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Investors put 4 high-end properties on market

Glaser's group lists in-progress Tarpon Island home at \$218M

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Developer Todd Michael Glaser just gave Palm Beach house-hunters this season a few more choices in a market where buyer demand is continuing to far outstrip the inventory of better-quality homes.

Glaser and the real estate investors he works with on Friday listed four properties, including a \$218 million whopper. That's the price of a nearly completed renovation-and-expansion project Glaser is overseeing at a house at 10 Tarpon Isle on

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A digital rendering shows the renovation and expansion project developer Todd Michael Glaser has planned for a house on Tarpon Island.

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Palm Beach Day Academy students, from left, Leo Diamant, Calvin Wolff and Gabriel Dattels toss eco-friendly wooden drift cards into the Lake Worth Lagoon on Friday. The cards are part of a study to show how trash and debris move into, through and out of the body of water. DAMON HIGGINS/PALM BEACH DAILY NEWS

Talking trash: Students study patterns in lagoon

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Under sunny skies, a group of Palm Beach Day Academy students tossed thin pieces of wood into the Lake Worth Lagoon at the West Palm Beach Public Docks on Friday afternoon.

This was no instance of littering. The students were participating in the eighth annual Lake Worth Lagoon

Drift Card Study, where researchers and volunteers set adrift 240 small, eco-friendly, wooden cards to study how trash and debris move into, through and out of the body of water.

The study is led by the ANGARI Foundation, along with help from county partners and Florida Power & Light Co.'s Manatee Lagoon.

"This study allows the public to look at how debris is

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GOP sees stunning wins in traditionally blue county

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On paper, Democrats appeared to have a lock on Palm Beach County. But the statistics proved deceiving in Tuesday's unprecedented election when the top Republicans on the ballot won the county.

The stunning, seismic shift was a major reason why Republicans running statewide races crushed their Democratic rivals with double-digit percentage margins.

Gov. Ron DeSantis beat rival Democrat Charlie Crist in Palm Beach County, 51.2% to 48.3%. And GOP can-

didates for the three other Cabinet positions, attorney general, chief financial officer and agriculture commissioner, also carried the county.

Democratic candidate Val Demings did win in Palm Beach County, but only by 2,085 votes. That was woefully inadequate to avoid a rout let alone mount a serious challenge to Republican Sen. Marco Rubio's bid for a third term.

"We are not deep red, but we are not blue anymore," said Michael Barnett, chair of the county's Republican Party.

For decades, Democrats have had a lock on dominant-blue Palm Beach County.

They still have the advantage, with more Democrat-

ic voter registrations than Republicans, 398,703 to 288,547 as of Tuesday's election. Notably, however, registered voters with no party affiliation (NPA) number 289,036, good enough to rank second just ahead of the GOP count.

That's on paper, however. So, what happened?

A full, in-depth post-mortem assessment is still weeks away as more data still must be examined. But the conventional wisdom now is a mix of factors, from voter enthusiasm to candidate appeal to messaging, shook up the county. You can start, however, with a drop in turnout.

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Palm Beach Day Academy instructor Erin Mitchell, second from right, walks with her ninth grade biology students Friday to the end of the West Palm Beach center public dock in order to take part in a drift card study conducted by ANGARI Foundation, in collaboration with Manatee Lagoon and other Palm Beach County partners. PHOTOS BY DAMON HIGGINS/PALM BEACH DAILY NEWS

Trash

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moving in our area, and to really talk about marine debris, its sources, its impacts and ways we can prevent it," said Amanda Waite, director of science education and advancement for the West Palm Beach-based ANGARI.

Each card is a very thin, reddish-brown piece of wood that includes information about where it was released. Those who find a drift card should follow the instructions on the card to report where it was found. They are also asked to report the date and time found, along with a photo of the card.

Students from grades five, six, eight and nine drew designs on some of the cards and received a lesson about the study, said Erin Mitchell, chair of Palm Beach Day Academy's Science Department.

The study was incorporated into biology lessons for the ninth-graders, she said. "The curriculum is for kids to be connected with our environment and understand our local waterways, how we are part of them and how everything is interconnected," Mitchell said.

The students love getting hands-on with science, she said. "Anytime you can get them out in the real world, I feel like they learn a lot more," Mitchell said. "They really enjoy the experience, and it's fun. Then we take it back to the classroom, analyze it and follow up."

The students participate in other hands-on science lessons throughout the year, including shark tagging with ANGARI, research at Tarpon



A Palm Beach Day Academy student holds a handful of eco-friendly, degradable wooden drift cards that he and his ninth-grade classmates tossed into the Lake Worth Lagoon on Friday as part of a study on the motion of water and pollutants in and around the waterway.

Cove on the Lake Worth Lagoon, hosting a booth at the annual Lagoofest and spending time with researchers from the Everglades Foundation.

"If we can learn, help others and have fun, why not?" Mitchell said.

The drift card study is based on one by the University of Miami that looks at how trash moves through Biscayne Bay.

Cards in the Lake Worth Lagoon study are found and reported anywhere from a couple of hours to a few weeks, Waite said. The cards are designed to dissolve in the water, so not all will be found, she said.

With Hurricane Nicole causing already very high tides to be even higher, Waite said she expects to receive reports of cards found in unusual places. "We are going to get some in locations we otherwise wouldn't be seeing cards, because of those high tides," she said.

In a past year, a card that was part of a study released into the lagoon during a king tide was found in someone's back

yard after the water carried it over the seawall, she said.

The farthest north the cards have been reported: New Smyrna Beach, just south of Daytona Beach. To the south, the cards have been reported as far as Hillsboro Inlet, in Pompano Beach. The cards usually remain a little more local in Palm Beach, Martin and Broward counties, Waite said. Only 29% are reported to make it out of the lagoon, she added.

The cards are deployed from six positions along the lagoon: Burt Reynolds Park in Jupiter marks the northernmost point; then at the C-17 canal; then Manatee Lagoon in Riviera Beach; followed by the West Palm Beach Public Docks; then the C-3, which has its mouth toward the middle of the lagoon; and the C-16 canal near Boynton Beach. Forty cards are set adrift from each location.

Each year, ANGARI conducts two drift card releases: One in the spring, around Earth Day, and another in the fall.

This is the second release in which Palm Beach Day Academy students and teachers participated. ANGARI team members visited the school leading up to Friday's release to talk about ocean currents and debris.

Waite said that with two releases each year, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved.

For more information about the study or to become a volunteer, go to www.angari.org/lagoon-drift.

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PRAYER OF SALVATION

Dear Lord Jesus (Messiah),

I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior.

In Your Name,
Amen.

JOHN 3:3 and JOEL 2:32

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