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Getting fit

Edgardo Diaz, 27, of Boynton Beach; Sean Maass, 31, of Lake Worth; and Lovely Alexis, 27, of West Palm Beach, work out during a fitness class at the DeVos-Blum Family YMCA in Boynton Beach. GL Homes sponsored the first activity for developmental challenged young adults of the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County since coming out of quarantine. GL Homes partnered with the Legal Aid Society in 2017 to sponsor activities for the young adults of its Guardian Advocacy Program, including outings with swim lessons, golf, bowling, shopping spree, football experience and fire rescue tours, among others. This is the second partnership between the YMCA of South Palm Beach County, Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County and GL Homes.

SNAPSHOTS



YMCA trainer Kevin Morgan, works with Edgardo Diaz, 27, of Boynton Beach, Sean Maass, 31, of Lake Worth and Lovely Alexis, 27, of West Palm Beach. **PHOTOS: CTARLINE JEAN/SUN SENTINEL**



Sean Maass, 31, of Lake Worth doing stretches.



Kevin Morgan, right, works with Edgardo Diaz, 27, of Boynton Beach.

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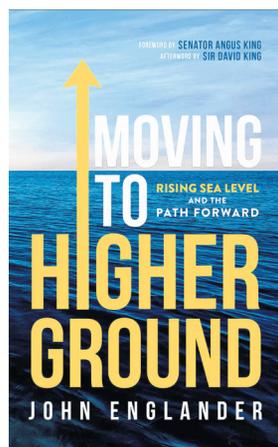
“There are definitely parts that are going to have problems, but Orlando is 80 feet above sea level. Most people don’t know that Tallahassee is 200 feet above sea level. So we need to address the idea that Florida is all slightly above sea level. That’s simply not true.”

Englander isn’t saying that Florida doesn’t need to worry, but he said he does want to talk about the nuances and facts about sea-level rise rather than simply to invoke fear or to talk in generalities.

His message also emphasizes that the at-risk shorelines go way beyond Florida’s coast. He said he feels that living here gives him an objective view of the global issue.

“Let’s not single out Florida. The adjacent states in the southeast, including Texas, Louisiana, Alabama, South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia all have low-lying swampland and a very low elevation. They’re all going to flood right along with Florida. Sea-level rise is not a distinctly Florida problem. There are 10,000 coastal cities that are at risk around the world.”

“That said, there is high vulnerability in



John Englander’s just-released book focuses on climate change, sea-level rise and the path forward. **SCOTT LUXOR / CONTRIBUTOR**

this state because of our porous limestone in South Florida because the water just comes through the rock’s pores,” Englander said. “Sea walls won’t keep the water out. That’s another teaching opportunity. In terms of what could happen this century to South Florida, it’s important that we get educated.”

He said he hopes that “Moving to Higher Ground” will move the conversation about climate change and sea level to focus on the future and what people can do together to find solutions.



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