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## As ban nears, plastics problem looms large

By Wendy Rhodes  
Daily News Staff Writer

Almost every day during season, Joan Mulcahy walks a half mile along the shoreline near her home just south of the Par 3 Golf Course.

Wearing gloves, she picks up trash, mostly plastic, until her bags are too heavy to walk any

farther. Usually, that happens in less than an hour. The next day, she does it again.

"I pick up plastic bags and straws, but I also pick up pounds of plastic screw-on caps, containers, bottles, forks, spoons, knives and barrettes as well as all sorts of glass, Styrofoam, flip flops, sneakers, and the list goes on,"

Mulcahy says.

Recently, she found a car bumper.

The Town of Palm Beach is home to about 12 miles of shoreline, a significant portion of the 47 miles that make up coastal Palm Beach County.

And trash, mostly plastic, is washing onto the beaches at what some say is an

alarming rate.

"I think in the last two years it has gotten worse, and in the last year, really, really bad," Mulcahy says.

Earth Day is Monday, and while the health of the environment is important every day, some see it as the perfect time to consider ways to step up efforts to clean our oceans.

On Palm Beach, the Town Council plans to ban plastic straws, stirrers and bags. It is working to push the ordinance through in May before proposed state legislation prevents local municipalities from banning single-use plastic.

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## 'Dynamic' leader hired for rec post

By William Kelly  
Daily News Staff Writer

The town searched nationwide to fill a new director-level post responsible for the Town Docks, Par 3 Golf Course, tennis and other recreation programs.

In the end, it chose a former town employee and senior-level athletics manager at neighboring Palm Beach Atlantic University.

Carolyn Stone, 50, will leave her post as vice president of intercollegiate athletics at PBAU to become the director of business development and operations on June 3, the town announced Thursday.

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## Happy Easter! Chapel abloom for celebration



Royal Polciniana Chapel employee Jose Cintron decorates the sanctuary on Friday with hydrangeas, Easter lilies and azaleas in preparation for today's Easter services. (MEGHAN MCCARTHY/PALMBEACHDAILYNEWS.COM)

## Australia's richest zip code has a familiar ring



Shannon Donnelly

Please Mr. Postman!  
Palm Beach is the richest zip

code in the country.

Just not this country.

Palm Beach, Australia — located, coincidentally, in an area known as that continent's "Gold Coast" — has edged out the suburbs east of Sydney with names such as Edgecliff, Darling Point and Point Piper as the home of the wealthiest.

The annual income in that Palm Beach averaged

\$230,330. The annual income in this Palm Beach is well, you know ... more than \$1 million.

One real estate watcher likened that Palm Beach's rise to more year-rounders settling in to what was once a strictly seasonal roost.

Sounds familiar.  
Spotted: Palm Beach grand-kid/actress Kiernan Shipka,

who made her bones portraying Don Draper's daughter in "Mad Men," now all grown up at 19 and hanging out with pals in Palm Springs during the Coachella music festival.

License to file: Palm Beach figured prominently in a recent episode of NPR's smartypants game show, "Wait Wait

... Don't Tell Me."

In the which-of-these-three-stories-are-true game, one of the scenarios had Palm Beach Police unable to issue a traffic citation to a Bentley-driving "Mrs. Flagler" because she refused to produce her driver's license lest she reveal her age.

See DONNELLY, A3

## Rabbit at the ready

Children and a couture Easter Bunny wait Saturday for the Royal Polciniana Plaza Easter Egg Hunt for children under five to begin. The event included complimentary photos with the couture bunnies, games, and arts and crafts. See story, more photos from this and other egg hunts in Monday's Daily News. (MEGHAN MCCARTHY/PALMBEACHDAILYNEWS.COM)



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