle nests and nesting habitat, which is of particular concern at the Fourth of July, which falls in the middle of nesting season. Boaters, fireworks and crowds on the beaches can discourage female turtles from crawling ashore. Boaters are cautioned to watch for turtles swimming near shore at night.

In Lantana and Boynton Beach, fireworks are launched from barges in the Intracoastal Waterway. Concerns are there with boats anchoring in areas where protected Johnson's seagrass grows.

Boaters also must watch for manatees. In all areas, patrols will be increased for the holiday weekend.

Reef Rescue's Tichnor's group said his focus now is on enforcement of the laws protecting coral reefs. "I'm sure we're going to get that," he said.

The Department of Environmental Protection has been sending out warning letters to boaters who have anchored near or on the reef, he said. Tichnor's group, along with local and state law enforcement, will be active during the lobster mini-season, July 29-30, and throughout lobster season, which begins Aug. 6, watching for boats anchoring where they should not. "We just don't want any anchors dropped on corals," he said.

Damaging coral is illegal

- In Palm Beach County, the coral reefs are about a mile offshore, parallel to the coastline.
- It is against state and federal law to damage coral. Two species of coral common to southeast Florida are listed as threatened on the U.S. Endangered Species list.
- Violations of federal law can result in civil fines of up to $25,000 or six months in jail.
- Violations of state law can result in penalties including the cost of repair and rehabilitation of damaged coral.
- Never anchor on a coral reef.
- Anchoring near a reef requires care. It is best to "swim" down your anchor and anchor firmly in sandy bottom.
- When diving, swimming or snorkeling near coral, watch your fins.
- Touching or standing on a coral reef is prohibited.
- Do not collect coral, dead or alive. This is illegal.
- If you injure a coral, contact NOAA Fisheries Service. Restoration may be possible.
- If you run aground, turn off your engine. Do not try to power off the reef. Raise your lower unit or outdrive and allow your boat to drift free. Radio the Coast Guard, Marine Patrol or VHF Channel 16 for assistance.
- To report an injury to coral or an anchoring violation: Call the NOAA Fisheries Service, Office for Law Enforcement at 800-853-1964.

Letters to the Editor

Greed has consumed Delray

I am writing as I find it so sad what has become of our Delray Beach. I feel greed has taken over. We have no parks, no parking, no water and too many empty apartments, condos and townhouses. Yet, we continue to build.

To our mayor: Please, no more hotels or any other structures. We’ve become a Miami Beach and are soon to be New York City. We need to take care of and appreciate what we have.

Eleanore Wyckoff
Delray Beach

Growth shows lack of integrity

Your article presenting the now and future development of Delray Beach confirms the lack of integrity and common sense our planning commissions are showing.

I walk almost every day and it is scary to see the number of retail spaces unoccupied or under construction. The number of vacant apartment and condominium units is huge.

I understand long-range planning is important. However, under the national economic situation I would think it wise to place a moratorium on development in our “Village.”

I don’t understand why our city government has not seen this situation or the heavy traffic problems that are beginning to arise. Atlantic Avenue sidewalks are filthy, too.

I would like to know why this is happening.

Elizabeth M. Vance
Delray Beach

Paper is like a letter from a friend

I just wanted to say that receiving The Coastal Star in Michigan is like a letter from a friend. I thoroughly enjoy each issue and compliment you on the content.

Lois DeCew
Briny Breezes
TURTLES: Dead hatchlings found

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not looking for disoriented hatchlings. And the lengths of one area’s coastline may differ from another. The green and leatherback sea turtles that use Palm Beach County for nesting are endangered species. For loggerhead turtles, a threatened species, the county is home to one of the animal’s largest nesting habitats in the Western Hemisphere.

Few disoriented hatchlings are actually found dead on the beach, DeMaye said. But they may be found in parking lots or storm drains, and some are eaten by predators. The county estimates 70 percent of them do make it to the water, but tired from traveling unnecessarily, they might never make it to the relative safety of the Gulf Stream.

Of Palm Beach County’s 45 miles of coastline, the county monitors about nine miles.

The rest of the coast is monitored by varying degrees by individual municipalities. Ocean Ridge was a part of the county’s efforts for the last two years because of the South Lake Worth Inlet Maintenance Dredging project, which involves placing sand on Ocean Ridge beaches, DeMaye said.

The 2008 nesting season was the last the county will monitor. But the county was awarded a $75,000 grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and has spent the last two years monitoring coastal lighting conditions along the entire 45-mile coastline. Many municipalities have their own coastal lighting ordinances, DeMaye said, while others use the county’s. The patchwork of regulations led to lighting surveys that varied from one area to the next.

Some of the Ocean Ridge properties cited by the county had a single offending light, while others, especially multifamily buildings, had as many as 40 light fixtures that need to be turned off or swapped for a more turtle-friendly type.

At Oceanfront Park, which is in Ocean Ridge but run by Boynton Beach, 13 lights were found in need of being turned off, shielded or replaced with something that wouldn’t disorient hatchlings.

DeMaye said the park is slated for renovation and the city is pursuing permits for that facelift.

“Lighting is a big part of that,” she said.

Merrilee Lundquist, of the 6000 block of Ocean Blvd., was upset by the survey’s findings. It found a single east-facing light as out of place at her home.

“We have one little light on to make the place look occupied,” Lundquist said. “I’ve been trying to be a very careful steward.” She said the darkness around her home has led to property damage, and beachgoers have helped themselves to a dip in her pool, uninvited.

“If there is something wrong, I’ll try to do better.”
**Gulf Stream School celebrates its 71st graduation**

*LEFT:* Kristi Kaleel of Ocean Ridge, shares the Donald H. Miller Award with Brandon Mazzeo of Gulf Stream. The award is presented each year to the graduating student with the highest academic average. Miller, who was headmaster of Gulf Stream School from 1967-1975, received a similar award upon his eighth grade graduation. Both Kristi and Brandon had averages of 95.5 percent. The award was shared for the first time in the school’s history. There were 23 students in this year’s graduating class.

*BELOW:* Robert J. Dockerty, President of the Board of Trustees of Gulf Stream School gets a hug from his son Robert Jr. during the graduation ceremony. It is somewhat uncommon for the President of the Board of Trustees to award a diploma to a son or daughter, but it does occur. Dockerty will do so once again next year when his daughter, Margaux, graduates. The Dockerty family lives in Gulf Stream. Photos by Jerry Lower

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**Along the Avenues**

**Downtown Delray’s new Maine attraction**

*By Thom Smith*

Ask anyone to name two attractions in Maine and you’re likely to hear lobster and L.L. Bean. With Linda Bean’s Perfect Maine Lobster Roll, scheduled to open on Atlantic Avenue, you get a cozy sit-down cafe from the already legendary granddaughter of the legendary outfitter.

Topping the menu will be Bean’s version of a quarter-pounder — four ounces of fresh-from-Maine lobster meat, with no fillers, on a toasted bun. You can also get shrimp rolls, salads, hot dogs (for landlubbers), and Maine microbrews and sodas.

Linda Bean has been lobstering all her life and is spearheading the trap-to-table branding of Maine lobsters — as opposed to the generic New England crustaceans. The live lobsters in the take-home tank even bear tags certifying the exact Down-East traps in the take-home tank even bear tags certifying the exact Down-East traps in the take-home tank even bear tags certifying the exact Down-East traps in the take-home tank even bear tags certifying the exact Down-East traps in the take-home tank even bear tags certifying the exact Down-East traps in the take-home tank even bear tags certifying the exact Down-East traps in the take-home tank even bear tags certifying the exact Down-East traps in the take-home tank even bear tags certifying the exact Down-East traps in the take-home tank even bear tags certifying the exact Down-East traps in the take-home tank even bear tags.

"No. 1, it’s a great location, and it,” company spokesman Al Casucci said. “Our menu is organic. We’re trying to be as organic as possible.”

Minimalist cuisine is nothing new to Kerprich, who cut his South Florida restaurant teeth in Dennis Max’s operation in the 1990s. He opened Kyoto in Delray Beach, then Suite 225, a hip sushi shop just a few lots east of his new pizzeria, before leaving two years ago to open Miss Marshall’s Pizzeria on Singer Island.

“It’s great to be back. I think we’ve got a winner in this one,” Kerprich said, although customers may need educating about wood-fired fare. "One woman complained about black marks on her pizza, but I explained that’s the way they come out. And they may not be perfectly round either.”

The charring comes from glowing coals of Georgia oak inside the oven, which was built in Italy on a scale slightly smaller than the Pizza Hut variety. But everything about Pizzeria Oceano — the pizza, the antipasti, the stromboli — is basic, and that’s just what Kerprich wanted. All the produce is fresh, supplied by farms in Loxahatchee, Lake Worth and Boynton Beach. The sauce, a margherita base, is organic. Kerprich makes his own mozzarella and sausages. All the cured meats are natural — no steroids, no antibiotics, no nitrates.

If Kerprich puts a special on the board, it’s because he was able to find an unusual product, not because of price. One recent offering was Key West "Pinkies.”

The interior features a wood bar, a half-dozen stools, pots and pans hanging from the ceiling, and the centerpiece oven. A few tables on the front porch finish it off. "I wanted to make it like a bar,” Kerprich said. "Good food, good times. It’s best to have it right out of the oven, still sizzling when it’s served.”

Pizzeria Oceano is open daily from 5 p.m. ’til whenever. Call 561-429-5550.

Across the Intracoastal bridge at Plaza Del Mar, however, the mood is much less confident. ‘The hardest blow was struck in early spring when The Epicurean market closed, only six months after it opened.”

“It’s dead since The Epicurean closed,” an employee at Mail & More, a sundry and shipping store tucked into a corner behind the former market, said, “we’re just holding on. It’s always better during the season… if we can get there.”

Advance sales for Florida Stage’s Some Kind of Wonderful (July 1-Aug. 30) are ahead of those for last summer’s musical. This production features the music from 1960-65, but Producing Director Lou Tyrrell already is looking ahead. The fan base has been loyal, but in these times Tyrrell is already pressing to boost winter sales. Similarly, business at Aqua, a women’s clothing shop has stayed strong, an employee said, largely because the Ritz-Carlton has completed its major renovation.

The Ritz, however, doesn’t attract many surfers, and Aqua’s next-door neighbor Coastal Surf & Ski couldn’t see staying. "Stay stoked! We will!” the nevertheless upbeat owner Mike Baer wrote in a farewell message posted next to the door. “See you in the water!”

Down in Delray Beach, the awning is gone, the bar made from car ramps has been dismantled, and the service bays are gutted. The building that for nearly two decades housed Elwood’s once again looks like a gas station. The new owners, also rumored to have bought the space next door formerly occupied by Aspen Jack’s, say a new, better restaurant and nightclub will open in the fall. But it won’t be Elwood’s, and Delray skeptics, including some former employees, say the earthy charm that characterized the barbecue-and-blues hangout is likely gone with the ramps. All we can do now is wait and see.

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Lantana

Planned docks aim to speed boaters’ access

By Margie Plunkett

Sportsman Park is getting three sets of docks with $300,000 from the county, a measure that will relieve the wait when pulling boats out of the water.

In addition, the new docks give boaters the chance to pull up and dock at the Ocean Avenue park while they come into town for dinner, for example, said Lantana Town Manager Mike Bornstein.

The park, which allows access at the south end of Lake Worth Lagoon and the Boynton Inlet, has two paved boat ramps.

"Right now it gets confusing. You have one boat coming in, one going out. They have to wait for the ramp to be cleared," Bornstein said. With the added docks, "You get three or four people queued up" making the process more convenient. No marina is planned at Sportsman Park and there will be no accommodations for overnight docking, according to Bornstein.

The town is working to put together a proposal for the addition of the three docks, which involves environmental and permitting issues, and will take several months, Bornstein said.

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The $300,000 allotment became available from another part of the county funds that didn’t ultimately use it, Mayor David Stewart said at a meeting in May, thanking Bornstein for drawing the money to Lantana rather than its going elsewhere. Strings attached to the county funds require the waterfront access be open equally to benefit all of Palm Beach County, attorney Max Lohman clarified.

The town can’t charge different rates for its residents and boaters from elsewhere in the county.

Town permit, utility rates to rise

By Margie Plunkett

Residents will see rates on everything from town 24 hours each day, Bennett said.

The department dedicates $1.84 a day to members and non-members alike.

Two years ago and the firm no longer has a relationship with the club. Cantwell characterized the negotiations as "favorable." The marina’s 44 boat slips remain heavily used, Cantwell said, but marina occupancy of 85 percent. The marina welcomes non-members, he said, with slip rentals available on a daily, weekly and monthly basis.

Briny Breezes

Town to seek police service proposals

By Margie Plunkett

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Yacht Club plans not slowed by foreclosure

By Rod Proctor

A recent foreclosure action against owners of The Yacht Club at Delray Beach has not slowed plans to expand amenities and services at the Delray Beach landmark, according to the club’s membership director.

Efforts continue to open a restaurant and a new, larger marina’s aquatic center, and remodeling remains on tap for the marina’s main building, said membership director Chris Cantwell.

"We’ve got eight of the nine permits we need and we’re working with the city to get final approval," he said.

Once the city signs off, he said, the bar and restaurant could be ready for business in 60 days. Work on the main building would involve a $50,000 with the added fee.

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Along the Coast

Boynton approves status quo at inlet, sends report to county

By Linda Haase

After years of discussions, the Boynton Beach City Commission was finally ready to take action. The commission approved the status quo at the inlet, despite recommendations to make changes. The decision was made by a 5-4 vote.

"We feel that the committee came up with a good plan," said Commissioner DeRosa. "I think it is OK to send this to the County Commission as long as they get a complete package that tells the entire story. And it's imperative that the commission gives advance notice when they will be discussing this, so everyone involved can attend and have their views heard."

The narrow inlet's fate has been in limbo since 2004, when Applied Technology & Management was hired to identify ways to improve safety there. The inlet's jetties limit boaters' visibility, and shoals to the east of the inlet create shallow waters, which in turn stimulate waves that have capsized vessels.

Making the inlet safer also would have a positive economic impact, according to Boynton Beach Mayor Jerry Taylor.

A committee studying the alternatives was appointed, but the commission decided to send the proposal to the county instead. The county commission will decide whether to make changes to the inlet.

Hurricane Preparedness

Post-storm plans are needed, too

By Mary Thurwachter

For folks who have left the island for safer ground during a hurricane, it's natural to get antsy about returning home to see how houses held up during the storm and to get a jump on the cleanup of debris. Not so fast, advises Lt. Chris Yannuzzi of the Boynton Beach Police Department. "If you're in a shelter, don't leave until police say it's safe. If the power is out and traffic lights don't work, remember that all intersections must be set up at the bridges and at the north and south entrances to the coastal communities on A1A."

An 83-page report detailing the economic impact of the inlet was sent to the county commissioners June 2, 2009. The report was prepared by Applied Technology & Management, the firm hired to study the inlet.

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"We don't stay during the hurricanes if we can't force anyone to go, and we can't force anyone to go, we give them a next-of-kin evacuation is ordered, police go door to door," said Commissioner DeRosa. "There's no what we want here."

The inlet, which was created to improve water quality in the Intracoastal, was never intended to be used for boaters.

Taylor indicated he hoped the County Commission would seriously consider all the options. And when they do, said Ed Tichenor, director of Palm Beach County Commission. "If they refuse to go, and we can't force anyone to go, we give them a next-of-kin evacuation is ordered, police go door to door."

"We feel that the committee came up with a good plan," said Commissioner DeRosa. "I think it is OK to send this to the County Commission as long as they get a complete package that tells the entire story. And it's imperative that the commission gives advance notice when they will be discussing this, so everyone involved can attend and have their views heard."

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Making the inlet safer also would have a positive economic impact, according to Boynton Beach Mayor Jerry Taylor. A committee studying the alternatives was appointed, but the commission decided to send the proposal to the county instead. The county commission will decide whether to make changes to the inlet.

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Ocean Ridge

Crosswalk signs sought for A1A

Signs that warn motorists to stop for pedestrians, set for four crosswalks on A1A, got the go-ahead from commissioners in June at a cost of $2,000. The panel wants to install the signs in the middle of the road on breakaway poles at lower than seven feet high, and still has yet to determine whether the Florida Department of Transportation will allow it. The crosswalks are perilous without signage, commissioners said, because motorists aren’t aware they are required to stop for pedestrians.

— Margie Plunkett

Delray Beach

Pedestrians skip crosswalk in favor of jay walk

By Ron Hayes

What if they built a crosswalk and nobody came? Last November, workers from the state Department of Transportation resurfaced State Road A1A by Atlantic Dunes Park. They added new sidewalks, new bike paths, and a new crosswalk between the parking lot on the west side of the highway and the beachfront park on the east.

Nine months later, the new road is being driven on; the bike paths are being biked. But the crosswalk? Not so much.

“What you see is pedestrians crossing anywhere to get over,” says Jim Smith. “They cross at the southern end and use the entrance road, and they’re crossing where the old crosswalk used to be.”

A resident of the Banyan House condo just north of the park, Smith is also the chairman and co-founder of a group called Safety As Floridians Expect. Founded in 2003, SAFE takes credit for a petition drive that brought the resurfacing to the attention of the board, according to Krejcarek. “But on the other hand, it hasn’t been a safety issue. It’s a jaywalking violation, but does that mean that everywhere along A1A where someone is jaywalking we’re supposed to put a barrier?”

To be effective, Krejcarek says, any barrier would have to be installed on the swale between the sidewalk and the road, and that would require DOT approval. But while the city has devised a landscaping plan for the swale, it hasn’t been submitted for the state’s OK.

“If I had my druthers I’d have a barrier, but on the left side,” Krejcarek said, “but no, it’s not a big priority.”

As for a red light to replace the yellow blinker, Jonathan Overton, DOT’s assistant traffic operations engineer for the district, points out that the stretch of A1A south of Atlantic Avenue already has several yellow blinkers. Replacing them with red blinkers, which require all vehicles to stop, would hamper traffic flow unnecessarily.

“We’re trying for a balance between safety and mobility,” Overton said. “We don’t want to put a proliferation of traffic signals that at the end of the day aren’t used.”

But he does offer a possible compromise.

If the city is willing to meet a few conditions, which he declined to describe, Overton said the state might approve a flexible yield sign, a 3-foot reminder to be placed on the double line in the middle of the crosswalk. But, Overton said, he’s waiting for the results of an independent study, expected shortly, that monitored crosswalks with flashing yellow lights.

“My personal opinion,” Overton said, “is that in-road signs are relatively effective. They remind the drivers who has the right-of-way. But the big problem will be maintaining them, and I want to be able to say it’s worth the maintenance.”

Pedestrians cross State Road A1A in Palm Beach near a sign similar to ones proposed for crosswalks on A1A. Photo by Jerry Lower
Delray Beach

Beach property owners seek consistent design elements

By Margie Plunkett

There may be no harnessing the power of the sea, but the Beach Property Owners Association would at least like to design around it. The Beach Property Owners Association proposed to Delray Beach commissioners during a June workshop that they support an effort to create a master plan for the beach area, to set a design and concept for the oceanfront park as the city has done with areas like Pineapple Grove. Commissioners embraced the concept of creating a master plan.

“It’s a good idea. We have a lot of jewels in our city, and the beach is certainly one of them,” Commissioner Adam Franks said. Commissioner Fred Petzer agreed, adding, “I would be very supportive of working on the beach master plan.”

The objective of the master plan is to establish a sense of place through design elements reflecting the character of the beach, Andy Katz, vice president of the BPOA, told commissioners. Pointing to Pineapple Grove as visually successful, Katz said that in design, even the small touches count, such as attractive trash cans and benches. Attractive turquoise metal trash cans adorn Pineapple Grove, he said. Clicking through his PowerPoint presentation, Katz showed a current trash can at the beach; he described it as resembling a roll of toilet paper.

The master plan would incorporate, among many things, a balance in design elements with manmade features and landscaping complementing the ocean views. The association also envisions wide, unobstructed eastern sidewalks with naturalistic art-scapes, nature and science displays and historical markers. Katz also said it could include beach showers, gazebo and pavilion, exercise stations and a public meeting place.

Residents, city officials, other local organizations and businesses, along with the BPOA, are possible participants in creating the master plan.

Money for the park could come from grants, business public donations; and county, state and federal money, Katz said. “This is the most important park we have in town,” said Bob Currie, a BPOA trustee.

Ocean Ridge

No-see-um spraying to resume

Ocean Ridge will resume barrier spraying to combat no-see-ums for three months through the end of the summer season at a price of up to $18,650. The commission’s vote to proceed followed a lengthy debate that spanned several meetings: Issues included residents’ discomfort, environmental harm and whether no-see-ums were a public or private nuisance.

The town had decided against the pest, he said. The town also had to replace beach area trash cans (right) with more ornamental ones, like those in Pineapple Grove. 

— Margie Plunkett

Gulf Stream

New permit rates aim to cover town costs

The town set out a new schedule of building permit application fees designed to ensure that Gulf Stream’s costs are covered. “It’s not a mechanism to generate more revenue,” said Town Clerk Rita Taylor, “but to cover our costs.”

The new sliding schedule for application fees is in increments of $5,000, $50,000 and $400,000 of construction value and starts at a minimum of $85 for construction valued at up to $4,999. A sampling of fees within the schedule: $750 for value of construction of $1,000 to $149,999; $3,000 for value of $1 million to $1.5 million; and $7,500 for $5 million plus.

Other fees covered in the resolution include demolition and lift station applications.

— Margie Plunkett
Delray Beach

The site plan for the oceanfront Glass House condominiums got the go-ahead in June, following objections from opponents concerned that it was intended as a rehabilitation facility and that it was environmentally harmful.

The Site Plan Review and Appearance Board conditionally approved the plan for the condominiums at 2225 S. Ocean Blvd. The property would have 11 units on 1.7 beachfront acres and would be a primarily glass building. The medium-density residential area allows six to 12 units on the property, with proposals requesting more than six subject to compliance with performance standards.

The 16 one-story residences now at the address, which were built in 1945 as Delray Villas, will be demolished. The Glass House would be built by Marc Andrea Musa, whose brother’s home borders the property on the south. The Musas formerly owned Eyeglass World.

The developers and architects for the Glass House repeated several times that there was no intention of creating a rehabilitation facility or being affiliated with one.

“I don’t know why people think we’d do that,” said developer Barry Globerman, noting each condo would be priced to sell for millions of dollars. “It’s not economically practical.”

Skepticism rang out from the audience, however. When Dale Meaux of architects API Group said, “I’d like to reiterate this is not in any way a rehab center,” a voice from the audience said: “Yet,” and Globerman’s statement, “We’d sooner change the name than have this go on,” was met with “Then change it.”

Public concern included that it was somehow related to the Glass House rehabilitation center in Fort Lauderdale and other locations. The SPRAB staff initially listed as a condition of approval that the Glass House won’t be a rehabilitation or treatment facility unless approved by the City Commission. Assistant City Attorney Terril Pyburn advised them to remove that statement, because it is illegal to include it. She also told the audience at the start of the review that the purpose of the session was not to determine who would occupy the Glass House condominiums.

Environmental factors including dunes and sea turtles also were a focus, with complaints that construction would damage the dunes and that the glass would reflect light — from condo interiors, the moon and elsewhere — which would distract the sea turtles. Members of SPRAB, however, noted the project will have to meet stringent state standards in those areas, and won’t be approved if it doesn’t.

The staff report noted that the proposal would have to “nudge” west because it appeared to be encroaching on the dune. It included a condition to that effect requiring a survey that shows where the dune is and that the plan would require modification to remove any improvements “several of the existing retaining wall.”

SPRAB member Shane Ames raised the issue of the condo’s excavated garage and questioned how the developer would deal with water issues because the garage is eight feet below the water table and 12 feet below high tide.

“We do perceive this as a problem that has to be addressed,” Meaux said.

The site plan passed with one dissenter and conditioned upon resolution of the water table concerns, protection of the dunes and natural areas and several other items. James Borsos voted against the plan because he said it was incomplete.
LEFT: More than 55 golfers played in the annual Pete Dye Invitational Golf Tournament held at The Dye Preserve Golf Club in Jupiter in late May raising a record $100,000 to benefit the Wayside House, a nonprofit alcohol and drug abuse treatment center for women in Delray Beach. The Low Gross winning foursome (L-R) was Tom Wilson, Bill Boardman, Bob Wibbelsman and Gordon Kraft.

LEFT: Briny Breezes resident Marguerite Sanford celebrates her 99th birthday with friends during a special Summer Supper Club celebration held in her honor at the park’s Ocean Clubhouse. She first came to Briny Breezes in 1953. Photo by Jerry Lower

RIGHT: Host John Ferber (left), joins the band to get the crowd going at Microgiving.com’s beach party held at his home in the County Pocket June 20. Photo by Jerry Lower
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Resale therapy: Area vintage shops help you stretch your dollars

By Scott Simmons

I love my Robert Graham shirt. But I didn’t love the big $200 price tag it carried new. So I was thrilled to find it for $15 — unworn — at a local thrift shop.

I’m not alone. As the economy continues to tighten, more folks are turning to thrift and vintage shops to replenish their wardrobes. And those shops are filled with items worn once or twice, or not at all.

In this world of reuse and recycle, it also is good for the environment, as well as your pocketbook. How green!

And, the green you might spend at some chain store stays close to home, helping local charities and businesses.

Here is a sampling of local places open this summer:

Delray Beach

The Bethesda Bargain Box
12 NE Fifth Ave. (southbound Federal Highway), Delray Beach
Phone: 278-2401

The Bethesda Bargain Box has been in its current location since 1962, and it has no plans to move. The shop, which recently renovated the main portion of its store, is busy converting its furniture “barn” to the rear into an honest-to-goodness barn, complete with red walls and white trim that would make Old MacDonald jealous.

“It’s more of a boutique shopping experience with thrill store prices,” says manager Michelle Esposito of the renovated space, which is a major fund-raiser for Bethesda Memorial Hospital’s auxiliary.

It’s light, bright and clean. Tiles in Bethesda’s trademark blue cover the floors. The front of the store is now filled with clothing from such companies as Lilly Pulitzer and St. John, whose knit suits are priced at $39 to $49 (those suits go fast, Esposito says). Buy a wedding gown for $49 to $59 — the store even had a maternity gown during one recent visit.

The shop has expanded to add baby and children’s clothing, and the barn is home to furniture, antiques and accessories.

Nothing goes to waste, either. “What we can’t sell is given to a mission church,” Esposito says.

Frugal Fashionista Resale Boutique
825 N. Federal Highway (just north of George Bush Boulevard), Delray Beach Phone: 865-7857

Ladies, you have it made. This recent addition to the resale scene is a treat.

Owner Amber Ortoll has an eagle eye for quality women’s clothing, priced right. Most items in her bright, immaculate shop are priced at $20 and less.

Frugal Fashionista carries such mainstream brands as J. Crew, Banana Republic and Chico’s, as well as that South Florida favorite, Lilly Pulitzer. You can buy $800 Chloé shoes for $50 at Ortoll’s shop, and the shoes look barely worn. She also has a great selection of purses, and fun vintage accessories.

The Bethesda Bargain Box has revamped its downtown Delray Beach digs. Among recent fashion finds in the shop: A maternity wedding gown. Photo by Jerry Lower

for less than $5.

The store also has the usual mix of furniture, dishes, glassware and other home accessories, as well as children’s clothing.

The Turnover Shop
10 NE Fifth Ave (just south of the Bethesda Bargain Box), Delray Beach Phone: 276-2073

This sun-filled shop, run by St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, is marking its second decade of bargains in its downtown Delray Beach location. The Turnover Shop, located in a vintage home, has been remodeled to reflect a “quality resale” approach, and it shows. You can shop for jewelry and accessories in the front room. A room to the side showcases clothing (lots of women’s wear, and a limited selection of men’s). And there always is an interesting mix of china, glassware and other home accessories.

Money raised by “The Turnover Shop goes toward community outreach and to support St. Paul’s mission and ministries. What the shop can’t use is donated to Caring Kitchen, according to the church’s Web site.

Lantana

Silhouettes
916 S. Dixie Highway, Ye Tower Plaza, Lantana Phone: 585-4343

“Our mission statement is ‘joy,’” says Silhouettes owner Sharon Kelly. “Our clothing is as close to new as you get.”

Silhouettes literally brims with high-end labels. You’ll find women’s wear by Lilly and Coco (as in Pulitzer and Chanel) here, as well as Tommy Hilfiger, Ralph Lauren and Chico’s. The store has an extensive selection of handbags and shoes, too.

Silhouettes, which is marking two decades in Lantana, is immaculate and well-organized, with clothing sorted by brand.

Need to make some green? It’s a

See RESALE on page 15
Boynton library goes green with book sales

By Ron Hayes

Every book is a new book if you haven’t read it yet. Now the Boynton Beach City Library is recycling old books in a new way. While local libraries might sponsor periodic used-book sales, or find a specialty table here or there to unload redundant or damaged copies, Boynton Beach boasts the area’s first public library to open a self-contained used-book store.

“We’ve always accepted used books,” says administrative assistant Karen Abramson. “We had a small area near the checkout desk, but that overflowed into the program room.”

In other words, the used-book shelf has grown into a used-book store.

Operated by the all-volunteer Friends of the Boynton Beach City Library and situated just inside the main entrance at 208 S. Seacrest Ave., the glass-walled Friends Bookstore offers hundreds of pre-read books in better-than-average condition for cheaper-than-average prices.

Hardcovers published after 2004 go for $2 each. Earlier titles are $1, and paperbacks 50 cents and up. Here’s a fine copy of Audition, Barbara Walters’ recent bestseller, for a mere $2. Or slightly older titles by John Irving, John LeCarre, Carl Haasen, Garrison Keillor and Philip Roth for a buck.

The store also offers coffee-table art books at slightly higher prices and note cards for only 10 cents each.

“Since opening on April 13, we’ve made over $3,000,” reports volunteer Sel Barnett, “and you have to understand, this is 100 percent profit.”

Actually, that’s not surprising for this group. With about 500 members, 20 of whom volunteer in the bookstore, the Friends have raised more than $100,000 over the past decade, some of which bought new furniture for the library’s recent 63,000-square-foot expansion.

Among the newer volunteers are Ann Kimlicka and Jeannette Lees, both of Briny Breezes.

And the books are notably lacking in broken spines, yellowing pages and doodled margins.

“The books we accept have to be in good condition,” says Barnett. “No bugs and no cigarette smell.”

An early effort at selling used magazines and romance novels for 10 cents each proved unprofitable, but the store still has a backroom backlog waiting for shelf space on which to be displayed.

And the Friends are always happy to accept tax-deductible donations of used books, Barnett notes.

The library is open from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. The library’s closed Friday and Sunday. Call 742-6390.
You scream, I scream for ice cream!

By Jan Norris

It’s always sundae at the local ice cream shops — especially in summer when melting residents look to ice cream for a chill thrill.

July is National Ice Cream Month, so parlors and shops around the country celebrate the frozen treat. (Get in on $8 gourmet sundae at the Ritz-Carlton throughout the month.)

Ice cream has a long and sweet history in the U.S. — it was served in the colonies as early as 1742, when Maryland’s provincial governor, Thomas Bladen, dished it up for his guests. That was long before freezers; the treat was definitely a luxury for those who had ice available to make it.

New York City was the site of the just-born nation’s first ice cream parlor in 1776, serving what the Colonials dubbed “iced cream.”

The origin and namesake of the syrup-topped sundae is sketchy. Syrups were more popular than fudge back then, and most likely, it came from an Ithaca, N.Y., druggist who prepared a dish of vanilla ice cream with soda syrup on it and topped with a cherry for a local pastor. Photo by Tim Stepian

Every day is Sundae at Manalapan’s Ice Cream Club. The first sundae may have been made on a stick, it’s scooped up to the tune of around six gallons per person annually.

Favorite flavors remain vanilla and chocolate, but our local ice cream shops report some exotic and combo flavors that the lickers go for. At the Ice Cream Club in Manalapan, it’s the “Garbage can sundae” that’s a hit — a vanilla ice cream base with seven different chocolate bars embedded in it ($5.75). Moose Tracks is one of the best selling cone flavors — it’s a vanilla ice cream studded with chocolate covered mini peanut butter cups and laced with fudge.

At the Village Homemade Ice Cream shop in Boynton Beach, butter pecan does the trick for ice cream lovers, or maybe cookies and cream (creamy vanilla studded with chocolate cookies floated with vanilla icing). Sundae flavors are popular in those flavors as well — and start at $5.95.

For Kilwin’s in Lake Worth, it’s the toasted coconut that tops the chart. Coconut ice cream is crammed with flecks of chocolate-covered coconut shreds and then dipped in dark chocolate — think a frozen Mounds candy bar. Their sundaes come in hot fudge, caramel and marshmallow with your choice of ice cream ($5.06, tax included).

A banana twist cone gets attention at the Eye of the Storm Ice Cream Bar next door to Hurricane Alley in Boynton Beach. It’s a banana soft serve ice cream dipped in chocolate, and you could get it in a cup with walnuts on top. The sundae of the moment there is a cheesecake sundae: chocolate and vanilla ice cream, hot fudge or caramel sauce, with cheesecake pieces and white and chocolate chips ($6.50).

Under her mother’s watchful eye, Lana Valdez from Delray Beach concentrates on shaking a mixture of sugar, milk and vanilla for 15 minutes to freeze ice cream at the 2nd Annual Ice Cream Social at the Schoolhouse Children’s Museum in Boynton Beach on June 13. Photo by Mary Kate Leming

Make your own ice cream. See recipe online at www.thecoastalstar.com.
Meet Your Neighbor: Ed Manley

Through good, bad and worse, he’s lived life ‘full tilt.’ Ed Manley grew up in a foster home because his father was dead and his mother was too poor to take care of him. She visited him on weekends.

He learned life the hard way, he says: on the streets. But he has no complaints and considers himself a lucky guy.

Don’t get old. That’s his maxim.

He taps his chest. “I heal fast. Nothing there.”

“D-Day. Other than that, I’ve worked all my life. Then I took the New York state police officer test. While I was waiting to get in, I worked security at the Belmont Race Track.

While I was working for the state police, for extra money, I also worked as a flag man directing traffic in civilian clothes, because by then, I had children.

Then I became a runner for a concrete company, dealing with their truckers. I worked on a tanker on the Great Lakes. I was a lumber salesman and a theater manager.

My wife, Dorothy Ann, died 25 years ago. I have three kids: James Edward, 53, Kimberly Ann, 51, and Scott, 49.

Q. How did you end up in Briny Breezes?
A. When my wife passed away, I had a 24-foot sailboat, and I’d plan come to Florida from Ocean City, Md. A guy there I worked out on my way to Florida, and he told me to give him a jingle when I got to Boynton Beach. So, I pulled in to Two Georges, and I’m having a beer, and called him up. He told me to come under the bridge, and he’d wave me down.

I had no intention of buying, but we walked across to the ocean and I saw Briny and I asked, “How do you get one of these things? And I bought the lot for $15,000.

Q. What is your favorite part about living in Briny?
A. Where else will you find a place like this? I have the ocean, and dockage when I need it. I don’t want to sell.

Q. What book are you reading now?
A. I never read. I made a book report on Treasure Island three times. Swashbucklers – that’s my way to live it myself. I want to be a participant and I’m a hell of an adviser. I don’t go in partially. I go in full tilt.

Q. What music do you listen to when you need inspiration? When you want to relax?
A. The big bands. I like to dance. I like good music. I’m not big on vocals. I’m not a Frank Sinatra fan. I like instrumentation.

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

Q. Who or what makes you laugh?
A. Life in general. I laugh every day. I can see humor. If you can’t, it’s so depressing. You have to laugh.

Briny Breezes resident and 101st Airborne Infantry Division, 502nd Parachute Battalion veteran Ed Manley returned to Normandy on June 6, 1994, the 50th anniversary of D-Day, to jump again. Photo by Tim Stepien
Summer brings opportunities at close-to-home clubs

By Mary Thurwachter

Despite a slumping economy, many private island clubs are sitting pretty this summer.

At the Delray Beach Club, a 40-year-old beauty designed by architect Samuel Ogren Jr., summer membership is up 20 percent over last year, said general manager Shane E. Peachey.

“This is a very family-orientated place and people aren’t taking the trips this year,” he said. The club completed a $5 million renovation, adding a casual dining room and wraparound terrace. Summer members, who pay about $1,800 per family to use the club from May 1 though Oct. 31, are entitled to use all the club’s facilities, including the beach, pool, tennis courts, fitness center, bridge luncheons, poolside barbecues, valet parking and restaurants. On Friday nights, families can mix and mingle with live entertainment, specialty drinks and complimentary hors d’oeuvres.

“Though we have a limited number of memberships available to qualified individuals," Peachey said. Summer membership is up 15 percent at the Gulf Stream Bath & Tennis, according to general manager James Calhoun. "We’ve had a good year. People may be postponing overseas trips and a lot of them decided they wanted to be around home."

At The Little Club near Gulf Stream, a 41-year-old private club that offers guests use of its 18-hole, par-3 golf course and dining, summer membership is up 20 percent, possibly because of a price reduction.

Hilary Roche, managing director of The Colony Hotel & Cabana Club, reports a 3 percent decline in summer membership over last year, although the club anticipates a membership increase.

“Our rates are very reasonable for six months but we don’t give rates for publication,” said Jestena Boughton owner of The Colony Hotel & Cabana Club. “We want people to come take a tour and see what we have. Then we’ll give them rates.”

Family owned and operated since 1951, the club sits on 250 feet of private beach with a heated saltwater pool and a pavilion reminiscent of Florida coastal houses of refuge. Beach cabanas, umbrellas, chairs, chaises, bath houses, organic cotton towels and parking are complimentary for members. The club is pet-friendly and eco-friendly and, well, downright friendly. Lunch features grilled specialties, sandwiches and salads of locally sourced ingredients. Monthly full-moon parties with live music are popular with members and guests.

The Seagate Club in Delray reopened in December after being closed to rebuild during the past 2 1/2 years. While full-time memberships are being sought, only six summer memberships are being offered, and four have been taken. Members have a reciprocal relationship with eight other area clubs.

Summer fees include $2,500 to join plus a $2,500 redevelopment fee (refundable should members choose not to re-join next summer) and $2,500 in dues.

The Ocean Club in Ocean Ridge declined comment on its summer program, other than to say it does have one.

And last, but not least, La Coquille Club, with membership limited to Manalapan residents, offered no news of summer programs.

Its clubhouse encompasses the 7 acres of the Ritz-Carlton, Palm Beach, which just completed a $130 million transformation including the addition of a 42,000-square-foot spa.

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Obama’s speech in Cairo addressed many audiences

By C.B. Hanif

There he was in Cairo, our president, stealing our lines: Uniting people of faith, or no particular faith, in the 21st century.

President Barack Obama bestrode multiple worlds, representing Americans in ways that hasn’t happened since … ever.

He affirmed that Islam and America “share common principles — principles of justice and progress, tolerance and the dignity of all human beings.” He made clear that extremists and certain cultural practices no more represent Islam than Ku Klux Klansmen represented all Christians; or Dr. George Tiller’s assassin represents all abortion opponents; or the murderer of U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum guard Stephen Johns represents all whites. In last year’s epic speech on race, candidate Obama reminded whites they cannot just ignore the generations of brutally enforced servitude and institutionalized second-class citizenship whose legacy impacts Americans of African descent. He also reminded blacks that “a similar anger exists within segments of the white community” among those who “don’t feel that they have been particularly privileged by their race.”

President Obama noted “civilization’s debt to Islam,” for “paving the way for Europe’s Renaissance and Enlightenment,” and demonstrating “the possibilities of religious tolerance and racial equality.” He said Western countries “cannot disguise hostility toward any religion behind the façade of liberalism,” as in dictating Muslim women’s choice of dress. He not only explained Islam to Americans, and America to a billion-plus Muslims, but also Islam to Muslims, for example citing the Quran: “Whoever kills an innocent, it is as if he has killed all mankind.” He also invoked a key asset against extremism: America’s Muslims. They include millions who reverted to the faith of their forebears snatched into slavery generations ago, who maintain ties with fellow citizens of whatever stripe. Thus a Christian, whose father “came from a Kenyan family that includes generations of Muslims,” conveyed “the goodwill of the American people, and a greeting of peace from Muslim communities in my country.”

He began and ended with, “As salaam alaikum,” or “may God’s peace be upon you” — no doubt knowing the classic greeting obligates the recipient to respond in word and deed that is equal, if not better.

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**July 4 - 11**

**Saturday - 7/4** - Sand Sifters 2nd Annual All American Clean up at Oceanfront, 6450 N. Ocean Blvd. Ocean Ridge. Meet at the pavilion in the lower parking lot. The group Unfortigen Soldiers will be there to accept donations. 9-10:30 am. Free. 734-9138.

**July 4 - Lake Worth Summer Greenmarket** will be held at Lake Bar, corner of I Street and Lamar Ave. 8 am - noon. 533-5277.

**July 4 - Delray Beach’s July 4th Celebration** - Celebrate with a day on the beach and a variety of events at the intersection of AIA and Atlantic Avenue. Event includes a sand sculpting contest, patriotic bicycle and scooter parade, live entertainment, music, food and fireworks. 8 am - 9:30 pm. Fireworks at 9 pm. Free. 279-1380 or www.downtowndelraybeach.com.

**July 4 - Lake Worth’s Tropic Fest All American Celebration** - Celebrate Independence Day and the city’s birthday with family fun, music, arts & crafts and food vendors and fireworks at North Bryant Park, corner of Gulfview & Lake Avenue on the Intracoastal Waterway. Noon - 10 pm with fireworks at 9 pm. Free. 582-4401.

**July 4 - Delray Beach’s 4th of July Salute to Independence** - Live music and fireworks at Intracoastal Park, Federal Highway (Gateway of Galaxy Boulevard) free Park & Ride from Bank of America on Federal Hwy. & Ocean Ave. Gates open at 6 pm. Fireworks at 9 pm. Free. 386-6666 or www.delraybeachfl.com.

**July 4 - Lantana’s 7th July Celebration at Biblical Redemption Church** - 201 E. Ocean Avenue. Food vendors, most patriotic centennial live music and fireworks. Free shuttle available to and from Mall Plaza at Hypoluxo Road and Federal Highway. 6-10 pm. Fireworks at 9 pm. 386-6666 or www.lantana.church. 369-2641.

**July 5 - The America I Love** - music tour featuring patriotic music from Broadway and The Great American Songbook stops at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, 400 George Blvd. Delray Beach. 7 pm. $23.50 adv./$25.50 dooor. Tickets available at door. 276-6892, Ext. 1029. **Note:** Events are current as of June 28.

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7/15 - 8/5 - Junior Sea Turtle Specialist class at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center, 101 N. Ocean Blvd., Boynton Beach. Ages 7-10 learn about sea turtles and do a sea turtle special during this four week session. 2:30 -4:30 pm on Wednesdays. 350/355 members, 395-387 non-members. Register soon, session is almost full. 315-447-33. 

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Wednesday - 7/16 - Harbor Dine & Dance at Murphy’s Beachside Hotel & Tiki Bar, 500 E. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Music and dancing. 7-11 pm. 369-1000 or www.murderonthebeach.com. 


Thursday - 7/18 - Versatile Bromeliads is presented at Versatile Bromeliads, 150 W. Atlantic Ave. 

Thursday - 7/19 - Be Creative With Science: The Giver by Lois Lowry will be presented at the Boynton Beach City Library, 212 NW 2nd Ave. Children 7-12. M-F , 8 am - 5 pm. $100/residents, $125 non-residents per week. Space is limited. 742-6221. 

Thursday - 7/19 - Kickin’ Arts Camp is offered at Old School Square, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach. Pre-k ages 2-5. 10:30 am-noon. 350/355 members, 395-387 non-members. Register soon. Class is almost full. 315-447-33. 

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McCarty begins 3 1/2-year prison sentence

By Emily J. Minor

Former Palm Beach County Commissioner Mary McCarty's life as a public servant ended with emotion and a bit of surprise in early June when she was sentenced to three-and-a-half years in federal prison, then whisked off that very morning to begin serving her time.

McCarty, 54, whose husband, Kevin, had already started his eight-month sentence in federal prison for failing to report his wife's crimes, sat in court June 4, ramrod straight, her new dark hairdo a curiosity for the audience. A smattering of friends and family — including her brother, sister and her mother — were in the courtroom. But several attorneys said that McCarty had deliberately asked many friends to write the court instead of attending the sentencing.

The former commissioner — who served 18 years at the county level and before that was a prominent and influential Delray Beach city commissioner — had pled guilty to federal charges connected with her taking favors from a company she then helped to win the bid to build a convention center hotel downtown West Palm Beach. The hotel was never built.

She also was accused of steering bond jobs to the company for which Kevin McCarty was the bond underwriter.

Quiet, poised and holding her hands one over the other as she sat beside her attorney, McCarty did stand before U.S. District Court Judge Donald Middlebrooks to make a brief statement.

She spoke slowly, as though that might ward off her emotion. But the reality of the moment was too much. McCarty's voice cracked and she reached for a tissue several times.

"This is obviously a very emotional day for me, so I've written down my thoughts so I can share them with you," she told the judge. McCarty said the charges, her resignation from the commission and her guilty plea had "humiliated and humbled" her.

"I never considered myself a criminal," she said. "But I am one."

The sentencing, which took just under an hour, ended when Middlebrooks gave McCarty the three-and-a-half-year sentence — less than the five years sought by federal prosecutors — but then ordered her into custody right then. He also ordered her to pay $100,000 in fines.

McCarty turned — in a bit of disbelief — to look at supporters who sat in the rows directly behind her, raised an eyebrow, shrugged, and gave her final hugs to family members. It was clear this timeline was not what she had expected.

She is the third county commissioner to fall from grace in recent years. Tony Masilotti and Warren Newell are each serving prison terms on federal corruption charges. Masilotti is serving five years and Newell was originally sentenced to the same, but his sentence was recently reduced to three years for cooperating with federal authorities in other investigations, including McCarty's.

McCarty, though, was the only one of the three taken into custody the day of the sentencing. Masilotti and Newell each had a month to get their lives in order, and several friends said McCarty was expecting that same grace period.

Her attorney, David Bogenschutz, asked Middlebrooks to arrange for McCarty to serve at a federal prison camp in Bryan, Texas, but the judge said he wouldn't "interfere" with that decision.

Before announcing his decision, Middlebrooks — also reading from a prepared statement — referred to the failings of Masilotti and Newell and called McCarty's crimes "less blatant and more subtle."

McCarty spent about a week at the county jail, and was then moved to a federal prison in Miami.

That assignment was considered temporary until her final assignment from federal authorities.
### Obituaries

#### Elizabeth Matthews Paton

By Ron Hayes

DELRAY BEACH — During her 40 years in the area, Elizabeth Matthews Paton played golf at The Little Club in Gulf Stream, and she wrote its history. She enjoyed the beach, and worked to beautify it.

Mrs. Paton, who died May 22, had celebrated her 90th birthday with a gathering of 20 family members on Dec. 6, at her home in Delray Beach. The Little Club, where she had lived since 1994.

A 3 year built on the site of a former polo club, The Little Club was already old when Betty Paton joined in 1978, but two decades later, she would write The Little Club, 1968-1998, a detailed history of the club's first 30 years. She was not comfortable with the word, however.

“The word history is far too pretentious a description of this small volume,” she wrote in her foreword to the 44-page, illustrated booklet. But history it was, and thoroughly researched, beautifully written, too.

“She was a dynamo,” remembers Gulf Stream Mayor Bill Koch, “a real lover of the club, who gave her time and effort to make it what it is.”

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By Margie Plunkett

### Debra Beach

How do you define a family? Delray Beach’s version will tell you that a family is no more than three unrelated people living in a single-family house, unless if commissioners vote to approve an ordinance at their first meeting in July.

The ordinance, passed on first reading in June with dissenting votes, was one of three addressing transient housing uses that during public hearings generated debate on the government’s right to define family and about group homes and halfway houses in residential neighborhoods.

The ordinances, all approved in the first round, come up for second public hearings July 7.

The second ordinance in the group changes terminology to be consistent with state law. It would allow using the term licensed service provider to replace convalescent home, home for the aged, and drug and drug treatment facilities. The purpose, according to the ordinance, would be to provide safe and sound housing for residents of community residential homes and group homes while assuring compatibility of the facilities with the area.

A third ordinance prohibits transient residential uses in single-family and planned residential developments, but adds them to medium-density residential districts. It also limits the number of times a single-family home can be rented to six times annually.

The “family” ordinance requires compliance by the expiration of the lease, or within a year, whichever is earlier. Those not in compliance can seek a waiver.

Mayor Woody McDuffie and Commissioner Mackenson Bernard voted against the ordinance defining family, voicing concern that the number of unrelated people per household should be higher — at four.

Part of McDuffie’s concern was that seasonal renters could be affected, citing examples of two unmarried couples who might want to split a vacation home. During the public hearing, residents including Pat Archer argued that the number four was more appropriate. Archer said four would allow for seasonal residents who rent.

“You are driving seasonal people who support our town to the underground,” she said. Some speakers at the public hearing feigned that the ordinance, as passed, didn’t. It allows more than five people living in single-family homes and the number of cars.

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One halfway house representative, Richard Joslin, said his houses are well maintained, don’t have more than five people living in them, allowed by the ordinance, and limit the number of cars.

Joslin said that he bought the houses with adjustable rate mortgages when prices were at a premium — and that he needs the number of people in the houses to meet the bills. He added that his houses are not overcrowded like those of other “unscrupulous” operators.

“I haven’t heard anyone say anything bad about us, except for the crack dealers, who don’t appreciate us being there,” he said.

Another speaker, John Crane, talked about a housing situation that created a “hostile environment in my neighborhood.”

People and cars came and went at all hours at the house occupied by college students, he said.

Unrelated people are also motivated to live under one roof to afford the monthly bills, said one person, who noted today’s generation is different. “We’re not making $100,000 a year. We’re kind of gathered together to support each other. We’re in such a new state right now. That’s how we survive,” she said.

Father Chip Stokes of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church said he was “concerned that this ordinance is actuating in a discriminatory way.”

It appears to target sober houses and have an effect on immigrant houses, he said, adding that it also acts that way toward gay and lesbian people, and couples who choose to rent together.

### Alice Nan Edge

By Mary Katherine Stump

HYPOLUXO ISLAND — Alice Nan Edge, 80, a long-time resident of Hypoluxo Island in Lantana, passed away peacefully at her home on June 16 following an extended illness.

Mrs. Edge was a life-long resident of Palm Beach County, having been born and raised in West Palm Beach, daughter of Wilbur F. and Lucile Weaver Divine, and graduating from Palm Beach High School.

“She was a committed resident of Hypoluxo,” said Mayor David Stewart. “She was the type of person to call and let you know when she saw good things happen in her area, and when she saw things she wasn’t a fan of.”

In 1956, Mrs. Edge married Donald Edge at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, and spent the following years as a devoted wife and loving mother, her No. 1 priority. She later worked as the office manager for her husband’s business, Edge Group Architects. Mr. Edge was one of two chief architects in the 1972 redesign of the West Palm Beach courthouse.

Mrs. Edge was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Wilbur F. IV “Bud” Divine. She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Donald R. Edge; three children, Carol Edge, Karl Edge, and Nancy Davis (Chris); four grandchildren; in laws, Audrey Divine, Ruth Edge, Tom and Margie Edge; several nieces and nephews; and many loving and caring friends.

A memorial service was held on June 26 at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in West Palm Beach.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Alice Nan Edge to a hospice or charity of your choice.

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Some of the best ideas are born during the worst economic times. The latest gem: an airline that caters strictly to pets — or, “pawsengers.” Pet Airways officially takes flight on July 14.

Credit this new flying venture to the husband-and-wife team of Dan Wiesel and Alysa Binder of Delray Beach. The pair adores Zoe, their 17-year-old Jack Russell terrier, who is just a tad too big to fly in a carrier under the seat in the cabin. When the couple moved from California to Florida a couple years ago, the San Francisco-to-Miami non-stop flight was anything but serene.

“We were in a total panic with Zoe being in the cargo hold,” recalls Binder. “At 17.5 pounds, Zoe was a little too big to fit under the seat. We told ourselves that we never want her to have to fly in the cargo again. And, we wanted to do something to help other pets who need to travel by air.”

But why start an airline when the economy is in a nose dive?

“Why not? If you believe in something, you can do it,” says Binder. “Dan and I have served as consultants and recruiters for some successful high-tech start-ups. We love Zoe and saw that we had the chance to fill a void in airline travel.”

Pet Airways officially began accepting reservations for its introductory fares of $149 one way on April 16 — yes, the day after income taxes are due. Eventually, fares will average up to $250 one way.

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Courtenay believes that there was a house like architecture,” she said. “I couldn’t believe that there was a house like this in our area.”

Rudolph, she explains, was a leading architect in the 20th century American design field whose testing ground was Florida. “Outside of his (Florida) west coast homes, I know of only two here: this one and another in Ocean Ridge.”

For her, the house “was all steel and glass. It was all about light, and that’s pretty special,” she said.

In 1983, a storm caused flooding, and the home needed to be renovated. “There was a foot of water in the lower level,” she recalls. She also wanted to add a library, guest bedroom and laundry.

At that time, Rudolph was in New York City, and the Courtenay’s consulted with him. Then they hired Bob Currie of Currie, Sowards, Aguila Architects, to implement Rudolph’s design.

“The house, on blocks and on stilts, in 1973. and glass boxlike structure on four columns, had to be raised and the I-beams cut off, in order to slide another box [housing the new rooms] underneath it,” which became the balcony for the unit upstairs,” is the way Currie describes the project.

“And that was done with Rudolph’s approval. It was his idea and we implemented it. It more than doubled the space. I thought it was a good solution.”

Then, a couple of years ago, Courtenay planned new additions — an elevator, a master bedroom and bathroom and an art studio. She also nominated her property for the designation allowed that to happen,” Courtenay explains.

“It also allows people to understand that you can add on to a historic home with the blessings of our historic community.”

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The Delray Historical Preservation Board recognized Courtenay and Currie in May for their renovation and addition with an award.

More photos of the house at www.thecoastalstar.com

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Delray Beach’s review process for renovating historic properties

Delray Beach has five historic districts, where the architecture is protected in order to maintain city’s character: Nassau Park, east of the Intracoastal Waterway; Old School Square, the initial footprint of the town; the Del-Ida Park District, the city’s first planned subdivision; West Settlers District, west of Old School Square; and the Marina Historic District on the Intracoastal.

A property is considered historic by the city if it is at least 50 years old and holds significance for its historical associations with a person, event or trend in local, state or national history, or for its distinguished architectural merits, including unique craftsmanship, materials, artistic value or its status as the work of an architectural master.

Outside of the historic districts, there also are homes that have been individually designated, like Virginia Courtenay’s home.

When a homeowner renovates a designated property, Delray Beach’s Historic Preservation Board reviews and evaluates the exterior alterations or additions to ensure that it retains its historical and architectural integrity.

“We look at everything, from paint colors to the type of siding that you are going to use to both large additions and new construction,” says Amy Alvarez, Delray Beach’s Historic Preservation planner.

To encourage people to improve homes in designated neighborhoods, the city offers incentives. First, there are county and city tax advantages, Alvarez said. “For historic properties, the city offers a 10-year tax exemption based on the increased value that comes about from the interior and exterior improvements.

“In addition, the city tries to accommodate homeowners by providing relief to setback requirements.”
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With approximately 6,000 square feet; this five-bedroom, 5 1/2-bath home underwent an expert renovation to give it a lavish master bedroom suite with a beautiful Turkish marble deck on the connecting terrace. The master bath is appointed with his and hers sinks, a Jacuzzi tub, bidet and separate shower, all distinctively adorned in marble. All of the home's baths are marble which adds to the feeling of a luxurious vacation villa.

The property has a two car garage, Florida-friendly landscaping and many amenities beyond the breathtaking vistas of the water from each room in the house.

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East of A1A in Ocean Ridge’s best beachside neighborhood, this authentic Bermuda home has been meticulously maintained. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, fireplace, vaulted cypress ceilings, covered loggia. Private deeded beach access, 3 homes from the sand. $1,500,000

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This ocean block one story 3/2/2 with den and heated pool has been completely updated from the inside out. Situated on a private, oversized corner lot, features include: impact glass throughout, saturnia floors, granite/stainless kitchen, volume ceilings, more. $1,300,000

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Charming 2/2 beach cottage, east of A1A, 900 sq. ft. cottage is an absolute doll house, completely updated, high ceilings, bright & light, with tile floors, gas stove, charming gardens on low maintenance lot. $368,000

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